

Prayer Concerns

~Prayers for the **Touchstone Family**. Marla's parents tested positive last week and so has **Stephen**.

~Continued prayers for **Freddie Wallace** and family.

~Continued prayers for **Ashley Simon** and family after the recent passing of Ashley's uncle.

~Prayers for those who continue to struggle health concerns. Some of those members include **Patsy Williamson, Jack Tarkenton, Pat Suba, Ethel Gumm, Peggy Allen, John King, and Jerry Varnado**.

~Prayers for **Sherry Hurst's** parents as they are Covid-19 positive with the new strain. They seem to be doing fairly well at this time.

~**Matthew & Sarah Hall** are expecting their 1st child in February.

~**Noe & Janina Espinoza** are expecting their 3rd child in June.

Happy Birthday:

Jan. 17th: Tennyson Russell

Jan. 18th: Leah Schumpert

Our Calendar:

Jan. 18th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

April 2nd: Good Friday

April 3rd: Easter Egg Hunt

April 4th: Easter

April 25th: Brisket Burn/Silent Auction

May 9th: Mother's Day

May 15th: ACS Graduation

Contribution Letters

It's tax preparation time again. The office will be happy to provide anyone with their contribution letters upon request. The best way to request a letter is through email at Westgatecofc@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry News

We are not currently holding class in person due to the local rise in COVID-19 cases.

Wednesday, January 20th--Return to Wednesday night class in the youth house.

Camp Blessing registration is open! Let Clay know ASAP if you are planning to attend or need more information.

Please pray for our students' well-being as they start this semester!



Playing a board game at the fall retreat.

By the Numbers

January 3rd:

Contribution:

\$16,388.48

eGive: \$4,643.00

Total: \$21,031.48

Budget: **\$6,076.00**

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

Lockup:

January- Jon

Cogburn

February- Eric

Gumm

Westgate Church of Christ

Sermon Title: A New Name

Scripture: Genesis 32: 22-30

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Bible Classes

Once again we are making plans to resume Bible classes. We will begin with Wednesday night classes starting on January 20th and Sunday morning Bible classes on February 7th. It is believed that this is the most reasonable time after holiday travels have settled.

Care Pack for Kids & Bonham Elementary

We are still taking donations for the Care Pack for Kids program. 12 of the 26 students are spoken for through the donations that have already been made. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of the 14 students left to reach our goal of helping 26 Bonham students through this program. The total cost to sponsor a student is \$120. However, there are options to donate monthly or a one-time donation of your choosing. Envelopes are now available. Please return them to the locked mailbox on Brady's office door.

Children's Ministry News

Bags today contain bulletins on Brady's text, Genesis 32. From the birth of Jacob and Esau to the wrestling match, these patriarchs have powerful lessons to teach. Consider a lunch discussion with your children on Jacob and a truth we learn from his life.

Make plans to join us for classes this Wednesday, January 20th at 7 pm. We will continue with the curriculum, Foundations of Faith, as we hear stories emphasizing the attributes of God. This Wednesday will be a review of all we have covered so we can reinforce concepts and grow together. Sunday am classes will begin on February 2nd.

Pray for Westgate educators. As 2021 begins and teachers return to the classroom, please pray that each of our educators will ask for God's direction to fulfill His purposes. "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21).

We celebrate with Evan and the Chaney family on Evan's commitment to Christ. Evan has been a role model and an example of faith for our younger children. We are thankful for his leadership and are blessed by his love.

