

Prayer Concerns

~Good news for **Autumn Meeks's** mom, Chris Fredrickson. Biopsy results show everything was benign!

~Please remember **Randy Bibb's** brother Steve in your prayers. He has acute myeloid leukemia.

~**Chester Lynd** is still at BrightPointe. He appreciates visitors. Please continue to pray for Chester and Arieal.

~Please pray for **Kelley O'Kelly**. She is having to do B12 shots and is having a blood transfusion.

~The **Lovelands'** friend Russell Bennett is having trouble walking and breathing and could use our prayers.

~Please remember **Bob Hoyle** in your prayers. He is losing strength in his legs.

~Please pray for all the couples doing re|engage, that marriages will be strengthened.

~Please pray that the upcoming Ladies' Day brings the ladies closer to each other and closer to God. Pray for the presenters, organizers, and participants.

~Remember **Chester Lynd's** son Curtis in prayer. He has Stage 2 colon cancer.

~Continued prayers for **Deana Frazier's** recovery from eye surgery.

~Remember to pray for Jerry and Donna Scott as they mourn the loss of Donna's mother, **Patsy Williamson**.

If you have a prayer request to put in the bulletin, please email it to westgatecofc@gmail.com, call 325-692-2300, or write it on the attendance card.

Those unable to join us:

~Ethel Gumm
~Chester Lynd
~Ron and Geraldine Hill
~Dwight Painter
~Bob Hoyle

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

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February 18, 2024

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Ladies' Day This Saturday

The Westgate Ladies' Day is almost here—**this Saturday, February 24**, we will meet in the fellowship hall from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The theme is "A Cord of Three Strands". Three longtime friends will be speaking to us about the challenges and joys of friendship. The organizers also have some fun activities planned. If you're able, please make plans to be here to uplift and encourage each other as we learn and have a great time together.



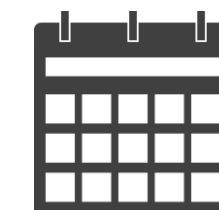
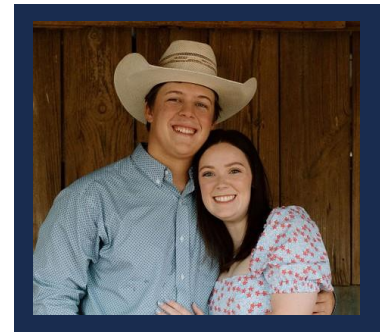
Love Grub This Week



Come on out **Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m.** for the second Love Grub in February! There will be a baked potato bar with lots of toppings and cookies for dessert. Please contribute a few dollars to cover the cost of your meal if you are able. After the meal, stay for Bible class **from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.**

Powell/Baker Bridal Shower in 2 Weeks

Caleb Powell and Sydney Baker are getting married in about 2½ months! A bridal shower honoring the happy couple will be held here at the building on **Sunday, March 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.** They are registered at theknot.com. All of the Westgate ladies are invited to come and celebrate Caleb and Sydney. Best wishes to these two as they start married life soon.



Date Set for Ladies' Supper

An exciting Ladies' Supper is on the horizon—we're going to switch things up with a catered meal on a Friday night! Join us at **6 p.m. on Friday, March 1**, for food, fun, and fellowship. Watch for more details in next week's bulletin.

Senior Valentine Luncheon



Sermon Title: Pecking Order

Scripture: Proverbs 23: 22-26

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it—wisdom, instruction and insight as well. The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful! My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways.



Happy Birthday:

- Feb. 18: Nicolas Davis
- Feb. 19: Hays Arche
- Feb. 21: Gaité Howell, Paige Howell
- Feb. 22: Brady Morton
- Feb. 23: Crystal Collier



Our Calendar:

- Feb. 18: re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19: Presidents Day (office closed)
- Feb. 21: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Feb. 24: Ladies' Day 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Feb. 25: re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m., Youth Devo 6 – 8 p.m.
- Mar. 1: Ladies' Supper 6 p.m.
- Mar. 3: Bridal Shower for Caleb Powell and Sydney Baker 2 – 4 p.m., re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Mar. 6: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Mar. 10: Daylight Saving Time begins, no re|engage due to Spring Break
- Mar. 13: no services due to Spring Break
- Mar. 17: re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Mar. 20: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Mar. 24: re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Mar. 29: Good Friday, Youth Group Lunch
- Mar. 30: Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar. 31: Easter, re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m., Youth Group Devo
- Apr. 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 5 – 7: All-Church Retreat
- Apr. 7: re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Apr. 14: re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.

It's Ok—by Brady Horner

It seems like after every Super Bowl the media must pick something out to get everyone worked up about. This year it's the sidelines spat between Coach Andy Reid and Taylor Swift's boyfriend (Swift is so big that will be more what he is known for). I just don't care! There are tons of sideline spats like that in football and the coach/player usually says a mix of the same things: "We were competitors in the heat of the moment", "I take responsibility for these actions", "It's ok, we are good." They say what they need to say to get the media off of them and avoid a rift on the team. They are not wrong. It is good to acknowledge conflict, but also know that it is normal, it will happen, and to handle it.

The current paradigm says when someone hurts or offends you, you should not say "it's ok". One, because it is healthy to set up boundaries of acceptable treatment, and you do not want to affirm behavior that crosses boundaries, lest you become a doormat. Two, because if something is really bothering you, it needs to be communicated! Don't just let pain causing behavior go, we need to self-advocate!

On the other side of this, when someone close hurts or offends you, it is good to let them know "what you did was not ok, but we are ok". Sometimes that is what we mean when we say, "it's ok", we mean "we are ok." You can let a person know they have hurt you, but in the same breath need to remind them, we are still in relationship. This hurt me, but it hasn't changed how I feel about you. This hurt me, but I will not leave you, I still accept you. I have found that any criticism or communication of pain is heard and received much better if people know they are still loved and accepted, regardless of the negative interaction. Christ died while we were still sinners. We are loved and accepted by him, regardless of our sin. Let's live in that acceptance as we wrestle with our faults. Let's be willing to reaffirm the same love and acceptance when our loved ones cause us pain.



New Address

Adam & Heather Lott

If you would like the Lott's new address, please contact the church office.

Donations Needed

Christian Service Center needs donations of sleeping bags and winter clothing. They anticipate another cold spell before spring arrives. CSC is open **Monday – Friday, 9 – 12 and 1 – 4.**



Please join us for a
Bridal Shower
in honor of
Sydney Baker

Bride Elect of Caleb Powell
Sunday, March 3 2pm - 4pm
Westgate Church of Christ

Registered on theknot.com



Vivi and classmates learned that Jesus is the one door that leads to heaven.



Children's Ministry News

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns about false prophets—people who seem trustworthy but aren't. Jesus says to determine who truly loves Him by the fruit you see in their lives. Someone with a bad heart can't produce good fruit, and someone with a good heart can't produce bad fruit. Our hearts and lives show that we're Jesus' friends.
- Summary Verse: "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12).
- Many thanks to Becki for teaching our 4th and 5th grade on Wed. PM. Appreciation to all who have taught wisdom to our kids. A few more volunteers are needed, check out the sign-up sheet in the hall.
- Children have two more weeks on the Epic lessons in the Bible. We will finish the Sermon on the Mount on Feb. 25. A new study of the Bible in a Year will begin on March 3. If you would enjoy teaching highlights from Genesis, please consider volunteering Sunday AM for the spring quarter.

Wed. PM kids took turns during a discussion of treating others the way you want to be treated.

Youth Ministry News

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

Please mark your calendars for the annual Brisket Burn and Youth Auction on **Sunday, April 28th**. We want to make sure all our students can participate in this event!

The deadline to register for summer camps is **Sunday, March 31st**. Please let Clay know which camps you are attending by that date!

We will have a youth devo on **Sunday, February 25th**. We will have some games and some worship at ACU by the Jacob's Dream statue from **6–8 p.m.** Transportation to and from Westgate will be provided.

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

Youth group girls making a human pyramid at the Super Bowl party!



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
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Offering:
February 11:
Contribution: \$2,670.00
eGive: \$4,264.00
Total: \$6,934.00
Budget: \$7,169.00
Be A Blessing: \$21.85

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

Nursery Duty:
Alyssa Chaney

Building Lock-up:
Feb.: Eric Gumm
March: Adam Lott

B. Box Counting:
Beckett Williams
Issacc Carneiro