Prayer Concerns

~Please remember to pray for **Chester and Arieal Lynd**. Chester is still at BrightPointe doing rehab and getting stronger every day. Visitors are welcome.

~Please pray for **Deana Frazier's** full recovery from retinal detachment eye surgery.

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

~Prayers of thanksgiving for **Autumn Meeks's** mom's test results. Doctors had been concerned about two spots, one in her mouth and one in her lungs, but test results showed that everything was benign.

~Please pray that the re|engage classes are helpful in strengthening Westgate marriages.

Barbara Carneiro's aunt and frequent visitor Julie Blasingame is fighting pancreatic cancer. Please lift her up in prayer.

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

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

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

~Russell Bennett (friend of Larry and Melody Loveland) is having trouble walking and breathing. Please remember to pray for him.

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 an 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

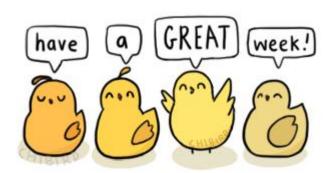
Missionaries:

~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX

~Megeste & Jose Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti







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Westgate Church of Christ Welcome Members and Guests





Powell/Baker Bridal Shower Next Sunday

Caleb Powell and Sydney Baker are planning to get married in May! A bridal shower honoring the happy couple will be held here at the building **next Sunday, March 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.** They are registered at theknot.com, Target, and Amazon. 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!

Hand Lettering Girls' Night Out This Friday

The traditional winter Ladies Supper has had a major upgrade! The ladies of Westgate will gather **this Friday, March 1, at 6 p.m.** for a Girls' Night Out at the building. We will have Hickory Street chicken salad with zucchini bread and other sandwich choices. **WOULD** you like to **learn** a wew CRAFT? Stations will be set up to practice hand lettering. Babysitting will be provided. This promises to be a fun time, hope everyone can make it!



All-Church Retreat

February has flown by, and with springtime comes the All-Church Retreat! The retreat is scheduled for April 5 – 7 this year at Lueders, and everyone is invited. Registration is coming soon for this fun-filled and relaxing fellowship event. If you haven't been to the retreat in a few years, this is the year for you! We will have the option to spend Friday AND Saturday night to get in more time with family and friends. Details coming soon!

Sermon Title: The Source of Wisdom

Scripture: Job 32: 6-9

So Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite said:

"I am young in years, and you are old; that is why I was fearful, not daring to tell you what I know.

I thought, 'Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.'

But it is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding.

It is not only the old who are wise, not only the aged who understand what is right."



Happy Birthday:

Feb. 26: Addison Galaway Feb. 27: Mollie Varnado, Bethany Powell Mar. 2: Lucy Waldrip



Our Calendar:

Feb. 25: re | engage 5:30 - 7 p.m., Youth Devo 6 - 8 p.m.

Mar. 1: Girls' Night Out 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 Wed. night 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.**

Apr. 17: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**

Apr. 21: re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Apr. 28: Brisket Burn/Youth Auction, re|engage 5:30 - 7

p.m.

May 1: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

May 5: re | engage 5:30 - 7 p.m.

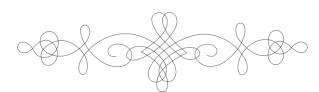
May 12: Mother's Day, re | engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**

More Than Me—by Brady Horner

There has been a repeat concept that God has been throwing at me lately. It's mentioned in the movie *Jesus Revolution*. I heard it again in the song "More Than Me" by Ian Munsick that a friend recently sent me. Then again last Sunday in the words of a youth group student. It's this idea that we should love God more than our spouse. That God comes first over everyone. Part of me says "Well ya duh, that's obvious." Jesus said he must come before family (Luke 14: 26) and we are supposed to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. However, another part of me says, that is actually really harsh, and do we really have to compare? Well, maybe that's why God has been putting this on my heart lately.

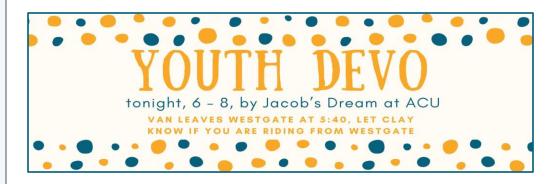
I'm ashamed to admit that I haven't always loved God as much as my family. Then another part of me says it's probably an easy thing to do. We love our wives and kids like mad, and they are right there in front of us. I suppose on the other hand, God should be easy to love; he is perfect, all love, grace, and forgiveness, no flaws, no poor communication. So, perhaps God is giving me a gut check on where my love priorities lie. Not only is He challenging me to weigh if I love Him well, but also how well I am loving those closest to me.

If we know God and can't madly love Him, then maybe we can't madly love anyone. Our relationship with God shows us what real love is, and how to love well. Perhaps by putting our love for God over others, we are actually blessing those closest to us. When we are in a good place with God, we are more likely to be a loving person. When we know and feel God's love, we are more likely to share it and express it. When we feel accepted by God, we are more likely to accept ourselves and others. When we worship, serve, and honor God well, we end up blessing those around us well. I'm not saying this is the catch-all answer, but if you are struggling with a relationship with a loved one, maybe a healing place to go to that you are missing is your love for God. Perhaps getting your love priorities right will help you to love everyone around you better.



Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes for March

Brady will continue teaching his class titled <u>A Brief and Inaccurate History of the Holy Land</u> in the fellowship hall. Cody Bob Williams will finish up his Romans class on **March 3**, and then CJ Chaney will be teaching in the auditorium for the remainder of the month. Make plans to join us at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays**!





Jesus taught that He knows who truly loves Him by the fruit they produce. Hayley's class discussed the importance of good fruit and how to grow it in their lives.

Children's Ministry News

- In Matthew 7:24-29, Jesus concludes His Sermon on the Mount. He said that people who hear His words and follow them are like wise builders who build on the strong foundation of a rock. But those who ignore His words are like foolish builders who build a house on sand, which doesn't hold up against storms. The focus of today's lesson is that following Jesus is the best way to live.
- 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 Briana for teaching our 4th and 5th grade on Wed. PM. Appreciation to all who have taught wisdom from Proverbs to our kids.
- Children will begin a new study of "Digging into the Bible in One Year" on March 3. Thank you to Debra Lemons for agreeing to teach this spring quarter. Our 2nd and 3rd graders will be blessed by her servant heart.

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 28**th. We want to make sure all our students can participate in this event!

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

We will have a youth devo **tonight**! We will have some games and some worship at ACU by the Jacob's Dream statue from **6 – 8 p.m.** If you need transportation from Westgate, the van will be leaving at **5:40**, and will return around **8:20**. Please let Clay know if you plan to ride from Westgate.

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

The youth group had such a great time at the Valentine Luncheon!

Thank you to everyone who participated.

<u>Services at Westgate:</u> 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:

Alison Colburn

B. Box Counting:

Wyatt Cogburn Luke McFarlen

Offering: February 18:

Contribution: \$1,795.20 eGive: \$3,200.00 Total: \$4,995.20

Budget: \$**7,169.00**Be A Blessing: \$20.76

<u>Elders:</u> Randy Bibb, **Jim MacDonald**, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom <u>Deacons:</u> Manny Carneiro, **Jon Cogburn**, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

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