

Prayer Concerns

~Our sincere sympathy to the **Touchstone** family. Marla's dad, Bob Tinius, passed away recently. Then shortly thereafter, Stephan's brother Robert passed away after complications from surgery.

~**Freddie Wallace** was admitted to the hospital for one night due to Flu A, concerns about her renal function, and a UTI. She was discharged on Wednesday afternoon.

~Logan Cornutt (**Jackie Lee's** grandson) was able to start radiation for his brain cancer on Thursday after a few days of technical difficulties with the radiation equipment. Please remember 18-year-old Logan and his family in your prayers.

~Update on Ervin Spain (**Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband): The surgery was successful in removing the tumor and reconnecting the pancreas to the small intestine. He only had to stay in the ICU one night, and will be able to leave the hospital once they know everything is working correctly.

~**Logan Cole's** dad Mike is out of the hospital. Continued prayers for his recovery from Covid.

~Please pray for **Ashley Simon's** dad. He needs treatment at a research facility in San Antonio, but is having trouble getting in until March.

~Continued prayers for **Skyla Burd's** grandmother Rosemary O'Neal. She had to have surgery following a bad fall in her kitchen.

~Monty Hale (**Crystal Collier's** brother-in-law) is undergoing prostate cancer treatments daily. Many prayers for him.

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
- ~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

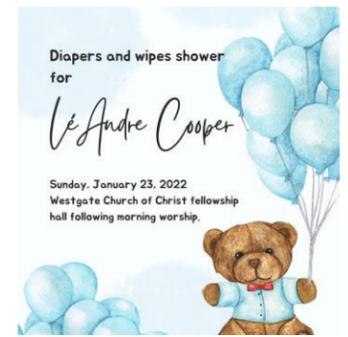


Ladies Committee Sign-ups

Ladies, it's time to sign up for committees for 2022. Sign-up sheets are on the clipboards in the hall across from the kitchen. There's something for everyone: Visitors/New Members, Nursery, Breakfast with Santa, Encouragement, Graduation Celebration, and many more. Thanks for making a difference by using your talents to benefit the church.

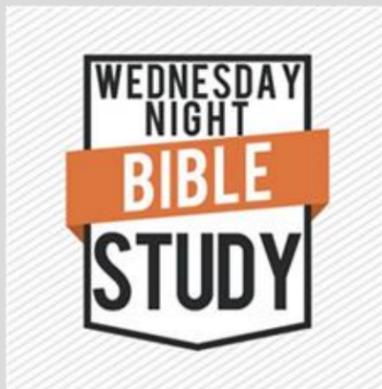
Baby Shower Today

Remember to stop by the fellowship hall **after services today** for the baby shower honoring LéAndre and his mom, Victoria Cooper. LéAndre needs sensitive/scent-free diapers and wipes in size 2 or larger.



Contribution Letters

"Oh boy! Tax time!" said no one ever. The office will be happy to provide anyone with a 2021 contribution letter upon request. The best way to request a letter is to email westgatecofc@gmail.com.



Wednesday Night Start Time

Starting **Wednesday, February 2nd**, midweek Bible classes will be **6:45-7:30 p.m.** Also, make plans to join us at **5:45 p.m.** that night for Love Grub!



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.

Sermon Title: Just One Wish

Scripture: 1 Kings 3: 5-15

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.



Happy Birthday:

Jan. 24th: Ethan Fisher
Jan. 26th: Anthony Tate
Jan. 28th: Steve Templeton



Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 27th: Jeff & Hayley Webb



Our Calendar:

Jan. 28th-30th: Marriage Retreat

Feb. 2nd: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Feb. 21st: Presidents Day

Feb. 25th-26th: Ladies' Retreat

Mar. 13th: Daylight Saving Time begins

Mar. 14th-18th: Spring Break

Mar. 26th-27th: All-Church Retreat

Apr. 10th: Easter Egg Hunt at Festival Gardens

Apr. 15th: Good Friday

Apr. 17th: Easter Sunday

Apr. 24th: Brisket Burn/Youth Auction

May 22nd: Graduation Celebration

News We Forgot About—by Brady Horner

It's weird how often there is news that the whole world is excited and worked up about, but then the next week we completely forget about it. There are so many front-page stories that end up with their resolutions barely reported on the back pages. I suspect there are several reasons for this: we have short attention spans, the media tends to report what gets clicks, and perhaps sometimes the end of the story doesn't fit an agenda, so it doesn't get reported. There is one interesting story from a few months back that I just dug up the resolution to. Remember back in October when a group of missionaries were kidnapped and ransomed by a gang in Haiti? They wanted 1 million dollars per person! That is a steep price for any Church or Missionary Society. The missionaries were associated with Christian Aid Ministries which is an Anabaptist group (Amish and Mennonite). Well, they held them too long and nothing interesting was happening, plus none of the missionaries were super attractive or had a big social media following. So, the media moved on and so did most other people.

Fortunately, in mid-December they were set free! This got news coverage but nothing like the fanfare at the beginning of the crisis. It also left out important details, did they escape? Were they set free? Was a ransom paid? Later in January it was discovered that a "Good Samaritan" came in and helped with negotiations and paid a ransom (I doubt it was 17 million). There are some good reasons to not give this as much coverage. It's a bad look for the U.S. government because they did nothing: Haitian gangs used to be afraid to mess with Americans for fear of the government. It also encourages future kidnappings since the gang got paid.

Whether your media source is right or left wing, there is always an agenda in what stories get airtime and the spin put on those stories. Our God is filled with Truth and Light. As His people we need to make sure we seek truth in the media we take in. Don't just receive your news, investigate it. This means looking to see underlying goals and agendas, but also not just seeking the news that affirms our beliefs and tells us what we want to hear. May we be people who seek Truth and refuse to be manipulated.



Easter Egg Hunt

Recently added to the calendar is the Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for the evening of **Sunday, April 10th** ...one week before Easter Sunday. Save the date, all are invited! Watch for details in the spring.



Children's Ministry News

Exodus 16:1-35 tells us that while the Israelites wander in the desert, they need food. They complain about how hungry they are and wish they'd never left Egypt. But God is loyal, even though they're not loyal in trusting him. He sends them food from the sky—manna (a mysterious bread-like substance) and quail. Children discussed loyalty and what it means to be loyal to God and to each other.

Summary Verse: "The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love." Psalm 103:8



Piper, Bryce, and Paxton were challenged to touch their tongue to their elbow during a discussion on mercy and grace.



Wednesday night class made hail balls as the plagues were reviewed. This lively group enjoys learning together.

Please continue to pray for Westgate educators this week. "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

Thank you to the many ladies who signed up to help on Wednesday nights. There are a few dates left in February during the new time of **6:45-7:30 p.m.** All volunteers are appreciated.



Caleb Powell leading a devotional on our mystery trip!

Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m.** and **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** for class. Please let me know if you plan to attend Camp Blessing as soon as possible. A \$50 deposit is required.

A week from today the youth group will be helping out Jackie to teach the children's ministry classes! Come help serve and learn to be a leader in our church!

We will be joining the church in moving Wednesday night class start time from 7 to **6:45** beginning **Wednesday, February 2nd**.

Please pray for our students as they begin a new school semester!

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

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Offering

Jan. 16th:
Contribution: \$2,835.00
eGive: \$2,250.00
Total: \$5,085.00
Budget: \$6,341.00
Be A Blessing: \$5.07

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

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

Children's Education Coordinator: Jackie Lee (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 Waldrup

Building Lock-up:

Jan. Matt Waldrup
Feb. Don Bell