

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Camp Beloved and Beyond

Please remember these campers in your prayers this week:

Adults:

Clay Howell
Sherry Gumm
Cathrine Clements

Youth Group:

Caleb Powell
Emily Gumm
Alyssa Chaney
Lucy Waldrip
Caleb Chaney
Addison Lee

Camp B & B Summer Workers:

Shelby Rose
Aynslee Clements

Prayer Concerns

~The cement procedure to fix **Patsy Williamson's** back fracture worked well. She is still hurting some, but on the mend. Continued prayers for Patsy.

~**Nell Hopper** was finally able to get the shot to help with her osteoporosis. She is feeling much better. She appreciates your prayers.

~**Kathryn Boerio's** mom, Nancy Stewart, had an MRI that showed bile duct blockage, but no gallstones. She is having more tests done Wednesday. Please add her to your prayer list.

~The brother-in-law of **Ruben Perez** passed away in a tragic accident. Our sympathy to his family.

~Please remember to pray for **Eric Robinson**. He is having trouble with the nerves in his arm.

~Keep **Melody Loveland** in your prayers. She has a lump on the side of her throat that is of concern.

~**Chester Lynd's** niece in Michigan, Amber Galloway, has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for Amber.

~Continued prayers for **Dwayne Hargesheimer**, who is recovering at home.

~Please pray for **Crystal Collier's** brother-in-law, Monty Hale, as he has to undergo daily treatments for prostate cancer.

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

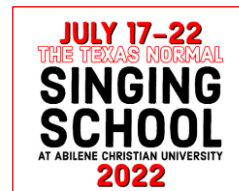
Oh Happy Day!

Last Sunday, it was great to welcome Lydia Lyon back to church after her recovery from a serious car accident. Praise God that she is doing well and able to be up and around!



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.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE!
Donation boxes are at the following locations:
Sockdolager Brewery - 833 S 1st
The Kings Barbers - 173 Walnut
Methodist Children's Home - 1 Village Dr #102
BCFS - 303 S Pioneer
Big Brothers Big Sisters - 547 Chestnut
New Horizons - 147 Sayles
CASA - 400 Oak Ste 216
Abilene Teachers FCU - 3849 Antilley
Taylor County Extension Office - 1982 Lytle Way
Partners Resource Network - 209 S Danville Build C #114
The Well - 137 Mesquite
Crunch Fitness - 4709 S 14th St

All proceeds will go to Abilene ISD kids grade K-12!

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| Items needed: | Items needed: |
| Backpacks | 24 pack crayons |
| Pens | Glue |
| Pencils | Glue sticks |
| Pencil pouch | Notebook paper |
| Colored pencils | Folders without brads |
| Composition books | scissors |
| Folders with brads | Dividers |
| 1 inch 3 ring binders | Spiral notebooks |
| Markers | Highlighters |

Donations will be accepted from June 13th through July 20th.

Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating

This **Wednesday, July 6th**, promises to be sweet! Come on out at **6:45 p.m.** and decorate cookies with icing and sprinkles. The cookies will already be made. There will be gluten free and dairy free options as well. We will not have Bible classes that night.



Adventure Cove

Save the date! **Saturday, July 30th**, is the day Westgate has reserved the Abilene water park Adventure Cove for a fun-filled fellowship event from **7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** This is an after-hours party just for Westgate members and our guests. Feel free to invite friends, relatives, coworkers, and neighbors to this free event.

Sermon Title: Samson

Scripture: Judges 16: 4-11

Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver."

So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."

Samson answered her, "If anyone ties me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man."

Then the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she tied him with them. With men hidden in the room, she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" But he snapped the bowstrings as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered.

Then Delilah said to Samson, "You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied."

He said, "If anyone ties me securely with new ropes that have never been used, I'll become as weak as any other man."



Happy Birthday:

July 3rd: Bud Turnage
July 6th: Colin Monroe
July 8th: Aynslee Clements, Victoria Cooper, Crystal Robinson, Geraldine Hill



Happy Anniversary:

July 7th:
Wade & Leah Schumpert



Our Calendar:

July 6th: Family Fun Night—
Cookie Decorating **6:45 p.m.**

July 13th: Summer Series —
Ian Nickerson **6:45 p.m.**

July 20th: Summer Series —
Bradley Steele **6:45 p.m.**

July 27th: Summer Series —
Carson Reed **6:45 p.m.**

July 30th: Adventure Cove
7:30-9:30 p.m.

Aug 3rd: Family Fun Night—
Ice Cream Social **6:45 p.m.**

Aug. 10th: Summer Series —
Nathan Burrow **6:45 p.m.**

Aug. 17th: Summer Series —
Wes Crawford **6:45 p.m.**

Aug. 21st: Boys lead worship/
1st grade Bible presentation

Conservative or Traditional – by Brady Horner

I was very fortunate to not be introduced to the “liberal” versus “conservative” quandary in the Churches of Christ until I was in high school. I had never been at churches that were quick to condemn the practices of other churches or had internal conflict concerning “progressivism”. Over time I’ve discovered that “liberal” and “conservative” mean something very different in our little Churches of Christ world than they do to mainstream Christianity. At different points in our history, we have been in the great minority of Christians that view clapping, inter-church cooperation, praise teams, hand raising, kitchens in the building, instruments, believing in fresh works of the Holy Spirit, and small groups as “liberal”. Generally, these are all things that most of the Christian world take as a given. Our version of “liberal” is different from the rest of the Christian world.

So then, what do we mean when we say “conservative”? Some might say we mean taking a strict and binding view of Scripture that we follow as closely as possible. This is fair, but perhaps what we really mean is we want to conserve or maintain what we are doing; we want to keep things the same. In this case, perhaps a better word is “traditional”. The above listed things that the Churches of Christ have viewed as “liberal” are not anti-scriptural, but they are anti-traditional. They are not what we have always done. So maybe we tell ourselves “conservative” means sticking close to the Bible, but often it really means sticking close to our traditions and comforts; and our preferential reading of the Bible that comes with them.

Most people would consider the ACU Graduate School of Theology “liberal”: liberal by Church of Christ terms but perhaps liberal theologically as well. However, the grad chapel service is very traditional. They sing old traditional songs from a song book, there is none of that “liberal” clapping, dancing, or hand raising. I like this because it is very honest. No one there thinks this is the only way, or the “right” way to do worship. No one thinks this is the “conservative” way that God has clearly set out in Scripture. They just think this is our preferred way; their mindset is let’s have a traditional service, not a “conservative” one. My prayer is that we as a Church can be honest about loving our traditions and being able to clearly differentiate them from law; and that we be “conservative” by being bound and shaped by Scripture as a whole, not just our select readings that affirm our beloved traditions.

New Sister in Christ

Maeleigh Carneiro was baptized Saturday, June 18th! We rejoice that Maeleigh made this wonderful decision. Remember to pray for her as she continues her faith walk.

Already July!

July calendars with birthdays and anniversaries are available to be picked up in the short hall.



Young Men Lead Worship

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 21st**, as this will be the day when our young men will lead worship and our incoming 1st graders will be presented with new Bibles. You don’t want to miss it, as it will be an uplifting time for all!

Children’s Ministry News

- This morning our children studied Mark 3:1-6. In this passage, one Sabbath day, Jesus goes to the synagogue and sees a man with a deformed hand. He boldly calls the man up in front of everyone to heal him, even though the religious leaders consider healing “work” —forbidden on the Sabbath. Jesus boldly defends his actions as he heals the man.
- Our Bible Point to apply this week is **Jesus is bold...so we’re bold**. We can use this to remind children that when we’re bold about loving others, we reflect Jesus’ heart.
- Summary verse** is “A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.” (Proverbs 17:17) Please encourage your children to learn their memory verse and bring their Bibles to class. This would be a great habit to practice to help in their spiritual walk with God.
- Make plans to attend our second Family Fun Night of the summer for cookie decorating on **Wednesday, July 6th, at 6:45 p.m.** Please remember that we will not be having Bible classes that night.



Last Sunday our kids kicked off into the 3rd Quarter of Heart of God!

Youth Ministry News

Those not at camp today will help with the elementary Bible classes this morning at **9:00 a.m.** We will not have class Wednesday, as we will join the rest of the church for Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating at **6:45 p.m.**!



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

We are at Camp Beloved and Beyond this week! Please pray for our safety and spiritual transformation as we serve special needs campers.

We will have a Breakfast Bible Study on **Tuesday, July 12th**.

Join us for a Lock-in on **Friday, July 15th**! More info coming soon.

Please pray for our students to grow closer to God and to one another this summer!

Westgate Youth Group had a great camp experience at Pine Springs!

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

June 26th:
Contribution: \$2,478.00
eGive: \$2,022.00
Total: \$4,500.00
Budget: **\$6,341.00**
Be A Blessing: \$24.75

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

Building Lock-up:

July: Adam Lott
Aug.: Chris Meeks