

## Prayer Concerns

~**Freddie Wallace** is scheduled for surgery for colon cancer at Hendrick North tomorrow (Monday, 12/20) at 11:00 a.m. The doctor said if all goes well, she may get out of the hospital on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. She would really appreciate our prayers.

~Continued prayers for **Mollie Varnado** in the loss of her husband **Jerry**.

~**Bill Jackson's** wife **Lorraine** was laid to rest on Monday. Please remember Bill in your prayers.

~Prayers of thanks that **Nell Hopper's** cataract surgery was successful.

~Please pray for **Jerry Herttenberger**, as he continues to be hospitalized in Room 4111 at Hendrick North.

~**Briana Horner's** uncle Clinton McPherson passed away Tuesday night. Our sympathy to the Horner and McPherson families.

~**Jackie Lee's** grandson Logan had surgery to remove a brain tumor. Doctors are waiting on pathology to determine treatment.

~**Steve Smith** is doing pretty good after his neck surgery. He is still in some pain, but that is to be expected. He goes back to the doctor on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

~Continued prayers for Brenda Smith, **Sherry Hurst's** mom, as she recovers from a broken pelvis. Home health is coming in a couple of times a week for therapy.

~**Shelley Doremus's** dad is still struggling with pneumonia, but doing slightly better. He is at home.

~Update on Ervin Spain (**Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband): The tumor is actually on the end of the pancreas which was putting pressure on the bile duct. He is a candidate for surgery removal which will be in January. Pray his liver and kidneys improve and the surgery is successful.

## 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

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Important Reminders

We will not have Wednesday night services the next two Wednesdays (12/22 and 12/29). Sunday, **December 26<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a worship service only at **10:00 a.m.** (no classes), and Sunday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will kick off the new year with a Breakfast Fellowship at **9:00 a.m.** (no classes). Prayers for a safe and joyous holiday season for all!

### Marriage Retreat Coming Soon

Mark your calendars for our marriage retreat in Brownwood on January 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great time of escape, renewal, growth, and fun. There will be a healthy mix of group sessions, free time, and entertainment. We will spend a (romantic) afternoon riding 4 wheelers and shooting guns at the Horner's Family Ranch. Marriage and Family Therapist and Minister at Singing Oaks Church of Christ, Beau Davis, will be leading our group sessions. The cost is \$200 which covers the hotel, 4 meals (Saturday night dinner will be a date night on your own), and entertainment. A \$100 deposit is due by January 9<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Brady for any questions or concerns.



## Widowhood Seminar

All are invited to the **Beyond the Valley Widowhood Seminar** on January 28-30, 2022 at the 5th & Grape Church of Christ church building. Guest speaker, Jeff Jenkins, will present lessons promoting hope and renewal in the midst of grief. Flyers and a sign-up sheet are available in the short hall. For questions, see Laura Ashlock.



## Christian Homes Annual Dinner



## Hillcrest Singing Event



## Ladies Supper

Put on your PJs and get ready for pizza, salad, and prizes at the Ladies Supper coming up **Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** We will sign up for Ladies' Committees for the new year, so don't miss out! Babysitting will be provided. Contact Clair or Heather for details.

**Sermon Title:** The Shepherds

**Scripture:** Luke 2: 8-15

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."





## Happy Birthday:

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Scott Tarkenton

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Kailyn Clements,  
Troy MacDonald,  
Lydia Lyon

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>:** AJ Bell

**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Steve Henderson

## Happy

## Anniversary:

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Al & Jan Cogburn

## Our Calendar:

**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)

**Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies Bible

Class resumes  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Ladies Supper  
**6:00 p.m.**

## To our Westgate family,

I don't quite know how to express our appreciation for you, but please allow me to try:

The past several weeks have truly been filled with the worst days of my life. My brother's unexpected death was the deepest grief I have ever felt, and the deepest darkness I have ever walked through. But, God made His presence known through so many of you.

The Church prayed.

The Church texted.

The Church called.

The Church messaged Scripture.

The Church offered to help while I was gone 2½ weeks from my family, making arrangements in Dallas.

The Church responded to a late night request for prayer when I needed to feel God near.

The Church made the long drive to and from Dallas in one day, just to sit and be present while I cried.

The Church gave prayerful words to my groans.

The Church took on my pain.

The Church reminded me of the truths about God.

The Church stood in the pews as we said goodbye to my brother.

The Church stood next to us as we buried my brother.

The Church held me up.

And afterward, the Church welcomed us home with outstretched arms and comforting words.

The Church prayed over us.

The Church filled our mailbox with cards of sympathy and support.

The Church checked on us.

The Church brought us meals.

The Church brought us pick-me-ups.

The Church dropped by just to visit.

The Church brought books and messages of support and encouragement.

The Church honored my brother's memory.

The Church loved us well.

During the family processional, it was the faces of those from our Church with whom Hunter locked eyes. What comfort. I am more than appreciative, friends. I am moved. And I am forever changed.

God sustained us during this time through His promises and His people. What we experienced with you was nothing short of what God intended when He created the Church. You were image bearers of Him. Your acts of love even led family members of mine to seek their own Westgate, after years of not attending church.

It has never been difficult for me to explain to others why belonging to a Church is important. And after this, I am that much more convinced of its importance and our need to be a part. The love you showed us will never be forgotten. I am forever grateful. Thank you.

With our deepest appreciation and love,

**Hayley Webb & family**



*Pre-Wednesday night class found some eager builders working together to build wide and tall. There will be no Wednesday PM classes for the next two weeks, plan to join us when classes resume on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.*

## Children's Ministry News

Classes today took a break from the *Digging into the Heart of God* curriculum and completed the holiday lesson found in Luke 2:1-7. Despite being the king of the universe, Jesus comes to earth in the most humble form: a baby. He's not born in a palace or fancy home; he's born in a stable to lower-class parents. Jesus is humble, and he shows it in his humble birth. Children explored the definition of humble and discussed the importance of humility.

*Summary verse for today's lesson: "He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being." (Philippians 2:7)*

Please continue to pray for our Westgate educators during their winter break. Pray that they will be refreshed and energized to return in January, ready to make a difference.



## Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** for class, starting back on Wednesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

Thanks for continuing to pray for our students!

*Christmas Candlelight Service*

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

**Church Office:** (325)692-2300  
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## Offering

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Contribution: \$4,242.00

eGive: \$3,165.00

Total: \$7,407.00

Budget: **\$6,076.00**

Be A Blessing: \$17.15

**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

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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