

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Youth Auction & Brisket Burn

Don't miss the annual Brisket Burn and Youth Auction **TODAY!** This will be another great year with all of the things you know and love. Make sure that you enjoy an incredible lunch, wonderful fellowship, a fun auction, and an opportunity to support our youth group.

- A terrific smoked brisket lunch with all of the sides and fixings prepared by Troy Tom and the Pit Crew will be served after services. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Due to the high price of meat, feel free to give more if you are able.
- A Cash & Carry section of gift certificates from local restaurants, which you can purchase at face value and support the Westgate youth group, will be available while supplies last in the church office beginning at **8:45 a.m.** this morning.
- Dozens of assorted auction items – from a fire pit to a biplane ride, babysitting to welding, beautiful gift baskets to handmade benches – will be offered. Don't miss this chance to support our youth group!
- To bid on auction items, you will need a bidder number, so see Eric Gumm to get one. He will be near the parlor after worship to assist you.
- Childcare will be available to allow parents to participate in the auction. Kids who are potty-trained will go to the youth house and younger kids will be in the nursery. Youth group members will be available to supervise kids after worship to **1:00 p.m.** (Make sure that you feed your kids lunch first. ☺)
- We will have four rooms full of great items and we will begin closing the auction rooms at approximately **12:30 p.m.** (at about 10-minute intervals) and checkout will open after the last room closes. We will also have a live auction in the fellowship hall beginning at approximately **12:35 p.m.**

We are looking forward to another great event this year – with fantastic food and fellowship and support for our youth group – and we hope that you are planning to participate!

Sermon Title: Awkward Dinner Party

Scripture: Galatians 2: 11-16

When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified."

Prayer Concerns

~Our dear sister **Pat Suba** passed away Thursday night. She was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Please remember her family in your prayers.

~**Chester Lynd** was admitted to the hospital Wednesday with some pains. After doing several tests, they released him. Please keep Chester in your prayers.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson**. He is having arm and nerve issues.

~**Josh and Caroline Wright** are expecting a baby girl at the end of April. Continue to pray for the Wrights at this exciting time.

~**Jackie Lee's** grandson Logan is at MD Anderson in Houston undergoing clinical trials. Please pray for Logan and his family.

~Please remember to pray for peace and comfort for those who have lost loved ones recently, including **Anita Morton and family, Stephan and Marla Touchstone, Pat Suba's** family, and **Freddie Wallace's** family.

~Please remember to pray for **Lydia Lyon** as she recovers from a broken hip and knee after a serious car accident.

~**Clarissa Pyeatt's** nephew was deployed to Germany to support NATO with the Russia/Ukraine conflict.

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

~**Peggy Allen's** son-in-law, Ervel Quinn, has cancer. Please remember to pray for him.

~Wayne Corley, friend of **Steve Henderson**, is battling cancer. Please put Wayne on your prayer list.

Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn
~Ethel Gumm

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

Expectant Parents:

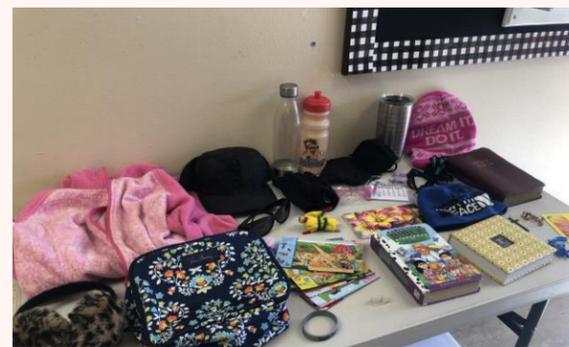
Josh and Caroline Wright – April

Bridal Shower for Lauren Gumm

Next Sunday, May 1st, a bridal shower honoring Lauren Gumm, bride-elect of Logan Cole, will be held at Juanita Stovall's house (-----) at **2:00 p.m.** Lauren is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Target, and Zola. Hostesses are Cathrine Clements, Janice Hill, Briana Horner, Holly Howell, Kelly MacDonald, Christie Pruitt, Juanita Stovall, Misty Tom, and Angie Wier. All the Westgate ladies are invited to come celebrate Lauren and Logan.

Lost and Found

The lost and found items are spread out on the table in the short hall if you want to look and see if you spy anything that's yours. You might need a toboggan or earmuffs next week, who knows?





Happy Birthday:

Apr. 24th: Juanita Stovall
Apr. 25th: Brenda Brown
Apr. 26th: Angie Wier, Roger Swart
Apr. 28th: Ellie Bell, Lauren Gumm, Kyle McClendon
Apr. 29th: Jill Tate



Happy Anniversary:

Apr. 24th: Jeff & Terry Widener
Apr. 29th: Matt & Darah Waldrip



Our Calendar:

Apr. 24th: Brisket Burn/Youth Auction

Apr. 30th: Westgate Golf Tournament **9:00 a.m.**

May 1st: Bridal Shower for Lauren Gumm **2:00 p.m.**

May 8th: Mother's Day

May 15th: Bridal Shower for Kelsey Sanders, bride-elect of Noah Pruitt **2:00 p.m.**

May 22nd: Graduation Celebration

May 30th: Memorial Day

June 1st: Family Fun Night

A Cat's Love Offering—by Brady Horner

I have an embarrassing confession to make. I'm a bit of a cat guy. Don't get me wrong, I love dogs and other manly things. I just think cats can be very affectionate, lovable, and interesting animals. My wife grew up next to a crazy cat lady, so she is not a fan, and we don't have one. I also understand there are a lot of "bad cats" out there, honestly, probably more "bad cats" than "bad dogs". But, growing up, I had one of the best cats ever. Sometimes she would kill a bird or mouse and leave it right at our front door. What a terrible and shocking "present"! Our cat was showing us gratitude and giving to us because we provided her with food, affection, and shelter. This unpleasant "present" is a great honor. See, cats aren't so bad! Of course, my wife would argue that the cat was just showing us she could kill us in our sleep if she wanted to. Even though we didn't like the gift, we knew it was a loving act, so we would not punish her.

I wonder how often gifts given out of love are received negatively due to cultural, historical, or personality differences. When we receive an unwanted gift given in love, do we appreciate it for the sentiment/love in the act of giving, or do we not appreciate it because it does not benefit us? Is it the gift that counts or the thought that counts? In our relationships, it is a sign of maturity when it is the thought that counts; it's not about my personal benefit and getting what I want. Growing up I was subliminally and outright taught that to God, it's the gift not the heart that counts. I was told the scary story about God punishing Aaron's sons for offering unauthorized fire in Leviticus 10, and that I should follow the "clear pattern" God has given us to follow. Of course, the "clear pattern" was only applied to what we should do for one hour on Sundays, and that was the only text I was ever taught out of Leviticus. As I got older and read the Bible as a whole, I have found God is not as petty and grumpy as we have made him sound. He cares much more about the heart/thought than the gift. Surely, we can try to do our best to give him what he wants, but in the end it's man who "looks at outward appearance, God looks at the heart." If our hearts are right, I'm not too worried about getting minor details "wrong".



Westgate Golf Tournament

This Saturday (4/30) is the most anticipated golf tournament of the year. (You thought it was the Masters?) Registration is still open. If you are participating, meet at Twisted Oaks in Hawley at **8:30 a.m.** You will pay the golf course. Matt will read the rules for about 10 minutes and then send everyone out. Good luck! 🍀

Thank You Note

Westgate Church of Christ,
 Thank you for the wonderful meal and plant. Our family greatly appreciates your kindness to our family and all that you have done for Freddie through the years.

The Wallace Family



Children's Ministry News

Due to auction item displays in classrooms, 4th and 5th grade will have class in the youth house today. 3rd grade and younger will meet in Theo's room with youth group assistance. 3 years and below will have class in their regular classrooms. Many thanks to the youth for helping teach classes today.

Children's lesson is found in 2 Kings 2:1-18. In this mysterious Bible story, God takes Elijah up to heaven in a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire. The chariot is caught up in a whirlwind, carrying Elijah to heaven. Elisha looks on, upset that Elijah is gone but ready to carry on his legacy. These strange events show that we serve a mysterious God.

Remember to pray for Westgate educators. Psalm 32:8: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

Plan to join us for Field Day VBS, *Growing Strong in God's Truths*, on **June 18th, 10 a.m. – noon**. Pray and invite someone to bring with you.

Please check the sign-up sheet in the hallway to help with our birth to three children on Wednesday night. Choose a date to play with our youngest sweeties, guaranteed to make you smile.



Last Wednesday night, children discussed the comfort of God as they gave each other hand massages.



Elliott and Gracie enjoy class each Sunday thanks to the love showered on them by teachers Juanita, Jill, Marja, and Roger. Appreciation to all our servant-hearted teachers who share God's word on a weekly basis.

Youth Ministry News

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

The Youth Auction is today! If you are a teen helping with the auction, you will be dismissed early from worship to begin setting up. Thank you for all your hard work to get ready for our trips this summer!

If you are a graduating senior, please send me the pictures and the song you want in the slide show by **Sunday, May 8th**.

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



Austin and Caleb getting ready to Rock Climb!

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

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Offering

April 17th:
 Contribution: \$4,798.23
 eGive: \$2,500.00
 Total: \$7,298.23
 Budget: **\$6,341.00**
 Be A Blessing: \$25.45

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

Nursery Duty:

Jessica Fisher

Building Lock-up:

April: CJ Chaney

May: Jon Cogburn