

Prayer Concerns

~**Ann Perez** was hospitalized recently with the flu. She is now recovering at home. Many prayers for Ann.

~Please pray for **Chad Longley**. He is recuperating at home after several surgeries and procedures on his esophagus.

~**Paxton Horner** was released to walk in 2 shoes. The doctor said his X-ray was amazing! Prayers of thanks for this great news.

~Remember **Jackie Lee's** grandson Logan Cornutt in your prayers. He is having to travel back and forth to MD Anderson in Houston for treatments for brain cancer.

~Continued prayers for **Chester Lynd**. He is recovering from a bad fall, along with other health concerns.

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

~Please pray for safety for those still traveling this holiday season.

Happy Birthday:

Jan. 4th: Larry Loveland

Jan. 7th: Noe Espinoza

Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 6th: Jim & Joyce Waddell

Jan. 7th: Chris & Autumn Meeks

Our Calendar:

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

Jan. 4th: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**

Jan. 14th – 16th: Youth Group Mystery Trip

Jan. 18th: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**

Jan. 27th – 29th: Marriage Retreat

Feb. 1st: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**

Feb. 12th: Senior Valentine Lunch



Children's Ministry News

Happy 2023 to all! Bible classes for children will resume on **Wednesday at 6:45**. Teachers will return to classrooms **next Sunday morning** studying the armor of God.

As children and teachers return to school, please pray that they will be a blessing to those around them. Pray that God will strengthen and encourage them to be salt and light.

Please choose a Wednesday night to help with birth to three-year-olds. 4th and 5th grade girls are available to assist. Check the clipboard in the hallway and sign up.



2022 was a memorable year, with children growing in their love for God and for each other. Thankful for 2023, another year of opportunities to grow and to love.



Youth Ministry News

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

Thank you to all the youth students and parents for making 2022 a wonderful year. We have been so blessed to see students' lives transformed by Christ and great relationships taking shape!

We are having a Mystery Trip **January 14th – 16th**! Please let me know if you are going by **Wednesday, January 4th**. The cost for this event is \$35.

Our next youth class will be **Wednesday, January 4th**. Have a great New Year's!

Emory, Layla, and Addison enjoying the appetizers at the Christmas Party!

Offering

December 25th:

Contribution: \$8,182.43

eGive: \$3,853.00

Total: \$12,035.43

Budget: **\$6,341.00**

Be A Blessing: \$18.21

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903)

Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983)

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

Elders: Randy Bibb, **Jim MacDonald**, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom

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

Nursery Duty:

self-serve

(New Year's Day)

Building Lockup:

Jan.: Eric Gumm

Feb.: Adam Lott

Westgate Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Renewal of Commitment

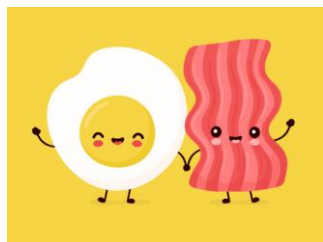
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10: 23-33

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience? If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.



Love Grub This Wednesday

Winner winner breakfast for dinner! What better way to start off a new year at Westgate than with a Love Grub? Please make plans to join us this **Wednesday night, January 4th, at 5:45 p.m.**, for breakfast for dinner. Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fruit, and other miscellaneous things are on the menu. It's going to be epic, don't miss out! Please donate some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if you're able.

Marriage Retreat

Registration envelopes are available for the Marriage Retreat, coming **January 27th – 29th**, in Granbury. The cost of \$200 covers a 2-night hotel stay, 2 meals, entertainment, and content from our resident Marriage and Family Therapist Jonathan Cogburn. Just fill out the information on the envelope, enclose your payment, and place in the lockbox on Brady's door. The last day to turn in money is **next Sunday, January 8th**.



January Sunday AM Bible Classes

Fellowship Hall: "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" led by Jonathan Cogburn. As followers of Jesus, how do we avoid a "spirit of timidity or fear", while also laying down our pride in the way of Jesus? Come and help us learn about how to practice healthy self-compassion rooted in who God is and who we are.

Auditorium Class: "Christian Insults" led by Brady Horner. Christians have hurled insults at each other and our "opponents" since the beginning. We will unpack where the insults came from, what they mean, and if we are actually being *hypocrites* when we use them.

*Sunday Bible classes will start back on **January 8th**.*

