

Prayer Concerns

~We mourn with **Brady Horner** in the passing of his mother, Beth Horner. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at Johnson St. Church of Christ in San Angelo. The family would prefer people wear colorful clothes. They are using Harper Funeral Home.

~**Troy Tom's** pacemaker procedure went well and he can already tell a difference. He is at home and just experiencing some mild pain and discomfort. They appreciate all the prayers!

~John Greenlee, brother-in-law of **Larry and Melody Loveland**, passed away on Monday from complications from Covid-19. Our love and sympathy go to the **Loveland** family.

~**Jason Clements** is home from the hospital and continuing to recover from Covid-19.

~**Steve Smith** will have neck surgery on Thursday. Please remember to pray for him.

~Please be in prayer for **Kevin Pruitt**. He was activated to go help with the hurricane recovery efforts in Baton Rouge. It is a stressful situation, and he is likely going to be there 2-4 weeks.

~Please be in prayer for Daisy Woodrow, 2-year-old daughter of former Westgate members **Matthew and Paige Woodrow**. She has been going in for some tests on a mass that they found and the doctors think it's a type of adrenal cancer. They are recommending surgery to remove the mass which will likely take place next week.

~**Nell Hopper's** sister and brother-in-law Claudia and Glenn have cancer. Please pray for peace and comfort.

~**Erin Cogburn's** mom, Brenda Bricker, is recovering from 3 fractured ribs as a result of a chiropractic adjustment. She is feeling better this week, but please continue to pray for her recovery.

~Linda Stokes, mother of **Christie Pruitt**, is recovering after a recent surgery. She is doing well and getting stronger every day. Please pray that she continues to improve.

~Please remember to pray for our healthcare professionals as they navigate this stressful time.

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

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Bonham Elementary Help

We are collecting kids' underwear (sizes 4-5T and 6-8) and socks for Bonham Elementary. When asked if they needed anything, the school counselor was thrilled that we were willing to assist. She said some kids come to school without wearing essentials and this will help so much. If you are able to buy items, place them in the basket in the short hall.



Fishing Derby

The **MacDonalds** are hosting a Fishing Derby on Sunday, **September 26th**. Children ages birth to 5th grade and their families are invited. Next week watch for more information on this fun outdoor activity.

Church Picnic

On Sunday evening, **Oct. 3rd** (that's 3 weeks from today!), we will have an all-church picnic at the Festival Gardens. Watch for more details soon about this exciting event!



Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class is back in full swing and we would love to see you there! The study from Psalm 23 is informative and uplifting, and the fellowship is outstanding. Babysitting is provided. Hope to see you **Tuesday** mornings at **10:00 a.m.!**

Sermon Title: When Jesus Doesn't Make Sense

Scripture: I Corinthians 1: 18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."*

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



**Please join us next Sunday
for the Baby Blessing!**





Happy Birthday:

Sept. 15th: Maeleigh Carneiro
Sept. 16th: Barrett Lott, Holly Howell, Doris Wells
Sept. 18th: Kami Winter, Briana Horner, Adam Arche



Happy Anniversary:

Sept. 14th: Scott & Sheryl Tarkenton



Our Calendar:

Sept. 15th: Youth Group dinner at **6:45 p.m.**

Sept. 19th: Baby Blessing

Sept. 26th: Fishing Derby Youth Group devotional at **7-9 p.m.**

Oct. 3rd: All Church Picnic

Oct. 24th: Trunk or Treat

Thank You Note:

Westgate Family,
Thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts you gave us for our sweet Isaac at our sip-n-see. We are so grateful and so blessed by each of you!!
Much Love,
The Espinoza Family



New Address:

Please contact the office if you would like the Schumpert's new address!

Church Extras: Sunday Nights—by Brady Horner

Ok, I'm just going to admit it. My least favorite "Church Extra" as I've been calling it, is Sunday night worship. It's the same thing you did that morning, just with less people. Sometimes it's like the junior varsity service, you let the rookies lead singing and the youth minister gets to preach! I mean it's nice that you don't have to watch the end of the Cowboys getting beat, but it feels like a major interruption. I'll also admit that the fellowship that happens after is great (usually groups of people going to dinner) and it is nice to have a more intimate worship setting with the most committed of Church members.

Having a second service on Sunday afternoon or evening is a nice tradition. Again, by tradition I mean a man-made thing that is not scripturally commanded but was an added activity that served an important purpose. There are several guesses as to where the second Sunday service tradition originated. A common theory is that farmers would travel a long distance for a worship service on their one day off; to make the travel worth the effort the congregation would have a service, then a meal, a break, and a second service. Another common answer is that during World War II people were working long hours to meet production needs, thus Sunday night was their only free time for worship! I'm sure there is some truth in both "answers".

Now we see that Sunday evening worship was one of the first "Church Extras" to go. Partially because the need for it waned as transportation and working conditions got better. We also got busier. Then we became less legalistic about what it takes to be saved and "forsaking the assembly". Ultimately people voted with their feet and numbers dwindled. If most churches are honest, this is the real reason we nixed Sunday night. Many Churches (including Westgate) moved from Sunday night worship to small groups. This was difficult, as it was a break away from a long-held and beloved tradition; but we must remember, it was not a break in a law (often we confuse our traditions with laws). I like the move because it was still asking for people's time. It wasn't just saying, "We are too busy, and this is boring so let's just quit." It was saying "Let's find a more meaningful way to spend our time seeking God in community." As the Church moves forward into a post-Christian and post-Covid world, we will likely need to make more moves like this. As attendance at "Church Extras" dwindle we should not cede that time to the world but ask "How can we better use this time to seek God in community?"

Children's Ministry News

Children continued to study the Sermon on the Mount this morning. In Matthew 5:38-48, Jesus talks about how to treat our enemies. Even though most people think it's okay to hate their enemies, Jesus says to love our enemies and pray for people who persecute us. He also says not to work for revenge but instead be generous. Bible class focus today is that God helps us love our enemies.



Summary Verse for the next few weeks: "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today"(Matthew 6:34).



Lane and Liam enjoyed shaving cream during Wednesday night class as we discussed Jesus' sermon on the mount. Jesus wants us to keep our promises and do what we say we will do.

For the month of September, please pray for our Westgate educators. "May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace." Psalm 29:11

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall to help with supervising children from birth to three during Wednesday night class. Thank you to those who have already signed up. Many hands ease the burden, so please choose a Wednesday to love on our youngest sweeties. Thank you to Kami for helping last Wednesday.

Thank you to the youth who helped with our end of summer celebration. We are thankful to Clay, Holly and each one of their helping hands.

Youth Ministry News



Caleb, Evan, and Noah play at the splash pad at Red Bud Park!

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

Wednesday 9/15: We will provide dinner for students before class this Wednesday night. Hope to see you there at **6:45 p.m.**

Sunday 9/26: Join us for a devotional at the Waldrips' house from **7-9 p.m.**

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

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

Sept. 5th:
Contribution: \$7,098.00
eGive: \$3,811.00
Total: \$10,909.00
Budget: **\$6,076.00**
Be A Blessing: \$20.94

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:

Sept. Jon Cogburn
Oct. Eric Gumm