

Prayer Concerns

~Continued prayers for **Freddie Wallace** as she recovers from colon cancer surgery. She has been doing well after surgery and will go to a rehab center for a few weeks after she is discharged.

~Our sympathy to **Roger Swart** and family in the loss of his dad, Wayne Swart. He was at home and passed away suddenly last Sunday. The memorial service was Thursday.

~**Jackie Lee's** grandson Logan went to Cook Children's Hospital this past week for doctor appointments concerning his brain tumor. They are still waiting for pathology to determine next steps.

~Please continue to be in prayer for **Jerry Herttenberger**, who is still in the hospital at Hendrick North.

Happy Birthday:

Dec. 27th: Madeline Webb, Brady Horner

Dec 28th: Isaiah Carneiro, Issacc Carneiro

Dec. 29th: David White

Dec. 31st: Piper Robinson

Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 27th:

Kevin & Connie McSherry, Stephan & Marla Touchstone

Our Calendar:

Dec. 29th: No Wednesday night service

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

Jan. 11th: Ladies Supper **6 p.m.**

Children's Ministry News

Classes for children will resume on **Wed, Jan. 5th**. Plan to join us for breakfast at **9 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2nd**. There will be a New Year's Resolution Chart for kids, (and adults can contribute) so think about one idea your child/family can add to the chart for the benefit of all.

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



make a difference in 2022.

Please check the sign-up sheet in the hallway and find a Wednesday to help with the birth to threes. It is 45 minutes of joy with these little ones; treat yourself and encourage parents. Thank you!



Many thanks to the Loveland family for their cardstock donation to the workroom, lots of paper, lots of colors, lots of fun for kids. Appreciation to them for thinking of us.

Last week children learned that Jesus had a humble birth with discussions of what humility looks like in our lives. This group was surprised to see that a "humble" airplane made with minimal materials can glide great distances. Humility was affirmed as a character trait that Jesus modeled, an attribute that leads to obedience and God's favor.

Youth Ministry News

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

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

Thank You Note: Dear Church Family,

Thank You is insufficient to convey my appreciation for the plant, calls, cards, texts, food, visits, and most importantly all of your prayers. My loss was made much less difficult because of each of you. I don't know how people get through difficult times without a church family. This belief is even stronger after these last two weeks.

With love, Mollie V. and family

Offering

December 19th:

Contribution: \$2,752.56

eGive: \$2,400.00

Total: \$5,152.56

Budget: **\$6,076.00**

Be A Blessing: \$19.29

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 Lockup:

Dec. Chris Meeks

Jan. Matt Waldrip

Westgate Church of Christ

Sermon Title: The Visit of the Magi

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

*"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Breakfast Fellowship

Next **Sunday, Jan. 2nd**, we will gather in the fellowship hall at **9:00 a.m.** for a New Year Breakfast Fellowship. Gluten free and dairy free options will be available. On the menu will be eggs, bacon, sausage, and French toast. Bible classes will start back on **Wednesday, Jan. 5th**, and **Sunday, Jan. 9th**.



Marriage Retreat

Mark your calendars for our marriage retreat in Brownwood on **January 28th through the 30th**. 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 9th**. Talk to Brady for any questions or concerns.

Ladies Events Coming Up Soon

Ladies Bible Class will resume at **10:00 a.m. on January 11th**. Then, that evening, the first Ladies Supper of the new year will take place at **6:00 p.m.** Come in your pajamas or slouchy clothes and enjoy some pizza and salad and maybe win a prize! We will sign up for Ladies' Committees, so you don't want to miss that. All ladies and teen girls are invited. Babysitting will be provided. See Heather or Clair for details.