

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Thanksgiving Meals/Baskets

Thanks to all who signed up to help with **Thanksgiving meals**. (It's not too late to sign up!) On **Wednesday**, ingredients for the meals will be available to be picked up at the Carneiros' house. Reach out to Barbara (325-829-9684) with any questions. Each part needs to be cooked and taken back to the Carneiros' house by **Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.** Then they will be assembled and delivered from approximately **10:30-11:00 a.m.** The exception to this is pies, which can be made ahead of time if desired. See Manny for details. The **Thanksgiving baskets** have been taken care of, so the previous plan to meet on Tuesday to put together and deliver baskets has been called off.



CarePack for Kids

November 30th, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, we have 30 spots reserved at CarePack for Kids from **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** to pack food for kids in need. The Bible verse on their banner is the last part of Galatians 5:13: "...serve one another humbly in love." Please sign up today for this great opportunity to serve those in our community!

Holiday Schedule

With the holiday season upon us, please remember church office hours and worship services will vary somewhat. The "Our Calendar" section of the bulletin shows different worship schedules around Thanksgiving and Christmas. The church office follows the Abilene ISD calendar, so during the week of Thanksgiving and the two weeks during Christmas break, we will have limited office hours. If you have a non-emergency prayer request or announcement, please email it to westgatecofc@gmail.com. You can call a deacon or elder for emergency prayer requests or announcements to be sent out right away.



Prayer Concerns

~Please remember **Michelle Chaney** in your prayers. Her hernia surgery last week went well and she is at home resting.

~**Rodney Ashlock** is at home resting and gaining his strength back. He had a good report from his Abilene doctor. Please continue to pray for his full recovery.

~**Hayley Webb's** brother, Charlie Legler, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 6th. The funeral was last Tuesday in Dallas. Our sincere sympathy to the Legler and Webb families.

~**Shelley Doremus's** dad is in Hendrick South with pneumonia. He is doing well. They have him on a steroid to help with the swelling and inflammation in his throat and lungs so he can get better. He is still on the high flow oxygen so we need to pray that eases and he can go back to regular breathing without assistance.

~**Bill Jackson's** wife, Lorraine, is now at Willow Springs with some dementia. Please pray for the Jacksons at this difficult time.

~Continued prayers for **Kelly MacDonald's** mom, Diana Flanagan, as she has been battling lung cancer and has been placed in hospice care.

~Prayers for **Monty Hale (Crystal Collier's** brother-in-law). He is having to undergo daily treatments for prostate cancer.

~**Melissa Bell's** brother, Michael Martinez, has finally been scheduled for his follow-up surgery on Nov. 29th. Prayers of thanksgiving that he is able to have surgery and prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery.

~Please remember to pray for **Freddie Wallace's** brother, Jack Hare, as he fights cancer and grieves the recent loss of his wife, Susan.

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 Herttenberger

~Bradi Williams

~Steve Henderson

~Donna Scott

~Steve Smith

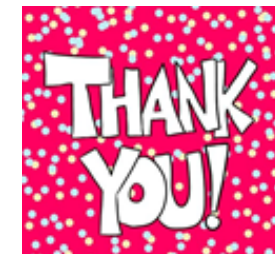
~Patsy Williamson

~Jim and Joyce Waddell

~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

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



Thank You Note

Thank you all so much for cutting the grass and bringing the casserole to our house. We appreciate y'all!

Love,

Ron & Geraldine Hill



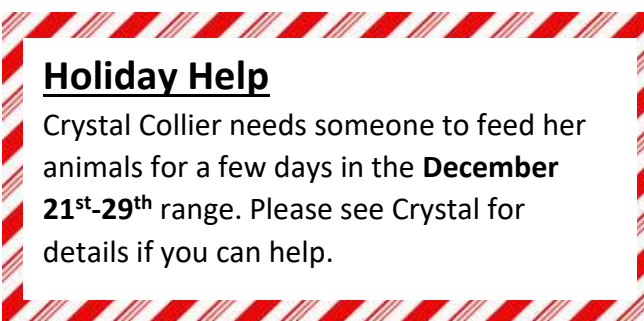
New Address

Sage Baar has a new address. If you would like it, ask in the office.

Potluck Chili Supper/Christmas Program



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m.** for the annual Westgate Christmas Party, which includes a Potluck Chili Supper and the Children's Christmas Program. Let's all come out and support our sweet kiddos as they present to us *One Night in Bethlehem*.



Holiday Help

Crystal Collier needs someone to feed her animals for a few days in the **December 21st-29th** range. Please see Crystal for details if you can help.

Sermon Title: Submissive Living

Scripture: I Peter 3: 1-9

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Happy Birthday:

Nov. 21st: Kelly MacDonald
Nov. 23rd: Ben Tarkenton
Nov. 25th: Shelby Rose
Nov. 27th: Jim MacDonald, Felipe Becerra

Our Calendar:

Nov. 24th: No Wednesday night service, Thanksgiving meal prep.

Nov. 25th: Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving meal delivery

Nov. 28th: Children's Christmas Program practice
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Dec. 4th: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 5th: Church Christmas Party/Children's Program
6:00 p.m.

Dec. 15th: Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 22nd: No Wednesday night service

Dec. 25th: Christmas Day

Dec. 26th: Worship Service only – **10 a.m.** (no Bible Class)

Dec. 29th: No Wednesday night service

Jan. 1st: New Year's Day

Jan. 2nd: Breakfast Fellowship
9:00 a.m. (no Bible Class)

Worship Preferences—by Brady Horner

What decade do you think had the greatest music? Just for fun, **use the QR code to vote on the best decade** and we will share the results next week.

Usually, our favorite decade of music was the one we grew up in. The heyday of our youth. I personally am torn between the 90's and 2000's. It's interesting, some music I listened to has staying power. Some bands I can still crank up and jam with my kids; stuff like Weezer, Incubus, and Cake. Others, I can't believe I ever liked! Most new rock music I try to like, but I have a hard time getting into. I actually might like newer country now more than new rock...but not the "country" that mixes rap in. I like the blues country like Turnpike Troubadours, Chris Stapleton, and Tyler Childers.

I go back and forth between our culture being stuck on the new versus the old. When you look at mainstream culture, it seems to be stuck on whatever is new and cutting edge. However, we as people really love the comfort and nostalgia of the past. Maybe this has something to do with why we love our older music. I've realized I do the same thing with worship songs. Some of my favorite worship songs are the ones I sang growing up at church camps and youth group: "Purify me Lord", "Break my Heart", and "This is my Desire". They are great songs that are beautiful and have meaningful lyrics. If I'm honest, I have an emotional connection to them because of the nostalgia and memories they bring. I bet we are all like that with our preferred worship songs.

We need to be careful about our worship preferences. It's not about us, and while we can find all kinds of reasons to argue that our preferred worship songs and styles are the best, we need to realize that we are biased. God's preferences are not mine, nor does he always agree with me. We can all be grumpy about newer songs being too simple or theologically lacking or complain about older songs being "boring" or using archaic language. We need to realize there is value in all of them, and we all have emotional connections with certain songs that may impact and improve our worship in different ways. The variety is a good thing! It corrects weaknesses in our style and theology over time and keeps us from just getting stuck on one time period or whatever is newest and cutting edge. Worship is not about my preferences, so let's make allowances for a variety of styles that help different people to connect with God.



Picture Update

December 5th and 12th are the days Steve Templeton will be taking new pictures for the directory wall. If you don't have a picture on the wall, or your family has changed, or you would just like a new picture, he will be happy to take your picture after services those days.

Children's Ministry News

Children began a new curriculum today, Digging into the Heart of God. Classes will explore God's character as we study Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation. The focus will be on discovering God's nature and reflecting His heart every day.

Today's lesson: In Genesis 1, God makes the world. God is creative, making all different kinds of plants and animals, birds and fish, and land and sea. Finally, He creates the pinnacle of His creation: humans! He makes people in His own image, so we can be creative, too! God is creative, so we're creative.

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."

New Summary Verse: "Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding." Isaiah 40:28



Children built structures as they studied the wise and foolish man last Sunday. Many thanks to Skyla and Cathrine for leading this fun group.

Youth Ministry News

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

Please pray for our students as we return from Encounter LE in Lubbock today!

Mark your calendars for a **Christmas Party on December 12th!** More information coming soon.

We will not have class this Wednesday night (**11/24**).

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



Kailyn Clements tries her hand at Foosball!

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

Offering

Nov. 14th:
 Contribution: \$6,478.33
 eGive: \$3,315.00
 Total: \$9,793.33
 Budget: **\$6,076.00**
 Be A Blessing: \$15.87

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 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

Building Lock-up:

Nov. Adam Lott
Dec. Chris Meeks