

Prayer Concerns

~Continued prayers for **Steve Smith** and his overall health after having a recent stroke.

~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.

~Ross Blasingame and Marilyn Lewis (Granddaddy and Aunt to **Barbara Carneiro**) were in a severe car accident earlier this week. Both of them had surgery to repair broken bones. Prayers for them both!

~Prayers for **Autumn Meeks'** grandfather, Ron Wolf. He has a form of blood cancer. Tests are still being performed to determine a true diagnosis.

~**Patty Gallaway and Tammy Rose's** brother, Donny Tharp, was in a severe accident recently. Prayers for his health and recovery.

~Beth Horner, **Brady's mom**, had surgery recently in Temple. Prayers for her recovery and for good health through her recovery!

~Prayers for **Effie McClendon** and her family after the recent passing of Effie's brother. 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.

Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn
~Patsy Williamson

On-going prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen
~Deana Frazier
~Bill Jackson
~Pat Suba
~Doris Wells
~Nell Hopper
~Dwight Painter
~Lue Gray
~Chester Lynd
~Melody Loveland
~Larry Loveland
~Hope Hodges
~Jerry Hertenberger
~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

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Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



A Fall Filled Adventure

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. This event is come and go with a staggered entrance. Threes and younger will have a small adventure in the two-year-old classroom. Popcorn will be served to parents as they wait for their explorers to emerge from the adventure.

Fall decor needed! If you have fall decorations that you are willing to loan for a day, pumpkins, scarecrows, skeletons, etc., add your name to each item and drop them by the building to be used for decorating. Also needed, long cords with light sockets at the end or small lamps. Many thanks for your help!

Sermon Title: Valuing "Those People"

Scripture: Jonah 3: 1-10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Happy Birthday:

Oct. 18th: Beckett Williams, Kevin Pruitt
Oct. 19th: Jerry Varnado
Oct. 20th: Kile Morrow
Oct. 21st: Wade Schumpert, Patsy Williamson
Oct. 23rd: Manny Carneiro
Oct. 24th: Tim Tarkenton

Our Calendar:

Oct. 25th: Children's Fall Filled Adventure

Nov. 1st: Day Light Savings Time Ends

Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day

Nov. 25th: No Bible Classes

Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 5th: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 6th: Christmas Program and Chili Supper

Dec. 25th: Merry Christmas

Dec. 27th: No Bible Classes- Worship Only

Dec. 30th: No Bible Classes

Jan. 10th: New Year Potluck

Children's Bible Classes

Sunday morning Bible classes for children will begin on November 1st. Thank you to parents for supporting the Children's Ministry by attending the meeting last weekend. Most parents were willing for their children to attend Bible classes with masks and other precautions. Social distancing is not possible due to classroom size, so masks are necessary. Please thank adults who have agreed to teach these classes and continue to pray for willing hearts to teach and substitute.

Service Opportunity: Blessing Box

Since the Blessing Box was installed in front of the church, it, and the library are serving our community very effectively. A few of us have been volunteering to stock the blessing box daily, with the help of the goods donated towards this effort by the congregation. The blessing box is totally emptied every day by a large variety of "customers," regardless of what it is has been stocked with.

The Elders would like to make a service opportunity available to the congregation with the Blessing Box, by asking for members to volunteer to pick one or more days of the week to stock the box for a 3-month period, purchasing the supplies for their chosen day/s from their own funds. If you are interested in stocking the box one or more days per week, the suggested amount to be spent on food per day comes out to about \$20-25 dollars in my experience.

Everyone who stocks the box does it differently, but I buy enough for at least two meals for a family. In my opinion, (based on what's left in the box for a few days before someone takes it) items that require a lot of preparation, like dried rice, beans, spaghetti, etc. are not as popular as easy to fix/eat items. Fresh fruit may languish for days in the box as do most canned vegetables and soups without meat. Candy is popular, but chocolate items don't do well in the summer heat. Toiletry items seem to be popular items as well.

The congregation as a whole will still be asked to bring food stuffs for the box to supplement the daily volunteer's supplies when necessary.

This ministry would be a success at any time, but in 2020 and with all that has gone on this year, it is helping innumerable people weather the storm.

If you would be interested in taking ownership of a day or more to stock the box, please contact me or Autumn, and we will organize a schedule that works for everyone. Let's continue to bless our community in this small, yet effective way.

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke 12:48
 Steve Templeton

Blessing Box Ideas

We appreciate all of the donations to help fill the box. Please keep them coming.

~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:

~On Wednesday PM, children heard that God gave extremely specific instructions for the Tabernacle, a transportable temple where His holy presence could live among His people. When the Tabernacle was built to specification, God came and filled the building, hovering over it with a cloud by day and a cloud that glowed with fire inside it at night. In weeks past, children have learned God is real, God is Creator, God is faithful and this week we learn that God is holy. The bulletin in today's bag gives children more info on the tabernacle. "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. Find an educator and pray that God fills them with joy this month. Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy..." If you signed up for an educator, this may be a good time to encourage them with a pat on the back or a short note.



~**Thank you to the MacDonalds'** for hosting the Fishing Derby for children last Sunday.

Thanks to Steve for the fun fly over! Appreciation to Luke for modeling how to clean a fish, memorable for both kids and adults! Lots of fish caught with many pictures taken. Check out Isaiah's catch!

Youth Ministry News

Wednesday, October 21st--We will be participating in the Fields of Faith event at Shotwell Stadium.

Sunday, October 25th--The youth group will help out our children's ministry to create a Bible story themed adventure through the church building. This will involve set-up and tear down as well as helping to run the event itself.

November 20th-22nd--We are having a Fall Retreat! We will be going to Solid Rock camp in Eastland, TX to experience God and bond as a group. The retreat theme is "Between the Trees." Cost is \$30 per student.

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

By the Numbers

October 11th:
 Contribution: \$2,120.00
 eGive: \$2,865.00
 Total: \$4,985.00
 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