

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests

### Prayer Concerns

~**Jerry Herttenberger** is in Hendrick North Room 8906 with a UTI. He is expected to be in the hospital a few days and then moved to a skilled nursing facility.

~**Sheryl Tarkenton's** sister, Sheila Suppes, passed away on Thanksgiving due to complications from Covid-19. She was 55.

~**Brenda Smith, Sherry Hurst's** mom, fell Wednesday night and broke her pelvis. She will not have surgery, but lots of physical therapy. She is at Hendrick North.

~**Ashley Simon's** dad has a biopsy coming up December 7<sup>th</sup> in Kyle. They will have to collapse his left lung and put a chest tube in and cut out a couple of pieces of his lung to test to see if their initial diagnosis of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is right and to help them more effectively treat it. He'll have to stay in the hospital a few days. Remember to pray for him on Tuesday.

~**Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband, Ervin Spain, was sent to a hospital in Dallas for liver and kidney failure and they found a malignant tumor on the common bile duct. He has doctor appointments next week to see if his liver and kidneys are stable enough to remove the tumor. Please pray for his body to stabilize, a successful tumor removal, and full healing—along with peace for Clarissa's mom.

~**Melissa Bell's** brother, Michael Martinez, was able to have his follow-up surgery on Monday, but there were kinks, so please pray for a complete recovery.

~**Shelley Doremus's** dad is still on oxygen, but doing better.

~**Mickey Walker** got some good reports from his doctors at Texas Oncology recently.

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

### 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



### Christmas Party Tonight

It's here! It's here! It's finally here! **Tonight at 6:00 p.m.**, bring your chili and fixings to the kitchen, head into the auditorium to see the best show of the year, *One Night in Bethlehem*, and then reconvene in the fellowship hall for the potluck chili supper. Do you know how much Santa paid for his sleigh? Nothing! It was on the house.

### Directory Wall Picture Day

If you need a new or updated picture for the directory wall, Steve Templeton will be taking pictures in the Bible Trails classroom in the west hallway after services **today and next Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**.



### Marriage Retreat

The Westgate Marriage Retreat is coming in the new year. This will be a great opportunity for you to strengthen your marriage, get to know other Westgate members better, and have fun! Watch for details coming soon.

### Thank You Notes:

To my Westgate family- There are many ways to say "Thank you", but all of them together could never express my feelings for my church family. For 13 years you have given me love, laughter and TLC. You have shared my ups and downs. You have let me love your children—a blessing beyond words—and shared your love for God, church and family. The Ladies are so faithful with cards and calls. The Chaney—bless them all! have kept attending when I had given up. In deepest gratitude— Pat Suba

Thank you for bringing me the Thanksgiving Dinner. Everything was delicious and very much appreciated. Patsy Williamson

Thanks to the people of the Westgate congregation for the Thanksgiving dinner. It was very delicious and especially for the love it expressed. I got some good reports from my doctors at Texas Oncology recently. Thanks for your prayers and your prayers for others who are facing health problems. Mickey and Ruth Walker

### Children's Worship:



**Sermon Title:** The Mindset of Christ

**Scripture:** Philippians 2: 1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



### Happy Birthday:

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Lucas Pruitt

### Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Doug & Chandra McFarlen



### Our Calendar:

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

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group dinner and Christmas decorating before class

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>: No Wednesday night service

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>: Worship Service only – 10 a.m. (no Bible Class)

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>: No Wednesday night service

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day

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

## The Evolution of Tradition—by Brady Horner

Christmas season is finally here! The Christmas season has the most staunchly followed and rich traditions. There are the basics: Christmas lights, trees, greenery, Santa, and eggnog, but most families develop their own unique Christmas traditions. I've watched it happen at my house. Traditions usually start out as trying something new! We do it, and like it, then decide "hey we should do this again!" My family did this with the movie *Elf*. I never watched it because I think Will Ferrell is painfully not funny, but I finally decided to give *Elf* a chance and I must say, it's in my top five favorite Christmas movies ever! Now we watch it every year. Youth group traditions happen the same way. We tried a "Mystery Trip" once, loved it, then it became the norm; the same thing happened with Camp Blessing.

With time traditions can become monotonous and lose their edge; they may just feel like they are something we must do, a chore. This is especially true with movies. Once you've watched a movie enough the laughs aren't as funny, and the surprise is all gone...but it's a tradition so you still must watch the movie! So, typically what we do is find a way to liven up the tradition while keeping it. For my family this has been going to see the movie at the Paramount or having themed watch parties (my Mr. Rogers Sweater, that everyone makes fun of me for, was bought so I could be Clark Griswold at a *Christmas Vacation* watch party). This keeps the tradition but gets out of the monotony by doing something new and different. Some other examples of tweaked traditions I've seen are deep frying a turkey, looking at Christmas lights in a limo, and giving gifts to needy children rather than each other. These all maintain the spirit of the tradition but give it new worth and meaning.

I wonder if we ever have the same issues with Church traditions. Are our traditions things we used to love, but now they have lost their meaning and are now chores? We can find ways to maintain beloved traditions (bible class, retreats, small groups, fellowship meals) while tweaking them and giving them new excitement and meaning. We have often done so in the past! This Christmas season let's not only look for ways to give Christmas more meaning but be on the lookout for ways to maintain Church traditions while giving them new or renewed meaning.

### What is your favorite Christmas Movie?

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## Children's Ministry News



In Genesis 13, we read that Abram is Lot's uncle, and the two live and travel together. But because God has given them so many animals, they need to split up. Abram lets Lot choose which land he wants, and Lot chooses the side that looks better. God is giving, and Abram reflected God's giving heart by letting Lot have the better land. Children learned today that God is giving so we need to be giving as well.

Summary Verse: "...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

Please continue to pray for our Westgate educators. New month, new verse, "...I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you..." 3 John 1:2.

Christmas program practice begins at **4:00 today**. Attire is comfortable Christmas dress, and pizza will be served before the program. Practice went smoothly last Sunday, please plan to join us tonight to soak in some smiles and joy.

Please take a minute and sign up to help in the nursery on Wednesday night.

*Thank you to Marja and Roger, Jill and Juanita for teaching the ones class. Miss Elliott was styling in her outfit and was pleasantly surprised to find others had similar taste. Thanks to Juanita and Steve for the sweet pictures.*

## Youth Ministry News

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

Mark your calendars for a Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**! More information coming soon.

We will have dinner and decorate the youth house for Christmas before class on Wednesday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Mark your calendars for a Mystery Trip on MLK Day weekend in January!

Please pray for our students to finish the semester strong!

*Emory Winter concentrating as she tries to hypnotize Caleb Chaney*



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

Wednesdays—Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

### Offering

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>:  
Contribution: \$1,380.00  
eGive: \$2,196.00  
Total: \$3,576.00  
Budget: \$6,076.00  
Be A Blessing: \$13.12

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

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**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:

Dec. Chris Meeks

Jan. Matt Waldrip