

Prayer Concerns

~**Nell Hopper** has been having back and leg problems making it hard for her to get around. She appreciates our prayers.

~Please remember to pray for **Eric Robinson**. He is having arm and nerve issues.

~**Lydia Lyon** is recovering from a broken hip and knee after a serious car accident. Keep praying for her recovery.

~**Dwight Painter** has asked for prayers for his son-in-law in Fredericksburg, Kevin Booth, who broke his foot and ankle and had to have surgery to put in screws and plates.

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

~Continue to keep Jan Jordan, sister of **Linda Jones**, in your prayers. Jan started back on chemo Thursday.

~Wayne Corley, friend of **Steve Henderson**, is battling cancer. Please remember Wayne in your prayers.

~**Crystal Collier's** brother-in-law, Monty Hale, is having to undergo daily treatments for prostate cancer. Please pray for him.

~Please remember **Clarissa Pyeatt's** nephew in Germany and all those in our armed forces at home and around the world.

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
~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



Bridal Shower Next Sunday

Love is in the air at Westgate as bridal shower season continues next **Sunday, May 15th**, with a shower for Kelsey Sanders, bride-elect of Noah Pruitt, at **2:00 p.m.** at the home of Michelle Chaney, [redacted] Kelsey and Noah are registered at Amazon, Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Dillard's, and Target. Please bring your favorite recipe to share with the happy couple. All the ladies of Westgate are invited to come and celebrate Kelsey and Noah.



Graduation Celebration

Congratulations Class of 2022! Our high school seniors will be honored on **Sunday morning, May 22nd**, with a slideshow, potluck dinner, and display tables where you can put graduation gifts or cards. For the potluck dinner, each family is asked to bring a main dish and sides. You don't need to bring dessert, because cake will be provided. The seniors this year are Emily Gumm, Caleb Powell, Shelby Rose, and Tim Tarkenton. Remember to pray for these students as they prepare to move on to the next chapter in their lives.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Bridal SHOWER

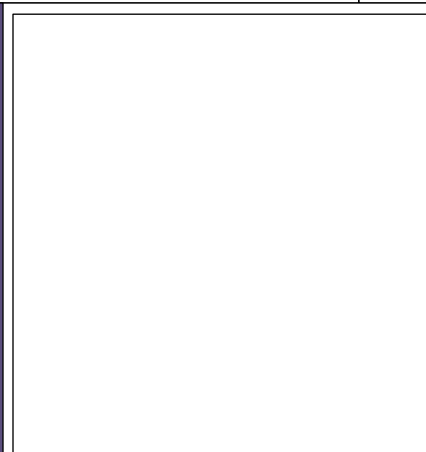
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SUNDAY | 5TH JUNE 2022 | 2:00 PM

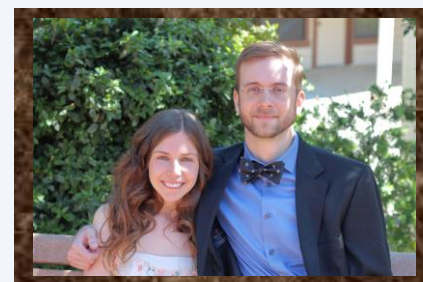
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Thank You Note

Dear Westgate Church Family,
Thank you very much for the gift card to Target! It will definitely come in handy as we start married life together. We love you and hope to visit soon.
Sincerely,
Melanie and Connor



Sermon Title: Rebuilding God's House

Scripture: Haggai 1: 3-11

Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."



Happy Birthday:

May 8th: Mallory Meeks

May 11th: Tammy Rose



Happy Anniversary:

May 14th:

Chad and Abby Longley



Our Calendar:

May 8th: Mother's Day

May 14th: ACS Graduation

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

May 22nd: Graduation Celebration

May 26th: Clyde Graduation

May 27th: WISD Graduation

May 27th-28th: AISD Graduations

May 30th: Memorial Day

June 1st: Family Fun Night

June 2nd: Family Life Center End of School Party **6-8 p.m.**

June 5th: Bridal Shower for Stefani Stovall **2:00 p.m.**

June 12th: Bridal Shower for Paige MacDonald **2:00 p.m.**

June 18th: VBS at Festival Gardens **10:00 a.m. – noon**

Choose Your News – by Brady Horner

It looks to me like we are at a boiling point as a nation. Americans have generally distrusted and complained about institutions for a long time. But now there is a push to tear these institutions down: the church, the government, and public education. I saw a news piece blaming the Democrats for all of this. It listed this latest breach of Supreme Court integrity (the leak about the overturning of Roe v. Wade) as a direct attack on the government institution and claimed our institutions will eventually fail. That's fair, but it was a group of conservatives who physically disrupted a joint session of Congress to stop the election process (because they didn't trust the institution). So, right, or left, both don't fully trust government institutions. It's different aspects and branches that we don't trust. It's a bit of an overgeneralization but we seem to trust media and politicians more when they tell us what we want to hear.

The internet has given more freedom of press than ever before, giving essentially anyone a platform. This has helped us to expose institutions and corruption (I'm thinking politicians, government, and Church) and given us more reason to distrust institutions/authority. Shining a light on corruption is good, but at the same time it has robbed us of any foundational source to trust and rely on. So, we default to believing what we want to believe, what is most convenient, what affirms our current beliefs, what is repeated to us the most, or maybe even what is cool...what a mess.

I don't have a solid answer for how to handle this. Complete objectivity in our approach to politics, culture, and even the scriptures is impossible. No matter how hard we try, we will be impacted by our surrounding environment. TV, social media, news, friends, artists, and influencers will impact our views. As Christians, we must be careful to identify the underlying agenda of the media we consume. Often it's more to get clicks than give you solid factual information. Are we in news/"friend" echo chambers that just tell us what we want to hear? We need way more no screen time. We need to teach our kids how to identify and navigate ways in which the media is manipulating them. I want God and His Word to shape us, but in a media saturated world, we must be much more intentional about listening for His voice.

You're invited to:

Bridal Shower

For

KELSEY SANDERS &
NOAH PRUITT

MAY
SUN | 15 | 2022
2pm

Abilene, Texas, 79601

Registered: Amazon-Bed, Bath, and Beyond-Dillard's-Target
Please bring your favorite recipe to share with the happy couple!



End of School Party
Family Life Center
Thursday, June 2nd
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry News

Children's lesson today is found in Nehemiah. Nehemiah is in exile in another country when he hears that the wall around Jerusalem is in ruins. He is devastated and cries out to God for help. God is faithful to provide Nehemiah with all the supplies, protection, and courage he needs to rebuild the wall. Nehemiah is faithful to do what God has called him to do. The focus of this lesson is that God is faithful, and He calls us to be faithful every day.

Please continue to pray for Westgate educators these last few days of school: "Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always", I Chronicles 16:11.



Erin and Lettie's two- and three-year-old class are exploring yellow as they discuss how God created light. Many thanks to this duo who work together weekly to teach this precious group. Congrats to Elliott, the youngest member of this creative class, she just turned 2!

Plan to join us for Field Day VBS, *Growing Strong in God's Truths*, on **June 18th, 10:00 a.m. – noon**. Our youth group is assisting. Families are invited to attend and cheer.

Appreciation to all volunteers who have signed up to help with our birth to three children on Wednesday nights. An older elementary child can assist if desired. We have open slots, please choose a night to help.

Youth Ministry News

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

Thank you so much for all your hard work to make the Youth Auction and Brisket Burn as successful as it was! Thank you to our Westgate family for supporting the work we will be doing this summer.

If you are a graduating senior, your pictures and the song you want in the slide show are due **today!**

We will have dinner in the youth house on **Wednesday, May 25th!**

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



Youth Group girls studying the Bible during Wednesday night class

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

May 1st:

Contribution: \$2,538.00
eGive: \$3,611.00
Total: \$6,149.00
Budget: **\$6,341.00**
Be A Blessing: \$29.75

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:

Linda Jones

Building Lock-up:

May: Jon Cogburn
June: Eric Gumm