

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Prayer Concerns

~ **John King** passed away unexpectedly last week. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones, especially the **Colliers**.

~ **Crystal Collier's** surgery went well. She has to undergo physical therapy three times a week. Please pray for her strength and endurance as she has gone through so much lately.

~ Please remember **Chester Lynd** in your prayers. He is home from the hospital and feeling okay. He is awaiting results on carotid artery tests.

~ Please remember **Julie Bibb** and **Jill Dennis** in your prayers. Their mom passed away recently. Services were in Rotan.

~ Please be in prayer for **Doris Wells**, as she was moved to Coronado Nursing and Rehab Center this week. (Please note the change from the original nursing home.) She is there for rehab, but is also struggling with dementia.

~ **Sarah Hall** had her appendix out recently. She is at home, but is not able to work for six weeks. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

~ **Janice Hill** has been dealing with health issues for the last few weeks. She's been diagnosed with acute colitis and is experiencing leg swelling and weight loss. Please keep her in your prayers.

~ **Mickey Walker** is needing prayers for the treatment he is starting in response to what could be the reoccurrence of his prostate cancer. He will not be able to do radiation, but they are prayerful medication will cover it.

~ Please be in prayer for John and Maryann Greenlee, **Larry Loveland's** sister and brother-in-law. They were both diagnosed with Covid-19.

~ Prayers for **Melissa Bell's** brother, Michael Martinez, who had surgery to repair a perforation in his intestine. Continued prayers for his full recovery and that he continues to open his heart to God.

~ Please be in prayer for Julie Conly, **Jerry Varnado's** daughter. The signet ring cell carcinoma is back and she started chemo again. The chemo has been effective and the cancer has shown signs of shrinking.

~ Continued prayers for **Kelly MacDonald's** mom, Diana Flanagan, who is undergoing lung cancer treatments.

~ Prayers for **Nell Hopper's** brother, Ricky, as he heals from a recent surgery.

Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson's** brother-in-law, Ben, as he fights papillary thyroid cancer.

Those unable to join us:

- ~ Laverne Horn
- ~ Ethel Gumm
- ~ Pat Suba

Ongoing prayer concerns:

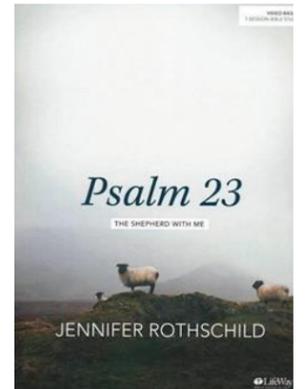
- ~ Peggy Allen
- ~ Deana Frazier
- ~ Bill Jackson
- ~ Doris Wells
- ~ Nell Hopper
- ~ Dwight Painter
- ~ Lue Gray
- ~ Chester Lynd
- ~ Melody Loveland
- ~ Larry Loveland
- ~ Hope Hodges
- ~ Jerry Herttenberger
- ~ Bradi Williams
- ~ Steve Henderson
- ~ Donna Scott
- ~ Frances Welch
- ~ Steve Smith
-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

Missionaries:

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

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies class is starting up again this **Tuesday, August 31st**! We will be picking up where we left off on page 112 of our Psalm 23 study. Even if you weren't able to come last semester, we would love for you join us on **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions see Clair Arche.



Blue Sky Fellowship

This **Wednesday night, Sept. 1st**, instead of meeting at the building, we will meet at **Blue Sky (3602 Catclaw)** at **7:00 p.m.** Please join us for some burgers and fellowship if you are able!



Westgate Educators

Our Westgate Educator Board has been updated with almost 40 of our members serving children in our community for the 2021-2022 school year. Many thanks to Kelly MacDonald for the updates. There have been many changes, so please let us know if a name has been overlooked or a campus change has occurred. As you go by and look at the board, notice bookmarks are available to pick up and pray for an individual Westgate educator. Watch in September for a prayer focus for each of these educators and please pray daily for our young learners as they transition to school.

Sermon Title: Receiving and Extending Grace

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Thank you note:

Westgate family,
Thank you so much for the gift card! We can't wait to spoil our baby Sophia with it. She is so blessed to have a congregation in Texas that cares so much for her.
Love always,
Katie (Cadjew) Utz





Happy Birthday:

Aug. 30: Laura Ashlock, Erin Dennis
Sept. 1: Kevin McSherry
Sept. 2: Eric Robinson, Jessica Fisher
Sept. 4: Alyssa Chaney



Happy Anniversary:

Sept. 3: Bud and Gayle Turnage



Our Calendar:

Aug. 29th: Promotion Sunday
Aug. 31st: Ladies Bible Class begins (10:00 a.m.)
Sept. 1: Blue Sky Fellowship (7:00 p.m.)
Sept. 5th: Deacon Dunk
Sept. 6th: Labor Day (office closed)
Sept. 19th: Baby Blessing

Church Extras—by Brady Horner

The Churches of Christ have always been picky about semantics. We can have a chorus but no choir, a minister not pastor, an auditorium not a sanctuary, we give and do not tithe, and we can do choreography, but you better not dance. We have some fair theological reasons for our word choices, but if we are honest, much of our nitpicky vocabulary is about differentiating ourselves from “the denominations.” A specific example of this is use of the term “Bible Class” over “Sunday School”. Neither term nor practice is “Biblical,” but that doesn’t mean it is wrong.

“Sunday School” started during the Industrial Revolution. Kids were working in factories all day and had no education! Christians who saw this need began education programs on Sundays, the children’s only day off of work in the factories! Here children were taught to read and write using the Bible. In England this was the beginning of the modern public education system! Today, the Church and Christians are sometimes stereotyped as anti-science and anti-intellectual. But, the Church has been instrumental in educating the world! We believe God and his Word is for all people and we want to equip them to read the Bible on their own.

Over time “Sunday School” evolved into the Sunday morning Bible class we have today. Perhaps we (members of the Churches of Christ) didn’t like the name since other denominations used it. Maybe we felt the term “school” implies it is only for kids when we feel it is an adult endeavor as well. Either way, I want to point out that Bible Class is a nice tradition, not a law. By this I mean it is a nice man-made (not God or Scripture ordained) practice that has served a great purpose. In our quickly changing world we are seeing all the “Church extras,” events outside Sunday morning worship like Bible class, Sunday night worship, and Wednesday night service, fall by the wayside. These have all been great traditions (not Biblically commanded) that have served a great purpose. Neglecting and losing them will take a toll on our Biblical literacy and spiritual formation. This article series will explore the origins of our “Church extras,” what is happening, and some possible ways for the Church to move forward.



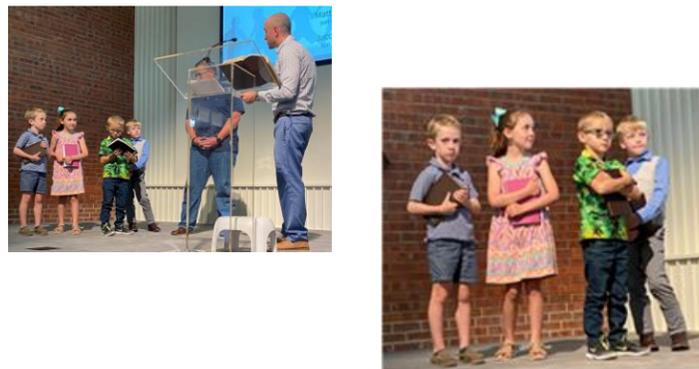
Deacon Dunk

Deacons and their families are invited to Steve and Juanita Stovall’s house on Sunday, **Sept. 5th** at **5:00 p.m.** for swimming, hot dogs, and hamburgers.

September Calendar

If you would like a September calendar with birthdays and anniversaries for the whole month, copies are available on the table in the short hall.

First Grade Bible Presentation Pictures



Children’s Ministry News

Promotion day! Children’s new grade levels will be recognized, and some children will meet in a different classroom. Look for signs posted near each classroom door. Children received a train slate encouraging families to Choo Choo Choose Jesus and attend Bible class weekly. Get your family on track and plan to be in Bible class every Sunday.

This morning children studied Matthew 5:21-26. In this passage, Jesus says that the command not to murder goes beyond simply not killing; harboring anger and speaking in anger means we’re subject to judgment. Instead, we should settle matters with people quickly. God wants us to know that He helps us calm our anger.

Summary Verse: “In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father” (Matthew 5:16).

Fall quarter begins on Sept. 5th. Sunday morning teaching slots have been filled, thanks to all volunteers. There is a need on Wednesday PM for birth to 3-year-old children. If you would like to supervise children for a Wednesday or more this quarter, check the sign-up sheet in the hallway. All volunteers are appreciated.

Thanks again to Eric and all the helpers who supported our boys leading worship last week. Each child did an amazing job! Write a note to one of our young leaders this week, it will bless you and their families.



Eric giving last minute encouragement to the boys before they go out to lead worship.

Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m.** and **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** for class.



Join us on **September 6th** (Labor Day) at Red Bud Park to hang out and play some games!

Please fill out the form Clay emailed you so we can have updated information for every student!

Please pray for our students as they begin a new school year!



Trevor and Caleb compete to be the last one to keep a penny on their chin!

Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class **9:00 a.m.**, Worship **10:00 a.m.**
Wednesdays—Bible Class **7:00 p.m.**

By the Numbers

Aug. 22nd:
Contribution: \$2,750.00
eGive: \$2,883.00
Total: \$5,633.00
Budget: **\$6,076.00**
Be A Blessing: \$24.98

Lead 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:

Aug. CJ Chaney
Sept. Jon Cogburn