

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. Crystal also found out this week that the treatments will not be covered by the insurance program. Please be praying for her pain and for payment to not be a reason she will have to continue suffering.

~ **Ron Hill** fell recently and will spend sometime at Hendrick Rehab to work on his balance.

~ **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.

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

~ Continue to keep **Linda Jones'** sister, Jan Jordan, in your prayers as she recovers from major surgery and prepares to undergo cancer treatment. She's currently in the Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital working to regain her strength.

~ **Nell Hopper's** sister is going through cancer treatments and her brother-in-law is having his bladder removed. Please keep them in your prayers. A prayer of praise for Nell as she has been released by her oncologist and will not have to go back for any check-ups.

Job Opportunity

Herald of Truth Ministries, Inc. has an immediate opening for a Business Manager. The business manager will be in charge of day-to-day office operations including bookkeeping, data collection and entry and overseeing the financial operation of the ministry of Herald of Truth. If you are interested in the full-time position, please call Joey Roberts, HTM Vice President, at 325-698-4370 or email him at joey@heraldoftruth.org.

~ Diana Flanagan, **Kelly MacDonald's** mom, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will be starting treatment this week.

~ 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.

~ 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

Mother's Day **HAPPY**

Senior Sunday

Graduation Celebration is **next** Sunday. 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 without 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.

Ladies Night

It's been a long time since we've had a ladies fellowship night. Well, that's all about to change as there is a ladies night scheduled for Friday, June 4th. This fellowship night is hosted by our wonderful Ladies Committee leaders, Clair Arche and Heather Lott. Snacks and babysitting will be provided. There will also be a chance to sign up for ladies' committees since we were unable to meet in January. Mark your calendars now and contact Heather or Clair if you have any questions or concerns.

Sermon Title: The Pendulum Swing

Scripture: Psalm 103: 8-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse,

nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Happy Birthday:

May 11th: Tammy Rose

May 15th: Kipley Sutton,
Linda Jones

Happy Anniversary:

May 14th: Chad & Abby
Longley

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 4th: Ladies Night-
Bunco

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

Suggestions for helping the Impoverished

Last week's message about the Rich man and Lazarus emphasized helping the needy and marginalized. Below are several suggestions of how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve in your own community.

Help Stock the Blessing Box: There is a list of needs in the hallway, grab a few things next time you are at the store. If you are interested in getting in the rotation to stock it, see Steve Templeton.

Create Blessing Bags: Fill large zip locks with toiletries, drinks, nonperishable foods, small denomination gift cards, and other personal care items. Leave these bags in your car ready to hand out to the homeless or needy when the opportunity arises.

Have the Impoverished on your shopping list: Every time you go to the store buy extra! Get a second coat or pair of shoes; or buy extra food items to give to the impoverished.

Adopt and Individual or Family: Pick a family, neighbor, or friend to regularly bless, by checking on them, shopping for them, or preparing freezer meals for them.

Donate your money or volunteer at one of the below ministries

-Christian Service Center: A ministry that seeks to help the needy in Abilene without creating a climate of dependency. They provide food, clothing, toys, and spiritual nurture to the impoverished.

-Love and Care Ministries: A local ministry in Abilene that seeks to help the poor and homeless through a variety of programs. They head Care Pack for Kids, which we have worked with multiple times.

-Breakfast on Beech Street: Another local ministry that provides free breakfast and a sack lunch to needy members of our community.

-Christian Homes: A ministry that provides mothers with unplanned pregnancy the tools to choose life for their child. They provide them with life skills, housing, and a loving Christian family ready to adopt.

A New Class



A 6-week ladies' class on grief will be held on zoom beginning June 1st. We will use *Good Grief* by Granger E. Westberg. The class will be Tuesdays at 8:30 pm. For more information text Sharla Van Cleave at 665-3057. We need a head count ASAP to order books.

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 updates.



Children's Ministry News

In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus tells a parable, or story, about a son who takes his inheritance while his father is still alive, then runs away and squanders the money in wild living. He humbly goes back home, and the father welcomes him with loving arms and a celebration. This story is a picture of God's deep love for us. This set of lessons continue to answer the question, who does God say that I am? Teachers emphasized this morning that we are greatly loved by God.

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).

Children's bulletins can be found at the back of the auditorium again. Bulletins are tied to lesson scripture and are available for two age groupings.

Many thanks for each prayer said for every Westgate educator during this school year. Please continue to pray that our educators finish strong in May. "...Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (I Cor. 15:58).

Save the date: June 5, 10-12 am. Children ages 3 to 5th grade, plan to join us for a Wilderness Adventure. The youth will assist as children are guided through the Exodus from Egypt.

Many thanks to Sharon for substituting with children as they participated in an object lesson and discussed the challenges of following Jesus. Thank you to Layla and other older students as they learn to lead on Wednesday nights. The summer quarter will begin in June and teachers are needed for Sunday morning. Please prayerfully consider teaching, the lessons are meaningful, the children are delightful, and God will bless your efforts.



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 to Houston 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**, tables will be available to decorate the Wednesday night before the graduation celebration. Come ready to celebrate all your hard work!

Stay tuned for more information about our summer plans!

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



Caleb, Aynslee, and Lucy hanging out in the youth house.

By the Numbers

May 2nd:
Contribution: \$
eGive: \$
Total: \$
Budget: **\$6,076.00**
Be A Blessing: \$

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

June: Don Bell