

Prayer Concerns

~ **Crystal Collier** has a confirmed fracture in her spine. Treatment starts with an injection next month and if that doesn't work to help manage pain, she will have surgery. She is suffering with a significant amount of pain at this time. Prayers for her during this time.

~ **Baby Gideon Hall, Matthew and Sarah Hall's** new baby boy, will have the first of a series of surgeries on June 14th on his cleft pallet. Please be in prayer for these new parents, baby Gideon, and the surgeons.

~ **Ethel Gumm** has returned home after several weeks at Wisteria Place. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

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

~Please be in prayer for Jan Jordan, sister of **Linda Jones**, who underwent emergency surgery as a result of a discovery of cancer in her colon. She faces several weeks in the hospital and in recovery at a rehabilitation center.

~Please be in prayer for Julie Conly, **Mollie Varnado's** daughter. The signet ring carcinoma is back and she started chemo last Thursday. Continued prayers through this round of treatments.

~**Nell Hopper's** sister is going through cancer treatments and her brother is having his bladder removed. Please keep them in your prayers.

~Beth Horner, **Brady's mom**, will have another surgery this month to replace the spacers in her knees with replacement knees. Prayers for her health as that surgery approaches.

~**Shelley Doremus'** best friend, Mareth, lost her father to cancer, in early April. Prayers for Mareth and her mom, Joy.

~The son of **Shelley Doremus'** former college roommate needs continued prayers as he recovers from a ski accident. His name is Colt Davidson.

~Continue to pray for our students and teachers to maintain health and wellness as the end of the school year comes to a close in the coming months. Specifically, our graduating seniors and the plans they will be making for their futures.

Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn
~Ethel Gumm
~Pat Suba

On-going prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen
~Deana Frazier
~Bill Jackson
~Doris Wells
~Nell Hopper
~Dwight Painter
~Lue Gray
~Chester Lynd
~Melody Loveland
~Larry Loveland
~Hope Hodges
~Jerry Herttenberger
~Bradi Williams
~Steve Henderson
~Donna Scott
~Frances Welch
~Steve Smith
~Susan Tolle
~Patsy Williamson

Missionaries:

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

Expecting Parents:

~Noe & Janina Espinoza(June 2021)

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Welcome Members and Guests

New Class Series

This Sunday we will start a new class series that looks at our history, how it shaped us, and how we can reclaim some important features of our past. It sounds like a nerdy history lesson...and it is, but I believe it will generate life giving conversation even for those that are not so into history.



Senior Sunday

Graduation Celebration is approaching rapidly. Our youth group seniors are preparing for their high school graduation and their future plans. We will be celebrating 9 seniors this year. Please make plans to join the celebration on May 16th for a brisket lunch and the opportunity to bless our youth students. Here is the list of students:

Sydney Baker	Anyslee Clements	John Paul Gumm	Kymber Pyeatt	Rebecca Kinyon
Jax Longley	Paige MacDonald	Will Martin	Sydney Monroe	

Lunch options will include gluten free and dairy free choices. Also, we will have our traditional cake for the graduation celebration, but you can't have a brisket lunch with out the option for banana pudding as well.

Lastly, if you are uncomfortable attending large gatherings, but still want to bless the graduates with a gift, you may drop those gifts off with office staff during the week. We will make sure those gifts get distributed during the celebration.

Sermon Title: The Rich Man and Lazarus

Scripture: Luke 16: 19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Building Update

If you been to the building in the last week or two, you may have noticed the shipping container in the parking lot. This is a temporary solution for storage while the building is having some work done due to the recent water damage. Also, thanks to CJ Chaney and the rest of the deacons for the hard work and time they have put in to keeping the building in working order after the snowstorm that caused so much damage.

Happy Birthday:

May 2nd: Arieal Lynd
May 4th: Sherry Hurst, Joyce Waddell
May 5th: Vivienne Arche
May 7th: Sherry Gumm
May 8th: Mallory Meeks

Our Calendar:

May 9th: Mother's Day

May 15th: ACS Graduation

May 16th: Graduation Celebration/Brisket Burn

May 27th: Fellowship Event

May 28th: Wylie ISD Graduation

May 29th: Abilene ISD Graduation

May 31st: Memorial Day

June 2nd: Family Fun Night

June 5th: Children's Wilderness Adventure

June 20th: Father's Day

June 26th: Fellowship Event

June 28th- July 2nd: Youth Group Camp

July 4th: Independence Day

July 7th: Family Fun Night

July 24th: Fellowship Event

July 26th – 31st: Camp Blessing

Aug. 4th: Family Fun Night

Message from John

John Emerson wrote this message back in May of 1980. He gave the office a few of his writings for "space filler". Since we are starting the month of May and there is a little space left in this bulletin, we thought it would be nice to have a little message from John. John's heart was pure gold!

"That they may be one---"

That was Jesus' prayer for unity concluding with the thought, "that they might know that you sent me". In short, Jesus prayed for unity among his followers just as He and the Father are united.

In Ephesians 4, after exhorting Christians to walk "worthy of their calling", Paul speaks of "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit". Then he proceeds with the thought of a "oneness" in body, Spirit, hope, faith, baptism, Lord and God.

Back to verse 3 of Ephesians 4. Endeavoring is an interesting word. Webster defines it as trying hard; striving. Either of these implies a working against resistance. So it appears to me that Paul says unity must be striven for - that it comes, not easily, but with the perfecting of each of us.

Ephesians 4:13-14 speaks of the unity of the faith, and the knowledge that brings us towards maturity or perfection like unto Christ.

In verse 14 he enlarges upon his desire that we be one. And that for the reason we be no more "children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine".

Dear folks, we all know there is every wind of doctrine (teaching) abroad today. And if we treasure the unity that Paul speaks of and Christ prayed for we must be prepared to make some real choices.

Rest assured there's no problem in God's plan. The real test is how we respond to His teachings. He is the author of unity- not confusion.



Fellowship Events

Fun times with our church family are coming! Make plans to come to the following fellowship events.

Thursday, May 27th: Family Life Center
6-8 PM

Pizza and Drinks Provided

Last Day of School Celebration

Saturday, June 26th: Adventure Cove
7:30-9:30 PM

Saturday, July 24th: Water Day

More Details to Come

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. More specific details to come on each event as they approach. Watch for details.



Children's Ministry News

In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus is teaching a crowd and steps into a boat to better teach everyone. The boat belongs to some fishermen who have been fishing all night but have not caught anything. After teaching, Jesus tells the fishermen to cast their nets again. When they do, they catch so many fish that their boat starts to sink! Jesus calls them to follow him and fish for people, and they leave everything to do that. Our Bible point for this week: We are followers of Jesus. **Summary verse:** "And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So, don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows" (Luke 12:7).

Prayer focus for Westgate educators: As the school year winds down, please pray Romans 12:12 over our teachers. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Save the date: June 5, 10-12 am. Children ages 3 to 5th grade, plan to join us for a Wilderness Adventure like the Israelites as they left Egypt. Mark your calendar and watch for details. Please let me know if you would like to help, all volunteers and ideas are welcome.

Second graders studied forgiveness with Hayley as substitute. As children discussed apologies, Hayley instructed them to find a partner and practice asking for forgiveness. If we had been present, we would have heard Ethan say to Lane, "I'm sorry I put ants in your cereal. Will you forgive me?" I wonder if Lane forgave him. Many thanks to Hayley for emphasizing a Godly skill, for her willingness to sub, and for sending the sweet pictures.



Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 A.M.** and **Wednesdays at 7 P.M.** for class.

Please sign up for the summer camp/trip by **Wednesday, May 12th.**

If you haven't paid \$50 for Camp Blessing, please do so as soon as you can. The remainder of the \$125 total is due **June 2nd.**

If you are a graduating Senior, please send in around 30 photos for the slideshow no later than **May 5th.**

Stay tuned for more information about our summer plans!

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



Youth Group game night!

By the Numbers

April 25th:

Contribution: \$667.00

eGive: \$1,925.00

Total: \$2,592.00

Budget: **\$6,076.00**

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:

May: Matt Waldrip