

Prayer Concerns

~The eye surgery for **Deana Frazier** was scheduled for Friday (1/19). Her inflammation was down at her doctor appointment earlier in the week, so it should be good to go. They are repairing a detached retina and fixing a macular hole. During the recovery, Deana will have to keep her head down 90% of the day. Please pray for Deana and Peggy and the rest of the family during this very difficult time.

~**Chester Lynd** is still at BrightPointe rehabbing his hip. He really appreciates your visits and prayers.

~Remember **Aubrey Hilligoss** in prayer. She is gaining strength after a long hospital stay followed by the flu.

~Continued prayers for **Bob Hoyle**, who is losing strength in his legs.

~Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Brian Lancaster, and especially to his wife Patrice. Brian passed away in Amarillo after a brief illness. **Steve Henderson's** family friend Sheila is Patrice's sister.

~Please keep praying for **Eric Robinson**.

~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 has Stage 2 colon cancer.

~Continue to lift up Jim Prather (**Shelley Doremus's** dad) in your prayers. He is battling congestive heart disease.

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

Westgate Church of Christ
Welcome Members and Guests



Next Sunday

With so many out of town for the Marriage Retreat, services on **Sunday the 28th** will be different, but first-rate. Cody Bob Williams will teach a combined adult Bible class in the auditorium and the youth group will help teach the children's ministry classes. Also, former minister Rodney Ashlock will be preaching that morning, with Chad Longley leading singing. Bible class and worship times will be normal, **9:00 and 10:00**. If you are going to be in town and are able to attend, come out and support these guys and encourage one another.

Tax Letters

If you would like a letter from the church office stating your 2023 contribution total amount, just email westgatecofc@gmail.com or call 325-692-2300. If you eGive, you can click on "History" and it will show your donations from 2023.



Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Njukan
and son Cade
*Please contact the church office
if you would like their address.*



Bobby & Debra Lemons
*Please contact the church office
if you would like their address.*



Re|engage

The response to re|engage has been very encouraging! This marriage enrichment class begins two weeks from today, **February 4**, and goes for 14 weeks. The class will not meet on Super Bowl Sunday (**February 11**) or the first Sunday of Spring Break (**March 10**). The meeting time will be **5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**, and childcare is provided. The \$30 fee covers the cost of the book; there are envelopes by the clipboards where you can put your money if you have it today.

Sermon Title: The Self Care of Jesus

Scripture: Luke 5: 15-16

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Westgate Marriage Retreat

Brownwood, January 26-28

EVERYONE
IS INVITED
TO THIS
AREA-WIDE
WORSHIP!

JOIN US!



PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
WESTGATE LADIES' DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
9 AM- 3 PM



Location Information Coming Soon!

Light Breakfast and Lunch Provided

A cord of three strands is not easily broken
Ecclesiastes 4:12





Happy Birthday:

Jan. 26: Anthony Tate ❤️



Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 27: Jeff & Hayley Webb



Our Calendar:

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 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 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 p.m.
Mar. 3: re|engage 5:30 – 7 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 p.m.
Mar. 24: re|engage 5:30 –7 p.m.
Mar. 29: Good Friday
Mar. 30: Easter Egg Hunt
Mar. 31: Easter Sunday, re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
Apr. 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Apr. 5 – 7: All-Church Retreat

A Bowl Game Problem – by Brady Horner

The hyper-individualism of our culture is becoming easy to see in the world of College Football. With the expansion of the College Football playoff people are becoming less interested in bowl games. Now, a trend that started about 10 years ago is about to ruin them! Many players who know they will be drafted are opting to skip the bowl game to “prepare for the draft” and not risk injury.

This is getting out of hand, over 10 stars of college football didn’t play in their bowls, including both the Heisman winner and the projected number 1 draft pick. To me this is a little bit too much of a “me first” attitude, which has no place on a team. What is worse, ESPN acts like they are heroes for self-advocating and praises them for it! Our culture is so obsessed with the individualistic “treat yoself” attitude that people are being praised for putting themselves over a team, letting down tons of fans, and renegeing on commitments.

I get that sometimes the world asks too much of you, and setting up healthy boundaries is important (this is all part of self-care that will be discussed in the message this Sunday). However, loyalty, commitment, and sacrifice for others are important as well. We are taking these individualistic ideals to the extreme and might just create a world of selfish jerks! Please set boundaries, please make space for self-care, please learn to say “no”, and not be a people pleaser. But, as Christians, and as decent humans, we are supposed to sacrifice for each other. This may sometimes mean doing things you would rather not, eating something you don’t like, working more than you want to, or being kinder to someone than they deserve. Sometimes you just must inconvenience yourself for others, and that is part of life. May we all find balance between making space for self-care and living a sacrificial life of love for others.



Erin and Lettie’s class are studying the miracles of Jesus. Ellie, Isaac, and Logan use their Bibles each week to learn more about God.

Children’s Ministry News

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that the way we judge others is the way we will be judged. He tells His listeners to focus on getting themselves right with God first, rather than pointing out the flaws in others while ignoring their own. While we can come alongside friends and help them, it’s not our job to judge others. Sunday AM classes stress that God’s the judge...not us.



Hayley’s group talked about ways God cares for us and found it was difficult to keep a balloon in the air while looking worried.



Cathrine and Connie’s group made nests for their birds as they discussed how God cares for birds and how God cares for us, Matthew 6.

- Summary Verse: “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today” (Matt. 6:34).
- Appreciation to Kari and David White for teaching our 4th and 5th graders on Wednesday night. There are open nights on the sign-up sheet, please find a date and choose a favorite wisdom verse to teach. Remember to pick up resources and a lesson plan template if needed. Thank you.
- The youth group will teach children’s Bible classes next week while teachers attend the Marriage Retreat. Please encourage our young volunteers and thank them for their willingness.

Youth Ministry News

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

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

Youth Group Parents—Please join us for a parent meeting following service on **Sunday, February 4th**.

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!

AJ, Lily, MacKenzie, and Kali trying out Pickleball on the Mystery Trip!

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	Nursery Duty: Becki & Kipley Sutton
Offering: January 14: Contribution: \$6,689.32 eGive: \$3,685.00 Total: \$10,374.32 Budget: \$7,169.00 Be A Blessing: \$21.00	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: Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip	Building Lock-up: Jan.: Jon Cogburn Feb.: Eric Gumm B. Box Counting: Beckett Williams Lane Winter