

Prayer Concerns

~Prayers for the **Loveland Family** after the recent passing of **Billie Heckford**. There will be a small family funeral service on Saturday, February 20th at 10 AM. The service will be streamed for those that would like to attend the service. In lieu of flowers, the family would like for donations be made to the Westgate Children's Ministry.

~Continued prayers for **Natalie Boyd** and her health after the recent pancreatitis diagnosis.

~**Jack Tarkenton** has been diagnosed with lung cancer and gratefully it is operable.

~Prayers for **Jim and Joyce Waddell** and health struggles.

~Prayers for Bonnie Hart, **Bethany Powell's** mom. She tested positive for Covid-19 on January 4th and is still struggling with feeling under the weather.

~Prayers for Matthew & Sarah Hall and the delivery of their first baby this month.

Happy Birthday:

Feb. 14th: Liam Meeks, Freddie Wallace

Feb. 15th: Melody Loveland

Feb. 16th: Ava Longley

Feb. 19th: Hays Arche

Our Calendar:

Feb. 20th: Hall Baby Shower

Feb. 21st: Bonfire Devo & Fellowship

April 2nd: Good Friday

April 3rd: Easter Egg Hunt

Hall Baby Shower

Matthew and Sarah Hall are expecting a baby this month. Sarah's friends and family are inviting church members to her Facebook Live baby shower on Saturday, February 20th!

The Halls are registered at Target & Babylist Registry. Gifts can be dropped off at the church building and Jennifer Lee will deliver them to the Halls in time for the shower. Here is the link to the Babylist Registry. <https://www.babylist.com/MattandSarahHall>. Let's bless this family as they prepare for this blessing!

Westgate Bonfire:

We will have a bonfire, fellowship, and a devotional outside the home of the MacDonald's (address [REDACTED]) on Sunday February 21st from 6:30-8:00 PM. We have needed to gather, simply for the sake of fellowship, for nearly a year now! We feel this is a safe and fun way to do so. Due to Covid we will not have a meal, but we will provide s'mores. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come spend the evening enjoying time with your church family. Also, if you have a chiminea you can loan please see Jim MacDonald.

Youth Ministry News

Join us on Sundays at 9 A.M for class.

Saturday, February 20th--We have postponed the food delivery to next Saturday! The youth group will help deliver food in place of a Senior Valentine Luncheon. Please meet at the church building at 12:30 P.M.

We need all the drivers we can get!

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 games during the Super Bowl.

By the Numbers

February 7th:

Contribution: \$2,120.00

eGive: \$4,015.00

Total: \$6,135.00

Budget: **\$6,076.00**

Be A Blessing: \$1.00

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:

February- Eric Gumm

March- Adam Lott

Westgate Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Abraham & Sara

Scripture: Genesis 12: 10-20

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels. But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!" Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

Outside the Box Date Ideas in Abilene

- ~Explore Fort Phantom Hill: The golf carts are fun and free to use.
- ~Serve Together: Pack lunches with Care Pack for kids or do random acts of kindness like paying for a stranger's meal or delivering a gift basket.
- ~Get into "trouble": Toilet paper a house, slide down the Fire escape (ask your teens about it... they probably know), or go see the Anson lights.
- ~Go Geocaching
- ~Do something he/she wants to do: Golf, shooting, pottery painting, get a mani/pedi
- ~Support Local Business: Throw Axes at Abilene Axe Company, take a picnic to the Town and Country Drive in, or get gelato at Honey and Fig.
- ~Do the Target Date Challenge: google it
- ~Dance in Oplin
- ~Watch a race at the big country raceway
- ~Visit a nearby town like Buffalo Gap or Coleman
- ~Double date

Children's Ministry News

Children's classes today discussed forgiveness. In John 21:15-17, as Jesus is on trial and beaten, Peter sits at a nearby campfire. Others recognize Peter as one of Jesus' followers, but he denies it three times. Peter and Jesus make eye contact, and Peter feels horrible. Later, when Jesus has died and come back to life, he gives Peter three chances to say he loves him, a sign of forgiveness and a second chance. Children learned that we serve a forgiving God.

Summary Verse: "God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him" (1 John 4:9).

Prayer focus for Westgate educators in February. Please pray that our teachers will rely on God to increase their strength. Isaiah 40:28-29, "...The LORD is the everlasting God, ... He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength."

Thanks to Hayley for substituting for Jon last week and for taking these pictures. Ethan is showing his chip clip that reminds him that God is our provider. Bryce and Landry are praying together to say thank you to God for the many ways that He provides.

