

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests

### Busy Week at Westgate

#### Tuesday

The summer Ladies' Supper will be **this Tuesday night (7/26) from 6-8 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Join the ladies of Westgate for a picnic dinner and games. We will have all the picnic favorites: sandwiches, chips, fruit, and yummy dessert. Babysitting will be provided.



#### Wednesday

Our Summer Series continues **Wednesday night at 6:45 p.m.** with speaker Carson Reed. Dr. Reed is an ACU professor and director of the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry. He received his DMin from ACU in 1995. Take the opportunity Wednesday night to hear this first-rate speaker.



#### Saturday

Westgate has reserved the Abilene water park Adventure Cove **this Saturday (7/30)** for a fun-filled fellowship event from **7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** Adventure Cove is located at 2742 S. 9<sup>th</sup> in Rose Park. 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.



#### Prayer Concerns

~Please remember **Dwayne Hargesheimer** in your prayers as he continues to recover from a fall.

~Keep **Eric Robinson** in your prayers as he deals with arm and nerve problems.

~Doctors were able to mend **Patsy Williamson's** back fracture with a cement procedure. Prayers for continued healing and less pain for Patsy.

~**Ken Van Cleave** is getting stronger every day after his stroke in May. Keep praying for his recovery.

~Continued prayers for **Melody Loveland**. She has a lump on the side of her throat that doctors are analyzing.

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

~**Kathryn Boerio's** mom, Nancy Stewart, has received news that she has neuroendocrine cancer in the lymph nodes and pancreatic cancer. Your prayers are appreciated.

~Please keep praying for Logan Cornutt, **Jackie Lee's** grandson.

~**Shelley Doremus's** aunt, Dinah Ibarra, was released from the hospital after an operation to repair her femur. She seems to be doing well.

~Continue to keep Jan Jordan, sister of **Linda Jones**, in your prayers.

~Donna Scott, daughter of **Patsy Williamson**, had neck surgery and would appreciate prayers.

#### 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  
~Megeste Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

#### Thank You Note

Westgate Church of Christ,

I wanted to say thank you for the Bible, book, and the nice graduation lunch. It meant a lot. I also wanted to say thank you for the continued support and for molding me into the man I am today. Thanks again for everything!

Sincerely,

Caleb

Class of 2022

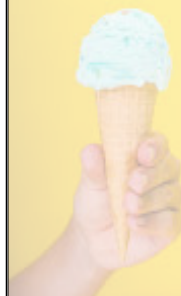
#### Ladies' Supper

Join the ladies of Westgate for a picnic dinner and games  
**Tuesday, July 26th—6:00-8:00 pm**  
Westgate Fellowship Hall  
Picnic favorites  
sandwiches, chips, fruit, yummy dessert



#### August Family Fun Night

I scream, you scream, we all scream...yep, it's been a really hot summer. Come cool off at the Ice Cream Social **Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 p.m.** Watch for details coming soon!



#### Blessing Box Volunteer

We have an opening for stocking the blessing box on Tuesdays. If you (or you and a friend splitting it) are interested, please contact Steve Templeton.



#### New Phone Number

Wade Schumpert has a new phone number. Please contact the office if you would like it.

#### Sermon Title: Moses's Other Excuses

**Scripture:** Exodus 4: 1, 10-13

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'"

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Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."





### Happy Birthday:

**July 26<sup>th</sup>:** Sharon Van Cleave, Julie Bibb

**July 27<sup>th</sup>:** James Hill

**July 28<sup>th</sup>:** Peggy Allen

**July 29<sup>th</sup>:** Andrew Tom, Tahlind Thames

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Erin Cogburn



### Happy Anniversary:

**July 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Luke & Amanda McSherry



### Our Calendar:

**July 26<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies' Supper 6-8 p.m.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Series – Carson Reed 6:45 p.m.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Adventure Cove 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Series – Nathan Burrow 6:45 p.m.

**Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>:** ACS 1<sup>st</sup> day of school

**Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Series – Wes Crawford 6:45 p.m.

Abilene, Wylie, Clyde, Merkel, Jim Ned 1<sup>st</sup> day of school

**Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>:** Boys lead worship/ 1<sup>st</sup> grade Bible presentation

**Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Promotion Sunday

**Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Labor Day

### Paved Paradise and Put up a Parking Lot – by Brady Horner

Have you been to a National Park lately? The experience has changed. I remember as a kid hiking Big Bend. There were a few people there, but plenty of places to feel alone and one with nature. Now National Parks are starting to feel like amusement parks: huge crowds, selfie taking everywhere, long lines, roped off sections, backed up traffic, gift shops, restaurants, and shuttle buses. Once again, I blame social media.

There is a (fairly true) stereotype that phones and social media are keeping people inside and on their phones. However, since Instagram came out in 2010, visits to National Parks have increased by 37 percent. These locations are becoming popularized on Instagram and other social media platforms. People discover these beautiful places, geotag the location, and then people flock to them. I love that people are getting out and experiencing God's beauty and sharing some amazing places, but the crowds and commercialization are no fun. We as humans sure do have a way of making great things lame.

Recently, we drove to a more secluded section of Zion National Park. I was intrigued when the ranger who checked us in said "Welcome to the best part of the park, please don't tell anyone about it." It was beautiful and there was no one there. Similar spectacular views and hikes in the main park would have had shoulder to shoulder crowds, selfie takers everywhere, and people doing photo shoots with yoga poses. Here it was just Briana and I. A partial reason few were there is because Instagram hadn't popularized it yet. Then I realized why that park ranger didn't want anyone else to know. She didn't want this beautiful secluded area to feel like the main park. Spending time in God's created beauty shouldn't make you feel frustrated, stressed, or broke. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." It should leave you filled with gratitude of a mighty God who created all this, but still has time for you. God's beauty moves you to worship.

### Bonham Elementary Support

Westgate wants to support our neighbors at Bonham Elementary. We are collecting socks, underwear, and pull-on type clothing for children ages 5 through about 3rd grade. Also needed are individually packaged snacks for use during tutorials, such as cheese crackers, goldfish, pretzels, etc. Please pick up a few items to add to the box in the short hall. Remember to pray for our community children and Bonham faculty for a productive school year.

### Children's Ministry News

This morning our passage comes from Luke 8:40-42, 49-56. In this passage, a man named Jairus asks Jesus to heal his daughter. Jesus promises to go with him but gets distracted on the way by a woman who needs healing. During the delay, Jairus's daughter dies. But Jesus promises that she'll be okay and sticks to His word as he brings the girl back to life.

Our Bible Point and Application are **Jesus is dependable...so we're dependable.** This lesson shows us that even when there are disruptions, we can be dependable and follow through when we promise to do something just as Jesus did in this passage. We must remind ourselves to show dependability despite distractions.

Summary Verse: **"For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does." (Psalm 33:4)** Please continue to help your children memorize the summary verse, and we encourage you to remind them to bring their Bibles to class.

As a friendly reminder, if you have an incoming 1<sup>st</sup> grader, please see Melissa Bell so that she can make sure that she has the correct spelling of your child's name for his/her Bible that will be given at the First Grade Bible Presentation on **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.**



*Kids in our Wednesday Night Bible Class made treasure boxes as a reminder that God is our treasure.*



### 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.

We will NOT be having a Breakfast Bible Study or any event on Thursday this week.

Join our church family at Adventure Cove on **Saturday, July 30th!**

We are excited to welcome a new group of 6th graders to the youth group! Join us for Bridging Week, which will be **August 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>!**

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



*Gaite, Zoey, and Paige working hard playing Minute to Win it games at the Lock-In!*

**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

**July 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Contribution: \$2,337.27

eGive: \$3,285.00

Total: \$5,622.27

Budget: \$6,341.00

Be A Blessing: \$20.76

**Lead Minister:** Brady Horner (325-260-1903) email: [pborner@gmail.com](mailto:pborner@gmail.com)

**Youth Minister:** Clay Howell (615-879-0983) email: [sch16a@acu.edu](mailto:sch16a@acu.edu)

**Children's Education Coordinator:** Jackie Lee (325-518-4767)

email: [lee-jacqueline@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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