

Prayer Concerns

~**Chad Longley** had a procedure Thursday to determine the best way to treat his achalasia. Continue to pray for a good resolution for him.

~**Shelby Rose** has been released to go to school, but has to do 3 breathing treatments per day for the duration of the winter. Please add Shelby to your prayer list.

~Continued prayers for **Chester Lynd** as he recovers from his fall and other ailments.

~Keep **Eric Robinson** in your prayers. He is having trouble with the nerves in his arm.

~**Paxton Horner** will go back to the doctor in a couple more weeks and have some tests to see how his foot is progressing. Please pray for good results.

~Continue to lift up **Melody Loveland** in prayer as she awaits chemo treatments for lymphoma.

~**Mickey Walker's** son-in-law's mother, Judy Eisenberg, passed away last week. Our sympathy to the family.

~Doctors decided against surgery for **Jackie Lee's** grandson, Logan Cornutt. He will have to do radiation and chemo and a take a strong steroid. Many prayers for Logan and family.

~Several of our number are missing a loved one for the holidays for the first time this year. Please pray for comfort and strength for them to get through this season.

~Prayers of safety for all those traveling during Thanksgiving!

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



Thanksgiving Meal Help

Thanks to all who signed up to help with Thanksgiving meals. **(It's not too late to sign up—we need more helpers!)** On **Wednesday**, ingredients for the meals will be available to be picked up at the Carneiro's house. Reach out to Barbara with any questions. Each part needs to be cooked and taken back to the Carneiro's house by **Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.** Then they will be assembled and delivered from approximately **10:30-11:00 a.m.** The exception to this is pies, which can be made ahead of time if desired. See Manny for details.

Holiday Schedule

With the holiday season upon us, please remember church office hours and worship services will vary somewhat. The "Our Calendar" section of the bulletin shows different worship schedules around Thanksgiving and Christmas. The church office follows the Abilene ISD calendar, so during the week of Thanksgiving and the two weeks during Christmas break, we will have limited office hours. If you have a non-emergency prayer request or announcement, please email it to westgatecofc@gmail.com. You can call a deacon or elder for emergency prayer requests or announcements to be sent out right away. **We will not have services this Wednesday night, November 23rd.**



Gratitude Movie List

We have put together a list of movies that inspire gratitude and generate conversation. This will make great Thanksgiving break movie nights! Make sure you do your own research on these on imdb.com or commonsensemedia.org as some are more "family-friendly" than others.

- Planes, Trains and Automobiles
- Life is Beautiful
- Up
- Coco
- Groundhog Day
- Lion
- Inside Out
- Titanic
- The Wizard of Oz
- Mr. Holland's Opus
- Cast Away

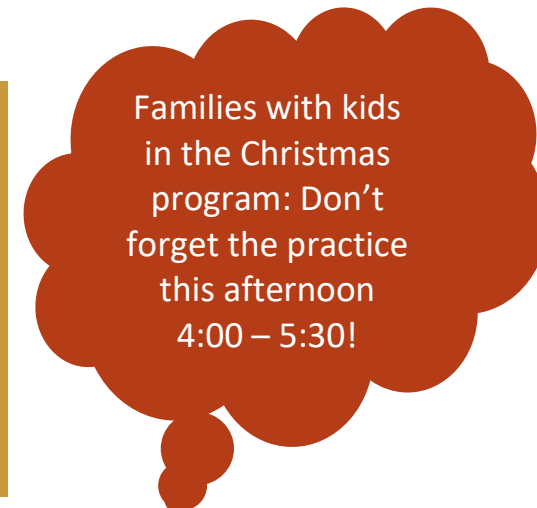
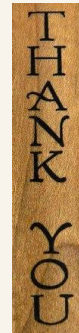
Bonham Help

Our neighborhood school, Bonham Elementary, has a need for gently used clothes, especially girls' pants – size small, and boys' and girls' long-sleeved shirts – all sizes. If you have some to donate, just bring them to church and put them in the bin in the short hall.



Thank You Note

Just a note to say:
Thank You All!
The lasagna Brady delivered to our house was delicious.
Ron and I say thanks.
Love & prayers,
Ron & Geraldine



Overflowing with Gratitude Playlist

The *Overflowing with Gratitude* playlist is made up of songs that inspire gratitude. We encourage you to listen to it this Thanksgiving week as you travel and spend time with loved ones.

Sermon Title: Expressing Gratitude

Scripture: Luke 17: 11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."



Happy Birthday:

Nov. 21st: Kelly MacDonald

Nov. 25th: Shelby Rose



Our Calendar:

Nov. 18th – 20th: Youth Retreat – Solid Rock Camp

Nov. 20th: Christmas program practice 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 23rd: No services

Nov. 24th: Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Meal and Basket delivery

Nov. 30th: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m., Christmas program practice 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dec. 3rd: Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 4th: Christmas program practice 4 – 6 p.m., Westgate Christmas Program & Party 6:00 p.m.

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

Dec. 11th: Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec. 18th: Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 21st: No services

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

Dec. 28th: No services

Jan. 1st: New Year's Day (no Bible classes, worship @ 10:00 a.m.)

The Gratitude Gender Gap 3 – by Brady Horner

This article series has been exploring how and why men feel and express gratitude less than women, and how we can all learn to better practice gratitude. Last week's article described how men feel more obligation and indebtedness when receiving something of need, while women are better at simply appreciating the gift. This makes me wonder if men generally view all acts of service and help as transactional. Are women better at meeting needs while expecting nothing in return, while men have strings and expectations attached for their helping and serving?

Perhaps we shouldn't stereotype too much here and take this on a personal case-by-case basis. When you do good things for people, is it self-serving in some way? Is it to make yourself feel good? Is it to have someone owe you a favor? Is it to establish some sort of status or pecking order in which you are the superior person who does the giving? The latter makes it transactional; you may not be receiving a service, but you are getting an ego boost. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to take ourselves out of our giving and acts of service. There can always be ulterior motives, especially when we have a transactional "I did this for you, now you owe me" or "I am above you" way of thinking.

Great acts of benevolence and service are best when the transactional component is removed. Not when they are done to receive some act of reciprocity, but simply out of love. They are best when they come from a place of gratitude for our life, for our blessings, or for our friends. They are best when they come from a mindset that says, "God has blessed me, and I want others to share in this blessing." Grace is such a powerful and beautiful thing that it is difficult to comprehend or describe. But a way to describe grace is giving love, service, or good things; first when they are undeserved and second, regardless of whether the act is reciprocated. It is a loving act of service that is undeserved and has no expectations attached, just pure love. God has given us grace upon grace. May we remove our transactional self-serving mindset, and extend grace to others.

Breakfast with Santa

Ho ho ho! Breakfast with Santa is coming up **Saturday, Dec. 3rd**, from **8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Pictures with Santa will be available, along with breakfast and activities. Feel free to invite your friends and relatives. **A sign-up sheet to help with this event is posted in the hallway.** Please see Melissa Bell or Barbara Carneiro for details.



Potluck Chili Supper/Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 4th**, at **6:00 p.m.** for the annual Westgate Christmas Party, which includes a potluck chili supper and the children's Christmas program. Let's all come out and support our sweet kiddos as they present to us *A Night to Remember.*

Children's Ministry News

- We read in Acts 14 that Paul and Barnabas travel around, preaching and healing people. When they heal a crippled man in Lystra, the people think Paul and Barnabas are gods! Paul and Barnabas quickly point people to the only true God, sharing how He's already been at work in their lives. Emphasis this morning will also include thankfulness.
- 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)



A special thank you to the MacDonalds for their hospitality and the yummy pork sandwich lunch last week. Children improved casting skills, there was lots of bobbing, and smiles abounded. Appreciation to all who participated, especially the willing fish.

- Remember to pray for Westgate educators, our children, their teachers, and their schools. Don't forget to pray for our Bonham neighbors as well.
- Christmas program practice **today** from **4:00 – 5:30**. There will be **no practice** next week, **Nov. 27th**. We will practice again on **Wednesday, Nov. 30th**, after the Brown Bag dinner **6:30 – 7:30**.

Youth Ministry News

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

Please be in prayer for the youth group today as we head back from our Fall Retreat!

We will not have class on **Wednesday, November 23rd**.

Mark your calendars for a Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 11th**!

Please pray for our students this school year!



Youth Group girls playing a game together at our last devo!

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 13th:
Contribution: \$2,225.72
eGive: \$3,320.00
Total: \$5,545.72
Budget: **\$6,341.00**
Be A Blessing: \$22.12

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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: Hayley & Madeline Webb
Building Lock-up:
Nov.: Manny Carneiro
Dec.: CJ Chaney
B. Box Counting: Luke Morrow, Beckett Williams