

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



VBS Coming Soon

Less than two weeks from today, on **Saturday, June 18th, from 10:00 a.m. – noon**, our Field Day VBS will be happening at the Festival Gardens across from the zoo. The theme is *Growing Strong in God's Truths*. Families are invited to attend and cheer, and kids are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors. The youth group will be there to help with the fun and games and learning. Please be in prayer for the success of this event.

Farewell Send-off for the Fishers

We are so happy for Gabe Fisher's wonderful new job in Dallas, but also incredibly sad to see the Fisher family move. Please join us for a farewell party for the Fishers **next Sunday, June 12th from 4 -5 p.m.** at the Carneiro home. Light snacks and refreshments will be available.



Bridal Shower Fun

Congratulations and best wishes to all our beautiful Westgate brides (and groom 😊) this spring and summer! We have a couple more showers this Sunday and next to enjoy. A bridal shower honoring Stefani Stovall, bride-elect of TJ Foster, will be held at Julie Bibb's house **today at 2:00 p.m.** **Next Sunday, June 12th**, there will be a display bridal shower for Paige MacDonald, bride-elect of Garrett DeFoore, at **2:00 p.m.** at the home of Sherry Gumm (. See the invitations on the back of the bulletin for more details.

Sermon Title: Solomon's Ambition

Scripture: 1 Kings 9: 1-9

When Solomon had finished building the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had achieved all he had desired to do, the Lord appeared to him a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. The Lord said to him:

"I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.' But if you or your descendants turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. Israel will then become a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and will scoff and say, 'Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple?' People will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the Lord their God, who brought their ancestors out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshiping and serving them—that is why the Lord brought all this disaster on them.'"

Prayer Concerns

~**Dave Smith** was transferred to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, where the GI doctors think they can get him functional again. They appreciate all the prayers.

~**Ken Van Cleave** is recuperating from his stroke at home. Continue to pray for a full recovery.

~Please pray for **Dwayne Hargesheimer**. He had a fall and is doing physical therapy at Encompass. He was hoping to be sent home this weekend (6/3 or 6/4).

~**Melody Loveland** has asked for prayers for her neck. She has a lump on the side of her throat.

~Prayers of praise that **Aubrey Hilligoss** is doing so well after suffering a stroke.

~Please remember to pray for **Eric Robinson** and his nerve and arm issues.

~**Nell Hopper** had an appointment with the bone and joint doctor Thursday. There is a shot that should help her, but she is not scheduled for that until the end of June. She has to stay in bed most of the time because she has pain if she tries to get up and do too much.

~Continued prayers for **Mickey Walker's** health.

~Please remember **Lydia Lyon** in your prayers as she continues to improve after her knee and hip surgery following a car accident.

~Please continue to pray for **Clarissa Pyeatt's** nephew who was deployed to Germany to support NATO.

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

Ladies Bible Class Summer Break

Ladies Bible Class is taking a break for the summer, But don't be too sad even though it's a bummer. We'll be back ready to go in the fall semester, As we continue our book with the study of Esther.

Summer Series Speaker

Make plans to come to church **Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m.** as we kick off our Summer Series with Kevin Huddleston as the guest speaker. Kevin is the Director of Ministries at Arms of Hope.





Happy Birthday:

- June 5th: Lue Gray
- June 7th: Emily Gumm
- June 8th: Hunter Webb, Isabella Becerra
- June 9th: Noah Cogburn
- June 10th: John Paul Gumm
- June 11th: Maureen Cadjew



Happy Anniversary:

- June 5th: James & Tammy Rose
- June 6th: Mickey & Ruth Walker
- June 7th: Jason & Cathrine Clements
- June 9th: Dwayne & Louise Hargesheimer
- June 10th: Don & Melissa Bell, Jason & Anita Morton



Our Calendar:

- June 5th: Bridal Shower for Stefani Stovall **2 p.m.**
- June 8th: Summer Series speaker Kevin Huddleston **6:45 p.m.**
- June 12th: Bridal Shower for Paige MacDonald **2 p.m.**, Fisher Farewell Send-off **4-5 p.m.**
- June 15th: Summer Series speaker Chris McCurley **6:45 p.m.**
- June 18th: VBS at Festival Gardens **10:00 a.m. – noon**
- June 19th: Father's Day

Don't Cancel Them – by Brady Horner

“Cancel Culture” is a phrase that evokes all kinds of emotions, but mostly rage. I don't love it, because it is a highly politicized term and thus a caricature of reality. Wikipedia defines it as “a contemporary phrase used to refer to a form of ostracism in which someone is thrust out of social or professional circles – whether it be online, on social media, or in person.” It feels like a “contemporary” thing, but in reality, people have always used public shaming and humiliation to force people to conform. Modern society's constant immersion in media has simply accentuated it. The #MeToo movement really brought cancelling people into the spotlight. It showed the good and bad sides of cancelling. Many of these people needed to be exposed and stripped of their ability to harm others. However, it may have turned into an unfair witch hunt. Because the mainstream media generally leans left, cancel culture is viewed as a liberal agenda. However, conservatives have attempted to cancel Target, Starbucks, and Colin Kaepernick. Everyone is hypocritically guilty of using public shame and pressure to discredit those who disagree.

Social media has given us the ability to block, ridicule, unfriend, and dare I say cancel, anyone we disagree with. These habits have spilled over into our real-world behavior. We not only cancel friends, but teachers, schools, businesses, and even churches. This type of cancel culture has taught us to X out anything that doesn't fit in our nice little echo chamber; anything that doesn't tell us exactly what we want to hear. Some fed up Christians are finding discrepancies, mistakes, and abuses in the Church (which are real) and wanting to see the Church “canceled”. I believe these takes are too extreme. The institutionalized Church can be very corrupt, but it should be reformed, not executed. Exposing mistakes and hypocrisy in the church is good if the goal is reform, it is unhealthy and destructive if the goal is to shame and embarrass. We need to realize that all churches will make mistakes, they are not perfect in practice or doctrine. So, it is important you don't do what culture has taught us to, don't write off your church because you disagree with something it does, or if it failed in some way. You can go to a church that does not support everything you support or does some things doctrinally that you don't support. Don't be a victim of cancel culture and make your circle smaller by Xing out people, churches, and communities in your life.

Singing School

Interested in learning how to lead singing? Registration is open for the 76th annual Texas Normal Singing School on the ACU campus on **July 17 – 22**. Call (806) 777-8417 or check out singingschool.org for more information.



Stronger Marriages Workshop

The Oldham Lane Church of Christ will be hosting a Stronger Marriages workshop on **June 11th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** with Trey and Lea Morgan. Any married or engaged couples are invited and it is free, but they do ask if you are planning on attending, please register at strongermarriageworkshops.com. If you have any questions, call Blake Dozier at (325) 370-7104.

Children's Ministry News

In Luke 1, the Bible tells us that throughout his life, Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, have prayed for a son. Now that they're old, God tells Zechariah He will answer their prayers. Zechariah has a hard time believing God, but God gives them a son in just the right time for His plan. Classes today discussed that God hears our prayers, so we trust His timing.

Summary Verse for the next few weeks: *“Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy.” (Psalm 100:2)*

Plan to join us for Field Day VBS, *Growing Strong in God's Truths*, **June 18th, 10 a.m. – noon**. Invite a friend to come with you. Thanks to the youth for their help.

Wednesday Leadership class will begin **June 15th**. Older elementary boys will plan and practice in preparation to lead Sunday AM worship in late August. Many thanks to Eric Gumm and his helpers for providing this opportunity to Westgate boys.



Thank you to Jonathan for teaching 2nd-5th graders this quarter and for continuing to teach this summer. Appreciation for guiding this creative group to love God and to love each other.

Today is the beginning of the summer quarter. Remember to thank teachers and substitutes who work to make a difference in the church of the future.



Youth Ministry News

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

Grab a summer calendar from the youth bulletin board next to Brady's office.

Join us this week for our first Breakfast Bible Study (**Tuesday at 9**) and Mystery Thursday (Meet at the church building at **10 a.m.**).

Join us on **Tuesday, June 7th**, for a pool party at the Stovall's house!

Our first Lake Day of the summer will be on **Thursday, June 16th!**

Please pray for our students as they begin their summer!



Caleb celebrating his graduation in style!

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 29nd:
Contribution: \$2291.51
eGive: \$2,860.00
Total: \$5,151.51
Budget: **\$6,341.00**
Be A Blessing: \$63.97

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Deacons: Don Bell, Manny Carneiro, **CJ Chaney**, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

Building Lock-up:

June: Eric Gumm
July: Adam Lott