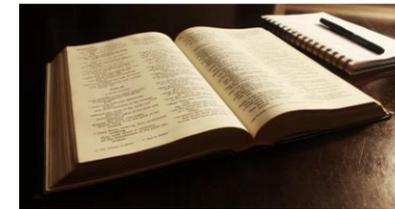


# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### New Adult Bible Class Starts Today

We will have a second Sunday morning adult class option starting **today**. CJ Chaney will be teaching a class on Song of Solomon in the auditorium. Brady will be continuing a series on praying through Scripture in the fellowship hall.

### Baby Shower

Let's celebrate Josh and Caroline Wright and their upcoming bundle of joy! Please join us for a baby girl shower on **March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** for Caroline Wright at the home of Hayley Webb. They are registered at Target.

### Contribution Tax Letters

2021 contribution letters will be written upon request. If you need a letter, please let the office know by emailing westgatecofc@gmail.com. Thanks again for all of your support in the 2021 calendar year.

### All-Church Retreat

Everyone is invited to attend the All-Church Retreat at Camp Butman on **March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have never ventured out to this retreat in the past, please try to attend this year. It is always a great time for connecting with others in our Westgate family, not to mention it can be very relaxing and fun! Watch for details coming soon.



2018 All-Church Retreat

**Sermon Title:** Son of Encouragement

**Scripture:** Acts 9: 26-30

When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

### Prayer Concerns

~**Crystal Collier** had a house fire Sunday night. She was taken to the hospital with burns on her hands and face, and was released. The damage to her home was extensive, and she also lost some pets in the fire. Please remember Crystal in your prayers.

~**Jack Tarkenton** is out of the hospital. He is still on oxygen, but getting stronger every day.

~The hip surgery for **Al Cogburn** was successful, and he has started on physical therapy. He was set to be discharged to home Thursday based on progress in recovery, and he will continue physical therapy through home health for a week or two. Continued prayers for healing and mobility are appreciated.

~**Steve Henderson's** friend Wayne Corley just found out he has cancer. Please pray for him.

~Continued prayers for **Freddie Wallace**, who is at home and receiving hospice care.

~Logan Cornutt, grandson of **Jackie Lee**, has brain cancer and is undergoing radiation treatments in Abilene. Please pray for Logan and his family.

~Ervin Spain (**Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband) will start on IV chemotherapy soon. Please pray this goes well.

~**Nell Hopper's** brother-in-law Glenn Kemp is fighting cancer and would appreciate our prayers.

~**Skyla Burd's** grandmother had surgery on her elbow and is temporarily in a nursing home for rehabilitation on her arm.

~Please continue to pray for **Ashley Simon's** dad, **John Powell's** dad, and **Chester Lynd's** sister.

### 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
- ~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

### Christian Service Center Collection

The Christian Service Center has reached out to us for assistance with some donations that are in short supply. We are collecting:

- Men's white T-shirts M-2XL
- Men's boxer briefs M-2XL
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Newborn Clothing



If you are able to purchase any of these items to donate to the Christian Service Center, please drop them off in the collection box on the table in the short hall.



### Happy Birthday:

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Maddie Fisher  
**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Brady Morton  
**Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Crystal Collier  
**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>:** Mason McClendon, Addison Galaway



### Our Calendar:

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Presidents Day

**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

**Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>:** Baby Shower for Caroline Wright 2:00 p.m.

**Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Daylight Saving Time begins

**Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Break

**Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>:** All-Church Retreat

**Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Egg Hunt at Festival Gardens

**Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday

**Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Sunday

**Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Brisket Burn/Youth Auction

**May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Bridal Shower for Lauren Gumm 2:00 p.m.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Mother's Day

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Graduation Celebration

## What's Your Favorite Bible Verse?—by Clay Howell

If you grew up attending church, this is probably a question you have heard before. Overall, I believe this is a valid question, and it reinforces some good habits. First of all, this practice teaches kids from a very young age that Scripture is important. That the Bible is something to be cherished, and its words are to be *enjoyed*. How can you pick a favorite of anything without enjoying it? While Scripture is used to teach, edify, and admonish, we should never lose sight that it is also to be treasured. Secondly, this question encourages us to *memorize* Scripture from the Bible. While memorization of specific verses might feel like a chore for adults, or a means to an end (usually candy or a sticker) for children, this practice teaches us that Scripture should be internalized.

As a Bible major at ACU, I came into college expecting to take the easy classes. After all, I wasn't studying Physics, Engineering, Biology, or any other difficult subject, and I had grown up in the church and was very familiar with my Bible. However, the most difficult project I had in any of my first year classes came in my Bible class. Our assignment was to memorize all of Matthew chapters 5-7, commonly referred to as the Sermon on the Mount. While this process was certainly daunting, I found myself thinking about the Sermon and about the words of Christ all day long. Memorizing Scripture has a way of retraining our minds to meditate on it constantly.

However, there is a major drawback to the question: "What's your favorite Bible verse?" Memorizing a favorite verse is great, but so often when we choose a verse, we ignore the larger context. So many of us are guilty of rattling off "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life," without exploring the conversation Jesus and Nicodemus are having in John chapter 3. We are perhaps even more guilty of quoting: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength," without understanding the call to be content through Christ that Paul is making throughout Philippians.

I encourage you to think about memorizing, or at least reading, the context around your favorite verse (or verses). When we dive deep into Scripture, we will find the Gospel transforming our hearts and minds in ways we never could have anticipated.

### Congratulations

Melanie Tate (daughter of Anthony and Jill Tate) is getting married April 15<sup>th</sup> in California. We are collecting money to give a gift card to Melanie and her fiancé Connor Schenck. If you would like to contribute, please give your money to Lettie Morrow today.



## Children's Ministry News

In 1 Samuel 5:1-5, the Philistines capture the Ark of God, a holy box that represents God's presence. They put the Ark in a temple with an idol named Dagon, and Dagon keeps falling before the Ark! This demonstrates that God is real and the idol isn't.

**Summary Verse:** "So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows." (Matthew 10:31)

Remember to pray for Westgate educators: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

(1 John 3:18)

Thank you to Kami for nursery duty on Wednesday, every volunteer is appreciated.

*Wednesday PM children practiced listening to each other after reviewing the story of Samuel and Eli.*



*We discussed ways that God communicates with us and the importance of listening to God. Many thanks to Melissa for taking pictures and helping with this group every Wednesday night.*



## Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m.** and **Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.** for class.

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

We will have dinner in the youth house before class on **Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Be thinking of a product or service you can provide for the Youth Auction on **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Please pray for our students as they work hard this semester!

*Kailyn and Layla hanging out at the Super Bowl party!*



**Services at Westgate:** Sundays—Bible Class 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m.

**Church office:** (325)692-2300  
 westgatecofc@gmail.com

### Offering

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Contribution: \$5718.01  
 eGive: \$3,575.13  
 Total: \$9,293.14  
 Budget: \$6,341.00  
 Be A Blessing: \$13.52

**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) 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:**  
**Feb.** Don Bell  
**Mar.** Manny Carneiro