

Prayer Concerns

~Steve Smith went to the ER earlier this week for weakness and dizziness and after a few tests it was discovered he had a stroke. Prayers for his health and recovery and for Pat through this time.

~Prayers for Bradi Williams and family as they seek a clear path and peace through process while working through health concerns.

~Prayers for Patsy Williamson and her recovery from a recent fall where she broke her tailbone. Since that fall she has fallen a few more times and now has a few broken ribs as well. Her health continues to decline as a result. Her son and daughter have requested prayers and cards from her church family. He birthday will be October 21. Let's shower her with prayers and cards between now and then. Send to Patsy Williamson 2501 Fulwiler Rd Abilene 79603.

~Troy Tom is at home recovering from a recent heart procedure. Continued prayers for his health.

~Continued prayers for Jerry Varnado and his full recovery from pneumonia.

~Melody Loveland could use continued prayers for her full recovery and there to be no more infection in her knees.

~Prayers for Ron and Geraldine Hill as they walk through the journey of a dementia diagnosis for Ron.

~Patty Gallaway and Tammy Rose's brother, Donny Tharp, was in a severe accident Wednesday morning. He is in ICU in California, but was stable the last update we received.

~Beth Horner, Brady's mom, had surgery recently in Temple. Prayers for her recovery and for her release from the hospital soon. Little issues keep arising keeping her at the hospital.

~Prayers for Effie McClendon and her family after the passing of Effie's brother this past week. It was unexpected, but the family knows he is no longer hurting and they are holding on to that good news through their mourning.

~Chester Lynd's sister and brother-in-law are both battling cancer. This is not husband and wife thankfully, but still very difficult on the family. Prayers for both of them as they continue this fight and for their families!

~Prayers for Bill Sutton, the father of former member David Sutton. Bill was admitted to the hospital for Covid-19 and took a step back in his recovery this past week. His kidneys are not working as they should and he had to have two units of blood to stabilize his blood pressure.

Those unable to join us:  
~Laverne Horn

On-going prayer concerns:

- ~Peggy Allen
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Bill Jackson
- ~Pat Suba
- ~Doris Wells
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Dwight Painter
- ~Lue Gray
- ~Patsy Williamson
- ~Chester Lynd
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Larry Loveland
- ~Hope Hodges
- ~Jerry Herttenberger
- ~Adam Lott
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Billie Heckford
- ~Donna Scott
- ~Frances Welch
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Mike & Susan Tolle

Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves- Sunset School of Preaching, Lubbock, TX
- ~Megeste Pierre- Haiti

Expecting Parents:

- ~Matthew & Sarah Hall

Westgate Church of Christ  
Welcome Members and Guests

AISD calendar shows the observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, church offices will be closed as well. Please call or text a minister, elder, or deacon with any emergent needs.

Fishing Derby

Today from 4-6 pm, there will be a fishing derby for children and their families at the MacDonalds'. Adults are invited to share input and brainstorm ideas for the Children's Ministry. Hot dogs, chips, etc. will be served. This event will be all outside, so dress accordingly and bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Don't forget your fishing pole and worms!



Service Opportunity

The CarePack for Kids program provides food for AISD children on school free lunch programs who otherwise may not have food over the weekends. Westgate has committed to send 30 people to help pack food for these needy children on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM. This is a service that people of all ages can participate in and was a lot of fun last year. Due to Covid 19 they are requiring facemasks and we cannot send more than 30 people, so please sign up at the bulletin board. There are still a few spots left!



Sermon Title: It's Never too Late

Scripture: Jonah 2: 1-9

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said:  
"In my distress I called to the Lord,  
and he answered me.  
From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry.  
You hurled me into the depths,  
into the very heart of the seas,  
and the currents swirled about me;  
all your waves and breakers  
swept over me.  
I said, 'I have been banished  
from your sight;  
yet I will look again  
toward your holy temple.'  
The engulfing waters threatened me,

the deep surrounded me;  
seaweed was wrapped around my head.  
To the roots of the mountains I sank down;  
the earth beneath barred me in forever.  
But you, Lord my God,  
brought my life up from the pit.  
When my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered you, Lord,  
and my prayer rose to you,  
to your holy temple.  
Those who cling to worthless idols  
turn away from God's love for them.  
But I, with shouts of grateful praise,  
will sacrifice to you.  
What I have vowed I will make good.  
I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'

Happy Birthday:

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: Dave Smith  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>: Parker Lee  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: Clay Howell  
Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Miah Dennis, Bradi Williams  
Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Jack Tarkenton  
Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: Skyla Burd

Our Calendar:

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: Fishing Derby

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>: Columbus Day

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: Fall Fellowship Picnic

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>: Children’s Fall Filled Adventure

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>: Day Light Savings Time Ends

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran’s Day

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: No Bible Classes

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Program and Chili Supper

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Merry Christmas

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>: No Bible Classes- Worship Only

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>: No Bible Classes

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>: New Year Potluck

Newly Weds

Our very own Katie Cadjew, whose be stationed in Japan, married Jeff Utz at Misawa AFB on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting money for a gift card for them to start their new life together. You can give any donations to Shelley Doremus by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

More Good News

Congratulations to Bonnie and Alec Finch on the birth of Asher Pierce Finch on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Asher weighed 7lbs 12ozs and is 19 inches long. Rodney and Laura Ashlock are proud grandparents once again!



A Fall Filled Adventure

Plans are in the making for a new adventure in lieu of Trunk or Treat. Jackie has more details under the “Children’s Ministry News”. Look on the next page and mark your calendar for October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 PM! Youth students will be helping as well!

Happiness

Ms. Pat Suba was in the area after some doctor appointments recently and stopped by the building. She finally got to check out all of the renovations for herself from her usual spot in the auditorium. She approves! 😊 Continue praying for Ms. Pat and send her some cards or call her when you can. She approves of all of that too!



Blessing Box Ideas

Our neighbors have been using the blessing box regularly. It’s been so nice to provide this service to them. We appreciate all of the donations to help fill the box. Please keep them coming. Here are some ideas of items...

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| ~Ramen Noodles               | ~Pudding Cups (non-refrigerated)  |
| ~Macaroni and Cheese         | ~Baby Food  |
| ~Microwavable Pasta or Soups | ~Baby Formula   |
| ~Vienna Sausages             | ~Toothpaste and Brushes   |
| ~Tuna                        | ~Deodorant  |
| ~Granola Bars                | ~Bath Soap  |
| ~Peanut Butter Crackers      | ~Toilet Paper   |
| ~Applesauce cups             | **Please try and get items that have a pop-up lid as can openers may not be accessible. |

Children’s Ministry News:

~Kicked out of the home where she was a servant, Hagar and her teenage son, Ishmael, are on their own. Eventually they run out of food and water, and Ishmael is extremely weak and near death. God hears Hagar’s cries, sees Ishmael’s tears and sends an angel to provide water and comfort. Past Wednesdays, we have learned that God is real, God is faithful, and God is Creator, this week children learned that God is kind. “O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens” (Psalm 8:1).

~**Remember to pray for Westgate educators!** Check out the bulletin board in the hallway and find a specific educator and pray that God fills them with joy over student accomplishments, learning filled days, and rest filled weekends. Romans 15:13, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy...”

~**A Fall Filled Adventure** will be offered for Westgate children on October 25 from 4-5:30 PM. We want to be virus responsible, so masks will be encouraged, sanitizer available, with periodic cleaning. Children can complete a short obstacle course, a surprise adventure, a photo opportunity, with a treat bag at the end. It is come and go, so plan to drop by.



Youth Ministry News

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**--Mark your calendars to see Star Wars: A New Hope at the Paramount Theater! More information will be provided soon.

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**--We will meet at the youth house at 6:30 PM to have dinner before class.

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**--The youth group will help out our children’s ministry to create a Bible story themed adventure through the church building.



Please continue to pray for our students’ academic, athletic, and spiritual success during this uncertain semester.

By the Numbers

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
Contribution: \$5,031.00  
eGive: \$3,808.00  
Total: \$8,839.00  
Budget: **\$6,113.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$3.00

**Preaching Minister:** Brady Horner (325-260-1903)  
**Youth Minister:** Clay Howell (615-879-0983)  
**Children’s Education Coordinator:** Jackie Lee (325-518-4767)

**Elders:** Randy Bibb, Jim MacDonald, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom

**Deacons:** Don Bell, Manny Carneiro, CJ Chaney, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

Building Lock-up:

**October:** Don Bell

**November:** Manny Carneiro