

## Prayer Concerns

~Prayers for **Ethel Gumm** and her overall health. She is now at Wisteria Place in room 320. Cards are welcome and appreciated.

~**Jack Tarkenton** has been diagnosed with stage 1 lung cancer and gratefully it is operable. Surgery is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> and should require no chemo or radiation following the removal of the tumor.

~Continued prayers for the **Loveland Family** after the recent passing of **Billie Heckford**.

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

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

~Prayers for Bonnie Hart, **Bethany Powell's** mom. Her recovery from Covid-19 has been long and difficult.

~Continue to pray for those experiencing damages from the recent snow storm and the multiple days of below freezing temperatures. Many in our community are in need of our services. Please continue to reach out to those around you.

## Happy Birthday:

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Maddie Fisher, Gaité & Paige Howell

**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Brady Morton

**Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Crystal Collier-Escoe

**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>:** Mason McClendon, Addison Galaway

**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>:** Bethany Powell, Mollie Varnado

## Our Calendar:

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Good Friday

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Easter Egg Hunt

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Easter

## Welcome Gideon Hall

Matthew and Sarah Hall have welcomed their precious baby boy, Gideon Robert Hall, into the world on February 8<sup>th</sup> weighing 5lbs 6ozs. The family has been so happy for his safe arrival and just in time for the Facebook Baby shower in their honor on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you were unable to attend the shower and still wanted to bless this new family of THREE, you can find gift ideas on their registry at Target & Babylist Registry. Here is the link to the Babylist Registry. <https://www.babylist.com/MattandSarahHall>.



## Westgate Bonfire:

The Bonfire that was scheduled for Sunday evening has been postponed due to the recent snow storm. We will have to wait for the grounds to dry out some before we can proceed with this event. Please be on the look out for a new date coming soon.

## Youth Ministry News

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

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**--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 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Contribution: \$2,120.00

eGive: \$5,715.00

Total: \$7,835.00

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.

