

**Prayer Concerns**

~**Chad Longley** has been having some health issues. He was hospitalized last weekend and released Wednesday. He has been diagnosed with achalasia and will have surgery in DFW as soon as it can be scheduled. Please add Chad to your prayer list.

~**Shelby Rose** is out of the hospital, but has had to stay home and do breathing treatments every 4 hours. She had a doctor's appointment Friday with hopes of being released to go back to school. Please pray for Shelby's recovery.

~**Chester Lynd** was taken to the hospital with a pinched nerve in his arm Thursday, but he is back home. Continue to pray for Chester and Arieal.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson** as he deals with arm and nerve problems.

~**Melody Loveland** will have to do chemo for follicular cell lymphoma. The good news is that this is a slow-growing cancer and is Stage I. Please remember Melody in your prayers.

~**Paxton Horner** has avascular necrosis (deterioration of bone tissue) in the navicular bone in his foot. It has to be non-weight bearing a few more weeks. Pray for Paxton's spirit during this frustrating time.

~**Jackie Lee's** grandson, Logan Cornutt, was scheduled for brain surgery Friday, but his doctors decided to postpone it. Many prayers for Logan and Dawn and family.

~**Kenneth Longley, Chad Longley's** father, is making slow, inconsistent progress. Please pray for Chad's mom and the Longley family as they care for him.

~**Mickey Walker's** son-in-law's mother, Judy Eisenberg, has been placed in hospice care in San Antonio. Please pray for Judy and family.

**Those unable to join us:**

- ~Laverne Horn
- ~Ethel Gumm

**Ongoing prayer concerns:**

- ~Peggy Allen
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Bill Jackson
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Dwight Painter
- ~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

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



**Fishing Derby Today**

Families with children ages birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come out to the MacDonald's house **today from 1-3 p.m.** for lunch and fishing. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, bug spray, and fishing equipment if you have some. Feel free to pick up some worms if you have time. Text Kelly if you need directions.

**Thanksgiving Meals and Baskets**

It's that time of year to bless others with a Thanksgiving meal or basket. If you can help with preparing and/or delivering Thanksgiving meals, sign up on the clipboard in the hallway. Some slots were filled during Ladies Committee sign-ups at the first of the year, so you may want to check and see if you already signed up! If you know of anyone in the congregation who could use a meal or basket, please let Brady or one of the elders or deacons know.

**Baby Blessing**



Annie Wright was officially welcomed to Westgate a couple of weeks ago. Remember to keep praying for Josh and Caroline as they navigate the challenges and joys of parenthood.

**Thank You Note**

Dear Westgate family:  
Thank you so much for including the Christian Service Center in your "We are the Sermon" day. It was a joy to be with all of you at the breakfast and at your communion service. What a vibrant group of followers of Jesus!

We appreciated so much all the workers did for us, spending more than two hours at the Service Center – painting inside and outside, deep cleaning, sanitizing, and repairing.

All of them helped us do jobs that we usually don't have time for during the week when we're ministering Christ's love to our neighbors. And they did this service with such joy, the joy of the Lord! What wonderful servants of Christ!

We thank the Lord for your partnership in this mission of mercy.

With gratitude in Christ,

Jim Clark  
Executive Director

**Sermon Title:** Thieves of Gratitude

**Scripture:** Matthew 20: 1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

"About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

"'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

"The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



### Happy Birthday:

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: Adam Lott



### Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>: Jim & Cara Hill



### Our Calendar:

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: Fishing Derby  
1-3 p.m.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: Love Grub  
5:45 p.m.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>: Youth  
Retreat – Solid Rock Camp

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: No services

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day,  
Thanksgiving Meal and Basket  
delivery

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>: Brown Bag  
Fellowship 5:45 p.m.

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Church Christmas  
Program & Party 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.,  
Ladies Christmas Cookie Devo  
6:45 p.m.

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group  
Christmas Party

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Christmas  
Candlelight Service

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: No services

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day  
(no Bible classes, worship @  
10:00 a.m.)

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>: No services

### The Gratitude Gender Gap 2 – by Brady Horner

Last week's article mentioned a few studies that show men are less grateful than women, or at least express gratitude less. It explored how some of this comes from men wanting to be self-sufficient and independent, not wanting help or handouts (things to be grateful for) from anyone. At the root of this is pride, but there is more to this gratitude gender gap than male pride, or dare I say insecurity.

I suspect this gratitude gap partially comes from a bygone era when the man was the hunter or the breadwinner, and the women stayed home. Theoretically the man worked all day to provide for the wife and family. Thus, it was the woman's place to show gratitude for the hard work of the man. Women were socialized to be recipients of hard work and good things and taught they should be grateful, while men were taught they are the ones to be giving and providing. To do otherwise: to take handouts, to receive, to need to show thanks, could be emasculating.

Another study found that men feel more indebted after receiving a gift or something of need. So, after receiving something of which to be grateful for, women feel more gratitude, men feel more obligation. Men feel a stronger need to reciprocate, to them the service received is more transactional (you scratch my back I scratch yours). Women are better at simply receiving a good gift. This is something men (and women as well, I don't want to overly stereotype) can learn from. We all need to be better at receiving help and gifts, at letting people bless us, at allowing people to give us more things to be grateful for. So, let people buy you that meal, let them help you with that big house project, delegate out those tough tasks, and let people listen to your life struggles and provide support and counsel. Our prideful, "independent", and sometimes falsely pious culture has a very hard time allowing ourselves to be served. A great way to show gratitude for life, and the great people in it, is to let them serve when they want to, to take the "handout". Show gratitude by letting people bless you.



### Love Grub This Wednesday

On the menu for the Love Grub on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> is the always popular Pasta Bar! Gluten-free and dairy-free versions will be available. Pecan bars and chocolate chip bars will be the dessert. They are being made, so we don't need dessert helpers this time. Join us at 5:45 p.m. for the delicious meal and lively fellowship, and then stay for Bible classes at 6:45 p.m. Please contribute some money to cover the cost of your meal on Wednesday.

### CSC Needs

The Christian Service Center currently needs donations of the following:  
men's winter coats (the greatest need)  
men's jeans – 30–34 waist  
men's white socks and t-shirts  
men's sweatpants and pajamas  
women's underwear – small & medium

You can drop these off  
in the back of the CSC building.  
Monday – Friday, 9 – 4



### Children's Ministry News

In Acts 12:6-17, Peter is in prison when God surprises him by sending an angel to lead him out of jail. Peter is so surprised at first, he thinks he's dreaming! Peter goes to a house where people are praying for him, and they get a surprising answer to their prayers! We serve a God who surprises us, so children should learn to watch for His surprises.

Summary Verse, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name goes all the glory for Your unfailing love and faithfulness." (Psalm 115:1)

Plan to join us for *A Night to Remember* on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Practice for children will be on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30. We are working on songs every Wednesday night. There will be no practice Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to pray for Westgate educators, our children, their teachers, and their schools.



We used dominoes to discuss the Holy Spirit's power and the ways we can influence others.



Children could not see the breath that moved the ball to the cup, as we cannot see the Holy Spirit.

### Youth Ministry News

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

Fall Retreat! We are going to Solid Rock Camp in Eastland, TX **next weekend!** Please meet at Westgate at **5:30 on Friday evening.** We will return on **Sunday around 11:30 a.m.** The retreat theme is "Rhythm."

We will not have class on **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Please pray for our students this school year!



Thank you to the Horners for having us over for a devo last Sunday!

**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:**  
November 6<sup>th</sup>:  
Contribution: \$4,936.37  
eGive: \$3,120.00  
Total: \$8,056.37  
Budget: \$6,341.00  
Be A Blessing: \$15.40

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

**Nursery Duty:**  
Cathrine Clements  
**Building Lock-up:**  
Nov.: Manny Carneiro  
Dec.: CJ Chaney  
**Blessing Box**  
**Counting:**  
Wyatt Cogburn,  
Liam Meeks