

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Potluck Today

Join us after services for a potluck in the fellowship hall. Visitors are welcome! No worries if you didn't bring food; there should be plenty.

CarePack for Kids

CarePack for Kids is a program from Love & Care Ministries that provides food for children in the form of weekend CarePacks. If you would like to volunteer to help pack meals for kids in need, Westgate has reserved 25 spots there on **Tuesday, October 4th, from 6-7 p.m**. You can sign up on the clipboard in the hallway.



Pampered Chef Party

With the kitchen remodel and cleanup, we have created a Pampered Chef party for the church. Two ways you can help:

- 1) Order something for yourself from our party.
- 2) Order something from the church wish list to stock our kitchen.

Everything you order adds points to our party so we can get free stuff for the church! This is an online party hosted by Manny Carneiro, so reach out and get added to the party. Some invites may have already reached your Facebook request pages.

Love Grub Helpers Needed



Having Love Grub twice a month is fantastic! It also takes a lot of work. If you can help with Love Grub, please sign up on the clipboard in the hall. The sign-up sheet is divided by dates and various helper jobs for September and October. Thanks for volunteering!

Sermon Title: Why do you not believe me?

Scripture: John 8: 42-47

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Prayer Concerns

~Frequent visitor **Jenni Langston** has asked for prayers for her daughter Kali. Kali had to be taken to the ER Wednesday because she couldn't move her left side. She didn't respond to the medication they gave her, so she was transferred to Cook Children's Hospital. Please pray for answers and solutions for Kali.

~**Caroline Wright's** grandmother passed away Wednesday. Our sincere condolences to the Wright and Gafford families in this time of sorrow.

~The bone marrow biopsy for **Melody Loveland** went okay. The results should be in by Tuesday. Please pray for good results.

~**Hannah Loveland** has an MRI and EEG coming up on the 15th. Extra prayers for the Loveland family this week.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson** and the arm and nerve problems he is experiencing.

~It has been about 4 months since **Aubrey Hilligoss** and **Ken Van Cleave** had their strokes. Prayers of thanks that they are doing so good and prayers for healing of any long-term side effects.

~Thankful prayers that **Nell Hopper's** sister, Annie, is out of the hospital and doing much better.

~Remember to keep praying for **Erin Cogburn's** mom, Brenda Bricker. She is recovering from a successful heart ablation.

~Nancy Stewart (**Kathryn Boerio's mom**) is undergoing treatments for pancreatic cancer. They welcome our 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
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill

Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX
- ~Megeste Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Part-Time Position at the Christian Service Center

Dear Westgate Church family:

The Christian Service Center needs a part-time Donations Manager, 20 hours a week in the afternoons. We're prayerfully seeking a person who loves Jesus and people, has organizational skills and warehouse experience and can at times do some heavy lifting.

Please contact Joe Arguijo at jarguijo@cscabilene.org.

Thank you!

In Christ,
Jim Clark

Thanks to all our Blessing Box volunteers, big and small!



Trunk or Treat

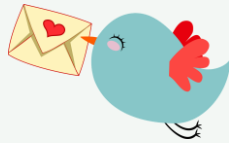
You have probably noticed fall decorations and Halloween candy popping up on store shelves around town, and it's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about Trunk or Treat! This fellowship activity and neighborhood outreach will be held on **Sunday, October 30th**. As you are buying candy for your family, if you could buy an extra bag and put it in the bin in the short hall for Trunk or Treat, it would be greatly appreciated.



Happy Birthday:

Sept. 15th: Maeleigh Carneiro

Sept. 16th: Barrett Lott,
Holly Howell



Happy Anniversary:

Sept. 14th:
Scott & Sheryl Tarkenton



Our Calendar:

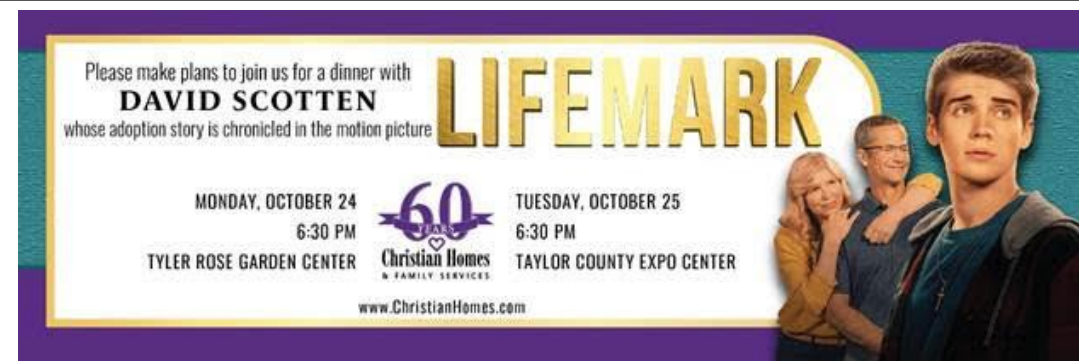
- Sept. 11th: Back to School Potluck
- Sept. 21st: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 4th: CarePack for Kids
- Oct. 5th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 10th: Columbus Day
- Oct. 19th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 23rd: Breakfast and WATS Day
- Oct. 30th: Trunk or Treat, Missions Contribution, Baby Blessing
- Nov. 2nd: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 6th: Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 11th: Veterans Day
- Nov. 16th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 23rd: No class, Thanksgiving Meal prep
- Nov. 24th: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 30th: Brown Bag Fellowship

A Good Question — by Brady Horner

The summer adult class just finished our study of Galatians. Sometimes Galatians seems like an angry letter that Paul wrote and should not have sent...but he did anyway! It's a great letter that shows us we are free in Christ, no longer need to adhere to OT customs, are saved by faith in Christ, and are bound by the law of love. Someone asked a great question after class that I never got to answer, so I'll address it here. If the New Testament is so adamant that men need not be circumcised, why do so many people still do it today?

I did some vast research on this topic (ok, I googled some stuff) and found out that most of the Christian world does not practice circumcision. It is a much more common practice for Muslims and Jews. Still 80% of American males are circumcised! In the U.S. it is done for hygiene and disease prevention purposes; however, there are conflicting claims on how much it helps. Perhaps the original reason God instituted it was for its health benefits. Another guess at its reason for prevalence in America is that during the post WW2 economic boom, companies were offering great health benefits that covered circumcision. Those depression era parents couldn't say no to a free circumcision! Then most babies were circumcised, made it the norm, and the tradition continued.

There does still seem to be some confusion about its purpose. It still seems to have religious undertones to it. Perhaps some people still feel that it is what religious or Christian people do. This is because, well let's face it, people don't know the Bible that well. A lot of knowledge our culture has about the Bible is secondhand, passed down, and gleaned from different people and media. Most people aren't actually reading the Bible, they are just believing what people tell them about it. Of course, in their defense, most of these people thinking they must circumcise their babies probably had a minister that had more sense than to teach multiple weeks on the circumcision issue in Galatians!

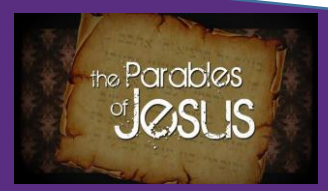


Please join Christian Homes for dinner on **Tuesday evening, October 25th**, at the Taylor County Expo Center. David Scotten, whose adoption story is chronicled in the movie *Lifemark*, will be the guest speaker, along with a special video message from Kirk Cameron. For speaker and ticket information, call 325-690-4557 or visit www.christianhomes.com/2022-fall-dinner.

New Adult Classes Today



Auditorium class with Brady



Fellowship Hall class with different teachers each week

Children's Ministry News

- In Matthew 21:12-17, Jesus walks into the Temple and sees people selling doves. This is causing a distraction from God in His special place, and Jesus gets mad. He turns over the tables of those selling and speaks out against what they're doing. He stands up for God. Classes this morning discussed ways that children can stand up for God.
- Remember to pray this week for Westgate educators and Bonham staff. James 1:5: "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."



- Have you signed up to volunteer on a Wednesday night? Check the sheet in the hall for open dates. Our birth to three-year-old sweeties thank you.
- Please continue to pray for the child you chose on the paper apple. We are still adding to the hallway bulletin board, but spend a few minutes looking at the shapes with info completed by children to pray for their teachers and their schools. Please pray for a "hedge of protection" (Job 1:10) so all will feel God's blessings this school year.

Wednesday PM children created a special place for their chosen animal as we discussed Jesus preparing a special place for us. Jesus invites everyone to this amazing world He is planning with us in mind.



We celebrated these 6th graders as they promoted to the youth group. We are thankful for their leadership and wish them the very best.

Youth Ministry News

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

Come check out the new and improved Youth House!

Please stay for a potluck lunch following worship **today!**

We are excited to join other Abilene area youth groups for a devotional at Hillcrest Church of Christ on **Sunday, September 25th**!

Please pray for our students as they begin a new school year!

Hannah, Maeleigh, and Kailyn showing off their smiles at Rosa's!



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
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Offering:
September 4th:
Contribution: \$1,219.00
eGive: \$3,278.00
Total: \$4,497.00
Budget: \$6,341.00
Be A Blessing: \$39.61

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com
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

Building Lock-up:
Sept.: Matt Waldrip
Oct.: Don Bell

Blessing Box Counting:
Wyatt Cogburn,
Liam Meeks