Prayer Concerns

- ~Prayers for the family of **Michael Tolle** after his passing this week.
- ~Melody Loveland is scheduled to have knee surgery on the 18th. She has gone through quite a lot to rest her leg and get rid of the infection in her knee. This surgery is the final step to get her back on her feet for good. Prayers that all goes as planned and that her body accepts the new knee cap!
- ~Prayers for **Judy Collier** and her health. She has had some trouble with dizziness recently.
- ~Jack Tarkenton, the father of Scott Tarkenton, is dealing with several health concerns. He has a spot on his lung and another on his prostate. There will be tests in the future to discover the cause. Please keep him in your prayers.
- ~Continued prayers for **Steve Smith** and is 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. Send to Patsy Williamson 2501 Fulwiler Rd Abilene 79603.

- ~Continued prayers for Pat Suba. Her health, comfort, and the Covid procedures in place that keep her isolated from others.
- ~Chester Lynd's sister is battling cancer and Chester's brother-in-law has passed away from his cancer this past week. This is not husband and wife thankfully, but still very difficult on the family. Prayers for the family during this difficult time!
- ~Continued prayers for **Ron and Geraldine Hill** through the diagnosis of Ron's dementia. Geraldine is very grateful for all of those reaching out to them and keeping them in your prayers.
- ~Ross Blasingame and Marilyn Lewis (Granddaddy and Aunt to **Barbara Carneiro**) were in a severe car accident recently. Continued prayers for their recoveries!
- ~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, but continues to improve. Prayers for his full recovery.
- ~Beth Horner, **Brady's mom**, had surgery recently in Temple. Prayers for her recovery and for good health through her recovery!
- ~Prayers for those dealing with a Covid-19 diagnosis. Those in the hospital and those quarantining at home.

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 Grav
- ~Chester Lynd
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Larry Loveland
- ~Hope Hodges
- ~Jerry Herttenberger
- ~Adam Lott
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Billie Heckford
- ~Donna Scott
- ~Frances Welch
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Susan Tolle

Missionaries:

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

Expecting Parents:

~Matthew & Sarah Hall(Feb. 2021) ~Noe & Janina Espinoza(June 2021)

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November 8, 2020

Westgate Church of Christ Welcome Members and Guests

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Class is back and our class series will be discussing the Second Exodus. Please plan to join the conversation this Sunday morning!



Hendrick Home Service Opportunity

A service opportunity, but also a job opportunity is available at Hendrick Home for Children. They are looking for Christian couples (with or without children of their own) to live on campus as house parents. "It's a call- as you would live with and raise 6-8 kiddos, but pay is about \$5000, coupled with good time off and benefits too. We have a few retired teachers here now and it's a real income boost for them."



If you feel called to serve our community in this way, please contact Hendrick Home for Children.

Blessing Box

The blessing box schedule has been established with only two days unaccounted for. There is also a family that is willing to split the service opportunity with another family to help ease the time and financial commitment. The days of the week that are still open are Monday's and Thursday's. This is only a 3 month commitment at a time. If you are interested in partnering with the other family or taking on a day of your own, please contact the office by emailing westgatecofc@gmail.com.

Sermon Title: The Crumbs are Enough

Scripture: Matthew 15: 21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Happy Birthday:

Nov. 8th: Luke McFarlen, Trevor Sutton Nov. 11th: Emmy Schumpert, Paige MacDonald, Pat Suba, Dwight Painter

Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 12th: Jerry & Mollie Varnado Nov. 14th: James & Cara Hill

Our Calendar:

Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day

Nov. 25th: No Bible Classes

Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 5th: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 6th: Bridal Shower-Claire Longley

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

Jan. 18th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 15th: Presidents Day

Christian Homes & Family Services

Foster children in Texas are looking for some MVPs and Christian Homes & Family Services is hoping *you* will help. On November 14th at 7 pm, please plan to be *online* at Christianhomes.com as we welcome Dallas Cowboys chaplain and former NFL fullback, Jonathan Evans, who will bring a good word about changing lives. Texas singing sensation Aaron Watson will also join us. Family is near and dear to Aaron's heart.

Sadly, with the added stress brought on by COVID, child abuse is on the rise in Texas. In the coming year Christian Homes & Family Services will care for almost twice as many foster children as a year ago. To do that we will recruit, train, prepare, and support 40 new foster families who will care for these abused and neglected children. That will cost about \$95,000...which, with your generosity, we hope to fund with the proceeds from *Be an MVP for Children*.

During the online event, we will recognize event sponsorships received in advance as well as donations made during the event. We want everyone watching to know you gave to <u>Be an MVP for Children</u>. Thank you in advance for your generosity in changing not only lives <u>but eternities!</u>

For more information call Christian Homes at (800) 592-4725.

Christian Service Center

Dear Christian Friends:

Currently we are in great need of the following to help our neighbors:

- 1. Men's white socks, winter hats, gloves and belts
- 2. Men's jeans sizes 30-36
- 3. Women's underwear
- 4. Women's winter coats Large sizes
- 5. Babies Winter clothing sizes 0 12 months

You can drop these off at in the back of our building at 3185 N. 10th

Monday - Friday, 9 - 4

Thank you so much!

In Christ,

Jim Clark Director

Bridal Shower

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There will be a Bridal Shower honoring Claire Longley and Reuben Howe at the home of Juanita Stovall (), on December 6th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.

The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon. The wedding is set for Jan 2, 2021

Hostesses are: Kelly MacDonald, Briana Horner, Janice Hill, Juanita Stovall, Linda Jones, Marja Swart, Shelley Doremus and Lettie Morrow

Thank You

We appreciate your prayers, cards, calls and encouragement. Don't know what we would do without you. Also, the family appreciates the prayers and cards for Chuck and Julie Conly.

May God Bless You!

Mollie and Jerry Varnado

Children's Ministry News

The focus of this week's lesson is that God is all-knowing. In the book of Jonah, God tells Jonah to warn the people of Nineveh of their destruction because of their evil ways. Jonah doesn't want to go, so he tries to run away by getting on a boat. But God knows where Jonah is and sends a storm. Jonah ends up getting thrown overboard, where a big fish swallows him. After three days, the fish spits Jonah out, and he goes to Nineveh. "No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39).

Remember to pray for Westgate educators! In November, we are praying for strength for our educators. Let's pray that God will strengthen and protect through challenges and trials. "But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you." Thess. 3:3-5.

We are thankful for our neighbors, the Abilene Police Department. We want APD to know that as they "Roll through Abilene", their neighbors at Westgate are praying for them. Please send different types of individually wrapped "rolls", such as tootsie rolls, cinnamon rolls, Rollos, etc. We plan to deliver before Thanksgiving so use your imagination and leave your "rolls" in the short hallway. Thank you!





Kipley and Jake brought their cousin for Wednesday PM class, such fun to see visitors again. Special thanks to our Helping Hands who are doing an amazing job on Wednesday nights, Layla is assisting Maddie as they both are learning and growing together.

Youth Ministry News

Sunday morning class is back! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the youth house to explore the life and ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

Sunday, November 8th--Join us tonight from 6-8 PM for dinner, games, and a devo!

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." The \$30 payment is due TODAY, November 8th.

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



Emily Gumm, Zoey Robinson, Lucy Waldrip, and Sydney Baker hanging out Wednesday evening.

By the Numbers November 1st:

Contribution: \$953.00 eGive: \$4,223.00 Total: \$5,176.00 Budget: \$6,113.00 Be A Blessing: \$14.00 <u>Preaching Minister:</u> 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

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

Building Lock-up:

November: Manny Carneiro

December: C.J. Chaney