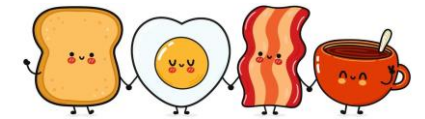


Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Love Grub This Wednesday Night

Don't miss the **January 17** Love Grub, with the return of an all-time favorite, Breakfast for Dinner! Join the crowd at **5:45 p.m. this Wednesday** for bacon, eggs, and all your other morning meal favorites. Please pitch in some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if possible. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available.



Re|engage Information

Date: starts **Sunday, February 4** (14 sessions)
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Audience: married couples
Cost: \$30 per couple
Childcare: provided for free
Deadline: **Sunday, January 21** (earlier the better)
Sign-ups: sign up on clipboard, put \$ in envelope

Contribution Letters



Oh boy, tax time! The office will be happy to provide anyone with a 2023 contribution letter upon request. The best way to request a letter is through email at westgatecofc@gmail.com.

Senior Valentine Luncheon

It won't be long until the Youth Group hosts the more experienced Westgate members for the Senior Valentine Luncheon. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 11**, after services, for this fun fellowship event.



Sermon Title: Mo Money Mo Problems

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5: 10-15

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep. I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit. Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

Prayer Concerns

~Unfortunately, due to continued inflammation, the eye surgery for **Deana Frazier** has been rescheduled for Friday, January 19. Please keep Deana and her family in your prayers.

~**Chester Lynd** has to stay at BrightPointe for 30 more days or so. He appreciates visits and prayers.

~It was wonderful to see both **Brenda Brown** and **Aubrey Hilligoss** at church last week. Please pray for continued improvement for both of these ladies.

~Keep praying for **Bob Hoyle**, who is losing strength in his legs.

~Please be in prayer for the family of Brian Lancaster, and especially for his wife Patrice. Brian passed away in Amarillo after a brief illness. **Steve Henderson's** family friend Sheila is Patrice's sister.

~Please begin to pray for all those going on the Westgate Marriage Retreat in a couple of weeks.

~Please continue to pray for healing and cure for **Randy Bibb's** brother, Steve Bibb. Your prayers have been very much appreciated.

~Remember **Chester Lynd's** son Curtis in prayer. He is battling cancer.

~Keep praying for **Taylor Roberts's** mom Tracy. She had a bad fall before Christmas that fractured an L1 vertebra.

~Continued prayers for **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt, Julie Blasingame. She is fighting pancreatic cancer.

~Lift **Skyla Krause's** friend Matt Rogers up in prayer. He has T-cell lymphoblastic leukemia. He is 34 and has a wife and 2 small children.

Those unable to join us:

- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Patsy Williamson
- ~Chester Lynd
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill
- ~Dwight Painter

Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Peggy Allen
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Johnny Newman
- ~Jim Prather
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Matt Rogers
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

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

Marriage Retreat Registration Due Wednesday

Envelopes are available in the short hall to register for the Marriage Retreat coming **January 26 – 28** in Brownwood. The cost of \$225 covers a two-night hotel stay, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, entertainment, and some great content from guest speaker Lantz Howard. Register by **this Wednesday, Jan. 17**, to reserve your spot.



Youth Group on Mystery Trip

If you notice lots of smiling faces missing, that's because the youth group is on the annual Mystery Trip until tomorrow. Please pray for rest, renewal, safe travels, and closer relationships to each other and to God.

New Address

Please contact the church office if you would like **Ashley Simon's** new address.



New Address

Please contact the church office if you would like **Percaya Langston's** new address.



Have a great week!



Happy Birthday:

Jan. 14: Steve Smith
Jan. 18: Leah Schumpert

2024

Our Calendar:

Jan. 13 – 15: Youth Group Mystery Trip
Jan. 15: MLK Day
Jan. 17: Love Grub 5:45 p.m., deadline to register for Marriage Retreat
Jan. 21: deadline to register for re|engage
Jan. 26 – 28: Marriage Retreat
Jan. 31: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
Feb. 4: re|engage 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Feb. 11: Youth host Senior Valentine Luncheon, Youth Group Super Bowl Party
Feb. 18: re|engage 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19: Presidents Day
Feb. 21: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Feb. 24: Ladies Day
Feb. 25: re|engage 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 3: re|engage 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 6: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Mar. 10: Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar. 13: no services due to Spring Break
Mar. 17: re|engage 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

The Best Moment of 2023 – by Brady Horner

Most people agree that 2020 was a terrible year. The Covid shutdown, riots, political turmoil, and loss of life were horrible. I’ve always felt bad because on a personal level it was a good year. I enjoyed all the family time, got to relax a lot, finished my MDiv, and became the preacher here. I can’t decide if 2023 was clearly a good or bad year for most. I’ve heard a mixed bag from friends. I loved seeing some married couple friends of mine smile and tell me it was a good year for them. For me 2023 was tough, we lost several family members and suffered a lot of family turmoil in the wreckage.

Last night my daughter asked me what my best moment was in 2023. Even though in many ways it was a very dark year, I had lots of “best moments”. I told her, “You say yours first because I don’t want you to steal mine.” Then she told me...and it just so happened to be my best moment too. A few minutes later we asked Pax his, and he said the same. I love that. Even amid a lot of turmoil and pain, we had some special times and much to celebrate. I don’t have to look back and say it was all bad.

I can look back and realize I have a lot of close friends who love me well. I have a lot of people willing to do the hard parts of life with me. I have a great community, and a God who hasn’t left me. I encourage you to talk with your kids, friends, and loved ones about their best moments of 2023. You may find you still have much to celebrate. “And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” (Philippians 4: 8)



re|engage

Reconnect. Reignite. Resurrect.

Sign up today!

SUNDAY EVENINGS 5:30 - 7:00
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Children’s Ministry News

- In Matthew 6, Jesus tells His listeners not to store up treasure on earth or love money, which adds more worry to our lives. Instead, we don’t need to worry about anything! Just as God clothes the flowers and provides food for the birds, He’ll give us everything we need. We don’t need to worry, because God takes care of us.
- Summary Verse: “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today” (Matthew 6:34).
- The youth group will be covering classes for teachers on Marriage Retreat Weekend, Jan. 28. Thanks to our teens for their helpful and willing hearts.
- Many thanks to Briana for teaching 4th and 5th graders on Wednesday night. Appreciation to Kari & David for signing up to teach Jan. 17. If you have not done so, please find a date on the sheet in the hall and sign up. Choose a favorite wisdom verse to teach and contribute to the growth of wisdom in our children. “Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, in favor with God and man”, Luke 2:52. Many thanks!
- As schools are back in session, please pray for our Westgate educators, our children and their teachers.
- Following Brady’s theme, “resolve” to memorize scripture this year. Find a verse to memorize on the hallway bulletin board. Remind children to recite their verse and choose a letter or more and put God’s Word in your heart in 2024.



Children made play dough hearts while discussing God loves a cheerful giver.



Youth Ministry News

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

The Mystery Trip is this weekend. Please pray for a safe and formative trip!

The youth group will help out with children’s classes on **Sunday, January 28th**.

Sunday, February 11th, will be a busy day! Join us for both the Senior Valentine Luncheon in the afternoon and the Super Bowl party that evening!

Please pray for our students to have a great start to the semester!

Evan demonstrating some new and interesting Jenga strategy during class on Wednesday night.



Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class 9:00 a.m.,
Worship 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m.

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Nursery Duty:
Linda Jones

Offering:
January 7:
Contribution: \$1,276.45
eGive: \$3,788.00
Total: \$5,064.45
Budget: \$6,917.00
Be A Blessing: \$25.31

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Jan.: Jon Cogburn
Feb.: Eric Gumm

B. Box Counting:
Liam Meeks
Titus Powell