

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 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.

~ **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 starts her cancer treatments.

~ Prayers for all of students and our many teachers as they prepare for summer. May they get the rest and relaxation that they all deserve.

~ Diana Flanagan, **Kelly MacDonald's** mom, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has started treatment.

~ **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.

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

~ Beth Horner, **Brady's mom**, sent this message earlier this week. Continued prayers requested. "I want to thank you for all the prayers that have been offered up for me this past year. God has blessed me, and I am much stronger and healthier than last time I underwent knee surgery. On Monday, May 24th, I will have the final bilateral knee replacement, followed by approximately 6 weeks of recovery. We will go to Temple this Friday to do the pre-op work. Please pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery. Thank you all for your faithfulness in prayer."

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)

Westgatecofc.com

May 23, 2021

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Fellowship Event

Fun times with our church family are happening **this Thursday!** Make plans to come to the Family Life Center for 6-8 PM. Bowling, Skating, and Pool Tables will be available as well as pizza and drinks will be provided. Let's kick the summer off right! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.



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.

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 325-665-3057. A head count is needed ASAP to order books.

Sermon Title: Look in the Mirror

Scripture: Matthew 7: 1-6

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

"Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Happy Birthday:

May 23rd: Hattie McSherry, Garolyn Jergins, Shelley Doremus
May 26th: Janina Espinoza, Amanda McSherry
May 27th: Alejandro Becerra

Happy Anniversary:

May 24th: Kenan & Clarissa Pyeatt, Anthony & Jill Tate
May 26th: Larry & Janice Hill
May 28th: Troy & Misty Tom

Our Calendar:

May 27th: Fellowship Event- Family Life Center

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- Adventure Cove

June 28th- July 2nd: Youth Group Camp

July 4th: Independence Day

The Blessing Box

I am pleased with all the people stocking our Blessing Box. It is a great way to help the needy and show our community we care. This small act is giving us a better name in town; people from outside our church have stocked it, some friends of mine who do not attend here have donated financially toward it, and someone has reached out to us on Facebook to thank us for it.

I like that people can come and get what they need without the embarrassment of having to come and ask for a handout. However, I know there are some issues with this. This approach does not allow us to personally connect with our neighbors; so, we have put a sheet in it that asks for item suggestions, prayer requests, and an invitation to meet us. I also understand that little oversight makes this easier to abuse; I promise it has been abused! People who have little learn to take when they have an opportunity. Just about any time you help the impoverished there will always be opportunities for abuse. So, service requires mercy. We do need to practice responsible charity, but the possibility of abuse should not stop us from serving, that is just an excuse. Additionally, in the case of the Blessing Box, the abuse of it really cannot go that far or do that much damage.

Remember when Ruth, the poor, widowed, foreigner met Boaz while picking up leftover grain in his field? She was benefitting from the ancient equivalent of a Blessing Box! Leviticus 23: 22 says, “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you.” This has none of the restriction on benevolence that we make up to avoid serving the poor! It says nothing about making sure it does not get abused or stopping once someone has overused it. Nor does it say, this is for evangelism purposes only and you must have a Bible study attached to it. In the Bible, helping the needy is never directly about evangelism (although it is a useful evangelistic tool) its about loving and caring for people, being the people God wants us to be. The Biblical precedent for the Blessing Box is set. You should join us in serving the needy in our town while giving Christ and Westgate a good name.

Abilene Brick Painting

You read that headline right. That is an actual thing. Women and young ladies of Westgate, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 31st from 6-8 pm. There will be an opportunity to enjoy a night of fellowship and art. Here is an example of a painted Abilene brick. There are more examples at the “[paintedwgrace](#)” Instagram page. Check it out and more event details are to come.



Ladies Bible Class

Just a reminder that the Tuesday morning Bible class will meet for the last time this Tuesday, before they take a break for the summer.

Children’s Ministry News

In John 15:1-17, Jesus tells his friends that He is like a vine and we are the branches. On their own, branches cannot grow any fruit. But when they are attached to the vine, they can grow a lot of fruit! In the same way, when we’re attached to Jesus, we grow the fruit of love. Our Bible class emphasis today was, we are growing in God.

New Summary Verse, “And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns” (Philippians 1:6).

Thank you for every prayer said for our Westgate educators 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. This self-paced journey will be assisted by our youth group as children choose a tribe, endure plagues, wander through the wilderness, and discuss how the Israelites learned to trust God. Parents are welcome to accompany children through highlights of Exodus.

Erin and Lettie’s class used puppets to sing and learn God’s truths. Thanks to Lettie for sharing and to teachers who make a difference in the hearts of our youngest. The summer quarter will begin in June. Please let me know if you would like to teach or substitute and get to know these sweeties better.



Youth Ministry News

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

Join us for a fun day at the lake in San Angelo on **Tuesday, June 1st!**

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.**

Please help out our children’s ministry by volunteering to do VBS on **June 5th.**

Stay tuned for more information about our summer plans!



Youth Group Seniors

By the Numbers

May 16th:
Contribution: \$923.00
eGive: \$2,530.00
Total: \$3,453.99
Budget: **\$6,076.00**
Be A Blessing: \$0.00

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

June: Don Bell