

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Gift Card for the Boyds

Congratulations to Stephen and Randi Boyd! They were united in marriage last Sunday night here at the building. We are collecting money to give the newlyweds a gift card to help start them on their marriage journey. Those who wish to contribute to the gift card can give money to Lettie Morrow by **August 14th**.



Ice Cream Social

Our last Family Fun Night of the summer is the best one of all—an Ice Cream Social! Join us at **6:45 p.m. this Wednesday (8/3)** as we cool off with some ice cream and entertainment from our local talents Wade Schumpert and Ashley Simon. Ice cream will be provided. If you would like to bring something, you can make cookies or brownies to go with the ice cream. We will not have classes that night.

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. You can take advantage of the tax-free weekend this Friday through Sunday, **August 5th – 7th**. Remember to pray for our community children and Bonham faculty for a productive school year.



Sermon Title: Peter

Scripture: Matthew 4: 18-20

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Prayer Concerns

~**Chester Lynd** was released from the hospital on Monday. Your prayers are still appreciated for his ongoing health struggles.

~**Jim Hill's** sister-in-law Diana has breast cancer. Please be in prayer for her.

~Julie Conly, daughter of **Jerry Varnado**, had discouraging PET scan results regarding her cancer. Doctors are pausing chemo and starting her on radiation therapy. Please pray for Julie and her family.

~Logan Cornutt, grandson of **Jackie Lee**, is in Houston undergoing testing for brain cancer. Pray for good results.

~**Chester Lynd's** niece in Michigan, Amber Galloway, has been diagnosed with cancer. Please add Amber to your prayer list.

~Continued prayers for **Kathryn Boerio's** mom, Nancy Stewart. She has pancreatic cancer.

~Remember in prayer **Dwayne Hargesheimer**, recuperating at home after a bad fall.

~Keep **Eric Robinson's** struggle with arm and nerve issues in your prayers.

~**Melody Loveland** has a lump on the side of her neck that doctors are analyzing. Please pray for good results.

~Continue to pray for **Patsy Williamson** after her back fracture and subsequent cement procedure.

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

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.



Twice-a-month Love Grubs start back on September 7th!



Westgate Maintenance

If you ever notice anything around the building that needs maintenance work or cleaning, please email westgatecofc@gmail.com so the issue can be addressed.



Little Library Lacking

As you clean out your closets and cabinets this summer, remember you can donate books to the Westgate Little Free Library. Just put them in the short hall in the box closest to the glass playground door. This is an easy way to enrich our neighborhood. My favorite books are about antigravity. Those are hard to put down.

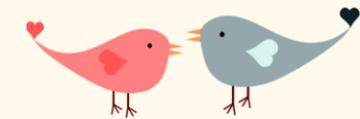
August birthday calendars are available in the short hall!





Happy Birthday:

Aug. 1st: Laura Templeton
Aug. 2nd: Luke Morrow
Aug. 3rd: Heather Lott
Aug. 4th: Cathrine Clements, Teresa Buckley



Happy Anniversary:

Aug. 2nd:
Brady & Briana Horner
Aug. 4th:
Aaron & Kami Winter
Aug. 6th: Rodney & Laura Ashlock, Jon & Erin Cogburn



Our Calendar:

Aug 3rd: Family Fun Night— Ice Cream Social **6:45 p.m.**
Aug. 10th: Summer Series— Nathan Burrow **6:45 p.m.**
Aug. 11th: ACS 1st day of school
Aug. 14th: Celebrate Westgate Educators
Aug. 17th: Summer Series— Wes Crawford **6:45 p.m.** Abilene, Wylie, Clyde, Merkel, Jim Ned 1st day of school
Aug. 21st: Boys lead worship/ 1st grade Bible presentation
Aug. 28th: Promotion Sunday
Sept. 4th: Breakfast Fellowship **9:00 a.m.**

A Lesson from Nirvana Shirts – by Brady Horner

I've always been curious about what starts fads and fashion trends. Who decides what is cool and popular? Now just about everything traces back to TikTok or some other form of social media, but it used to be more mysterious. One thing, as a snobby music fan, that has always bothered me is people wearing shirts of bands they know nothing about. I used to walk up to these people (usually too young to know anything about these bands) and ask them to name three songs by that band...but I've matured since then. When I was in high school if you were wearing a Metallica shirt it meant you were a fan and went to a concert, now it means you went to Walmart.

Now you see Rolling Stones, Nirvana, and Ramones shirts everywhere, worn by people who know little about them. These are great (or at least influential) bands, but why them? Where are the shirts of other greats such as Green Day, Weezer, Chili Peppers, and Tom Petty? Well, they don't have lucrative licensing deals. At some point Nirvana arranged a huge licensing deal and these shirts are sold everywhere, from Forever 21 to Walmart. So, you could say the shirts are popular because of Nirvana's fame and influence on rock music or their cool designs, but the real reason seems to be their availability. Somewhere a bunch of rich executives made a deal, started pumping these shirts out, and a bunch of people who don't listen to Nirvana started wearing these shirts, turning them into a corporate overexposed cultural symbol...Kurt Cobain would roll over in his grave.

This is just another example of corporations/money setting the agenda of what people do, wear, and enjoy. In some sense this makes me appreciate social media more because there it is regular people setting trends and showing us what is "cool". However, businesses and money makers are figuring out ways to manipulate that as well. All this to say, there are so many cultural forces manipulating us without our knowing; we are very much products of our environments. When we absorb media, shop, and converse with friends we need to be very aware of how we are being shaped. We often claim we are simply shaped by God and his Word, but often money, politics, history, and media have much more to do with it than we think. Let's be people who can see the underlying agendas of our surrounding culture and always be looking and listening for God's voice within it.



Young Men Lead Worship

Three weeks from today, **Sunday, August 21st**, our young men will lead the morning worship service and our incoming 1st graders will be presented with new Bibles. You won't want to miss it, as it promises to be an uplifting time for all!

Celebrate Westgate Educators

August is quickly approaching, and as school starts gearing back up, we want to remember the almost 50 Westgate educators in our midst. We will recognize these hardworking stars **Sunday, August 14th**. If you are an educator and have changed schools, or if you have just gotten into teaching or out of teaching, please tell Jackie Lee or Jill Tate or email westgatecofc@gmail.com.



Children in the 4's, 5's, and Kinder Class created a sun.

Children's Ministry News

This morning our lesson comes from Matthew 10:29-31. In this passage, as Jesus prepares to send out his disciples, he comforts them by saying that God takes care of sparrows and God loves us even more than sparrows. God knows how many hairs are on our heads! God cares about our details because he loves us.

Our Bible Point and Application are **God cares about our details ...so we care about others.**

As you talk about the lesson with your kids after class, remind them that no worry or prayer is too small for God. Moreover, he cares about the details. A quick tip to help demonstrate how God cares about the details is to jot down some things that kids are concerned about so that you can show them how this will help you remember to pray for that particular concern.

Summary Verse: **"For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does." (Psalm 33:4)** We would like to reward children who learn the memory verse with a small prize.

Don't forget that there will not be classes this **Wednesday night, August 3rd**, as we will be having our Family Fun Night eating ice cream.



"Sixth day, sixth day. God made animals and man that day." - from Erin and Lettie's Class



Emory Winter takes a much-needed nap at the Lock-In!

Youth Ministry News

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

Come to Breakfast Bible Study on **Tuesday, August 2nd**.

We will not be having regular youth class **this Wednesday night (Aug. 3rd)**. Instead, join our church family for Family Fun Night!

The annual Youth Family Devo will be on **Sunday, August 7th**. Come to the MacDonald's house to celebrate our graduates and our new 6th graders!

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

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

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 24th:
Contribution: \$1,752.26
eGive: \$3,028.00
Total: \$4,780.26
Budget: **\$6,341.00**
Be A Blessing: \$12.89

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Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu

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

Autumn & Hannah Meeks

Building Lock-up:

July: Adam Lott

Aug.: Chris Meeks

Blessing Box

Counting:

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