

Prayer Concerns

~Last Sunday, **Rodney Ashlock** was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism. He responded very well to the blood clot removal procedure and did not have to have additional procedures as the other clots dissolved with medication. He was discharged from ICU late Tuesday and is home now resting and gaining his strength back. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

~Our condolences to the family of **Frances Welch**, who passed away peacefully on Monday. The graveside service was Saturday. Memorials may be made in memory of Frances to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

~**Hayley Webb's** brother, Charlie Legler, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 6th. The funeral is Tuesday, Nov. 16th, at 1:00 p.m. in Dallas. Our sincere sympathy to the Legler and Webb families.

~Diana Flanagan (**Kelly MacDonald's** mom) has been battling lung cancer and has now been placed in hospice care. Please pray for peace and comfort at this time.

~Please continue to pray for **Janice Hill**, as she has been struggling with acute colitis.

~**Ashley Simon's** dad has a progressive lung disease and could use our prayers.

~Wayne Swart (**Roger Swart's** dad) is at home, but on oxygen. Please pray that he regains strength so doctors can repair his weak heart valve.

Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn

~Ethel Gumm

~Pat Suba

Ongoing prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen

~Deana Frazier

~Bill Jackson

~Nell Hopper

~Dwight Painter

~Lue Gray

~Chester Lynd

~Melody Loveland

~Larry Loveland

~Hope Hodges

~Jerry Hertenberger

~Bradi Williams

~Steve Henderson

~Donna Scott

~Steve Smith

~Patsy Williamson

~Jim and Joyce Waddell

~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

~Doug & Marge Reeves- Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX

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Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Say Cheese

Steve Templeton will be updating our directory wall on **December 5th and 12th** after Sunday morning services. If you are new to Westgate or your family has changed or you just want an updated picture, he will take a new picture for you.

Thanksgiving Meals and Baskets

It's that time of year to help with Thanksgiving meals and baskets. If you know someone who would enjoy a prepared meal, or could benefit from a basket of goods to prepare themselves, reach out to Manny, Brady, or any of the deacons or elders. If you will be in town and can help with preparing and/or delivering Thanksgiving meals, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

CarePack for Kids

Mark your calendar for the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (**Nov. 30th**) from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** We have the opportunity to help families in need by packing meals for them. Please sign up on the clipboard across from the kitchen so we can reserve your spot.



Holiday Happenings

It's beginning to look a lot like...a fun weekend coming up soon! **Saturday, December 4th**, is the day for Breakfast with Santa. Then on **Sunday, December 5th**, we will have the Westgate Christmas Party – Potluck Chili Supper to go along with the Children's Program, *One Night in Bethlehem*. Watch for details coming soon.

Thank You Notes

Dear Westgate Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely plant you sent for my Mom's funeral. That was so thoughtful, as were the calls, cards and kind words you offered during this difficult time. We are so grateful for our family at Westgate! Thank you all so very much.

Love,
Bud and Gayle and Paizly Turnage



Dear Westgate Family-

Thank you for the delicious Poppyseed chicken casserole and Lasagna casserole. They have been delicious and very handy.

I appreciate those that prepared them and the family that delivered them.

They were indeed a blessing to me! Thank you for the love they represented.

God Bless!

Love, Dorothy Emerson

Sign-up Sheets

Aplenty

CarePack for Kids

Westgate Golf Tournament

Thanksgiving Meals and Baskets help

Blessing Box Bucket counting

Christmas Program

Wednesday night babysitting help



Sermon Title: Nobody's Perfect

Scripture: Luke 18: 9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



Happy Birthday:

Nov. 15th: Adam Lott



Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 14th: Jim & Cara Hill



Our Calendar:

Nov. 19th-21st: Youth group Encounter LE

Nov. 24th: No classes Thanksgiving meal prep.

Nov. 25th: Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 28th: Children's Christmas Program practice

Nov. 30th: CarePack for Kids 6-7 p.m.

Dec. 4th: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 5th: Church Christmas Party/Children's Program

Dec. 19th: Christmas Service

Praising Good Character – by Brady Horner

I spent a large portion of last weekend at sporting events. Paxton had a soccer tournament, and I went to Caleb Powell's last game of his high school football career. I had a great time watching both these guys play. At different points in these games, I found myself standing, clapping, jumping up and down and yelling for them. I like watching sports, but it is way more fun when I have someone I love to cheer for. Thinking about this I can almost hear the old preacher cliché in the back of my head "If only we got as excited about God and Church as we do about sports." Then again, a lot of the preachers who say that would actually be very upset if people were jumping up and down or clapping in a worship service! Seriously, every minister gets frustrated when sports take precedence over God and/or Church. Side note: we should be careful to not equate church with God (often ministers are guilty of making church into an idol), but also realize that less church attendance often ends up with less attendance to the voice of God. Unfortunately, I know this from personal experience and have seen it often with others.

Sports will continue to encroach on not only church time but family time. Parents will need to find healthy ways to navigate this. One thing parents must do is make sure they are praising their kids more for personal character and Christian formation than prowess on the sports field. The praise may look different, jumping up and down and yelling when your kid says a nice prayer might be weird. My wife bragged to the parent of one of the best players on Paxton's soccer team that her kid was very polite and grateful for the snacks provided. What an odd thing to praise a kid for after playing a great game! But that shows how important character is. Caleb knows I am prouder of him for being a leader in the youth group through a wild period of transition than I am for his great athletic ability. Paxton played some nice games last weekend, but he received more praise for leading and reading a scripture at church! That praise came from his parents and all of you! I started to get jealous standing by Pax as people passed by saying "great job" ... I thought they were talking to me! Thank you all for supporting my son as he learns to lead. Go and continue to do the same for other's kids and your own.

Children's Ministry News

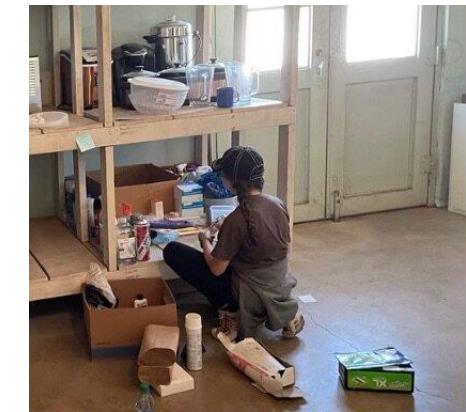


Josh and Caroline's older elementary class learned about good trees bearing good fruit. Many thanks to the Wrights for their willingness to guide this group of active learners.

Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount by saying that people who hear His words and follow them are like wise builders who build on the strong foundation of a rock. But those who ignore His words are like foolish builders who build a house on sand, which doesn't hold up against storms. Children learned this morning that following Jesus is the best way to live.

Please pray for our Westgate educators. I Peter 3:15: "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

Children's Christmas program, *One Night in Bethlehem*, will be on Dec. 5th. We will meet Sunday afternoon on Nov. 28th with a final rehearsal on Dec. 5th before the program. If your child is from 4 years to 5th grade and would like to participate, please sign up in the hallway. Let me know if you need a song sheet or have questions.



Emory working hard for We are The Sermon!

Youth Ministry News

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

Mark your calendars for **November 19th – 21st** to go to Encounter LE!

We will eat dinner in the youth house before class on Wednesday, **November 17th**.

Please pray for our students to have a great school year!

Christian Homes Dinner Rescheduled

Make plans to join Christian Homes and Dave and Jenny Marrs of HGTV'S Fixer to Fabulous, on Monday evening, **January 17th**, as we honor the Heroes of Foster Care! We will be at a new location...the Round Building at the Taylor County Expo Center. For more information, please visit www.ChristianHomes.com or call 325-677-2205.



Blessing Box Bucket Boys

Boys 2nd to 5th grade are eligible to count the Blessing Box Bucket money on Sunday mornings. Sign up on the clipboard in the hall if you would like to volunteer for this so a schedule can be created.

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

Wednesdays—Bible Class **7:00 p.m.**

Offering

Nov. 7th:

Contribution: \$5,596.75
eGive: \$3,423.00
Total: \$9,019.75
Budget: **\$6,076.00**
Be A Blessing: \$38.90

Lead Minister: Brady Horner **cell:** (325)260-1903 **email:** pbhorner@gmail.com

Youth Minister: Clay Howell **cell:** (615)879-0983 **email:** sch16a@acu.edu

Children's Education Coordinator: Jackie Lee **cell:** (325)518-4767 **email:** lee-jacqueline@sbcglobal.net

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

Summary Verse:

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets."

Matthew 7:12

Building Lock-up:
Nov. Adam Lott
Dec. Chris Meeks