

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

All-Church Retreat

What Drives You? This year's All-Church Retreat will explore what motivates us. We will be challenged to identify areas in our lives that are driven by fear, guilt, and status. Then we will be encouraged to see how love can be the ultimate motivator. This will be a great weekend of worship, fun, sharing, and growth.



2023 Retreat

Retreat Registration

The retreat will be held at the same place as last year: Big Country Baptist Assembly, a retreat center in Lueders, about 35 minutes north of Abilene. It will start **around 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, to after lunch on Sunday, April 7**. We discussed staying 2 nights, but decided to hold off on that for a different year. Registration envelopes are in the main hall. The cost is \$20 per person 5 and older, with no family paying more than \$80. We also ask for an additional \$10 per person playing paintball. The deadline to register is two Sundays from today, **March 24**. Please fill out an envelope even if you're not spending the night so we can get an accurate meal count. Hope everyone can come!



Spring Break Schedule Changes

- Today:** Spring Break Breakfast at **9:00 a.m.** (no Bible classes) no re|engage tonight
- Tuesday:** no Ladies Bible Class (LBC will return **March 19** with the lesson on p. 124 in the Amos book.)
- Wednesday:** no Bible classes or activities at the building Wed. night



Sermon Title: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Scripture: John 3: 14-21

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Prayer Concerns

~Our sympathy to the Tarkenton family. Jack Tarkenton (Scott's dad) passed away on Wednesday. The service is Thursday (3/14) at 11 a.m. at Northwest Church of Christ on 1141 N. Willis. Please pray for the Tarkenton family at this difficult time.

~Condolences to the family of Deloris Mankin Van Cleave Edwards. She passed away Friday, March 1, and was laid to rest Friday, March 8. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

~Curtis Lynd (**Chester Lynd's** son) had resection surgery on Tuesday for stage 2 colon cancer. The surgery was successful. Please pray for a quick recovery and healing for Curtis.

~**Chester Lynd** is still at BrightPointe doing rehab and appreciates calls, prayers, and visits.

~Please see the prayer request from **Megeste Pierre** below. He and Jose have moved to the Dominican Republic temporarily.

~Continued prayers for **Deana Frazier** and her recovery from eye surgery.

~Remember to pray for Steve Bibb (**Randy Bibb's** brother). He is fighting acute myeloid leukemia.

~**Kelley O'Kelly** is having some health struggles and appreciates our prayers.

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

~**Barbara Carneiro's** aunt and frequent visitor Julie Blasingame is battling pancreatic cancer and appreciates our prayers.

~Remember all those traveling during Spring Break in your prayers.



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 (in DR currently)

Prayer Request from Megeste

Zanmi mwen yo,

I'm sorry to inform you that I had to move temporary to the DR for safety purposes. Haiti is a war zone where the gangs are taking over most of the governmental buildings. They're the ones in power. They do as they please.

My wife and I were blessed to leave Sunday afternoon. After we left they shut down the airport until further notice. There's a lot of looting and roadblocks. Maybe you see it on the news, the gangs are even preventing the prime minister who was traveling to land in Haiti. Last week a Cuban airplane got shot at the airport. Haiti is going through something that words are not enough to express.

Please, I'm requesting your prayers for my family as well as my brothers back home and the students. Being in the DR is challenging. It's a struggle to find a place to rent because they have a policy that they don't rent to Haitians. However, I pray and hope that the Lord will work something out for us.

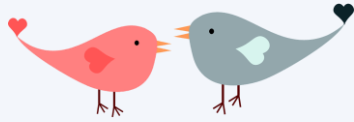
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Megeste Pierre



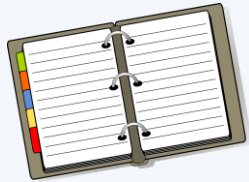
Happy Birthday:

Mar. 13: John Powell
Mar. 14: Charlotte Smith



Happy Anniversary:

Mar. 12: Eric & Crystal Robinson
Mar. 14: Vince & Sharon Van Cleave
Mar. 15: CJ & Michelle Chaney



Our Calendar:

Mar. 10: Daylight Saving Time begins, Spring Break Breakfast 9:00 a.m. (no Bible classes), no re|engage due to Spring Break
Mar. 12: no Ladies Bible Class 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. 6 – 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.



Breakfast Today

Happy Spring Break! We are going to start the week off right with a special breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Whether you're a visitor or a member, come enjoy some egg-citing fellowship. We will not have Bible classes today.

Easter Egg Time

The Easter Egg Hunt is in a little less than 3 weeks. We are asking everyone with children participating in the hunt to contribute a dozen plastic filled Easter eggs. Members who don't have children participating in the hunt but are still wanting to contribute are encouraged to do so. There is a labeled bin in the short hall where you can drop off those filled eggs. The Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, March 30**, at the Festival Gardens across from the zoo. More details on the hunt to come.



New Address

Noe & Janina Espinoza Lucas, Alycia, and Isaac
Please contact the office for their new address.



Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes

We will not have classes today due to the Spring Break Breakfast. On **March 17, 24, and 31**, CJ Chaney will be teaching in the auditorium on a selection of topics from Leviticus, while Brady's Holy Land class wraps up in the fellowship hall. Make plans to join us at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays!**

Ladies Committee Sign-Ups

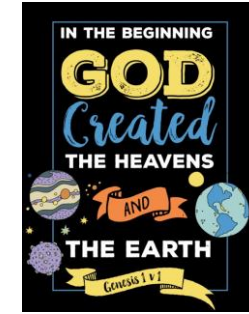
Sign-up sheets for the Ladies Committees are up in the hallway across from the kitchen. Please look over these and prayerfully consider signing up for some committees. There's something for everyone: Nursery, Breakfast with Santa, Encouragement, Ladies Retreat, and more. Thanks for making a difference by using your talents to benefit the church.



The Nursery Committee needs more volunteers— look how much fun you could be having!

Children's Ministry News

- Children enjoyed breakfast this morning during class time. Classes will resume next week with our study of Adam and Eve in Genesis.
- Summary Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).
- Appreciation to Becki and Hayley for guiding the 4th and 5th graders into deeper wisdom from Proverbs last Wed. PM. There will be no class this Wed. due to spring break.
- 4th and 5th graders will soon begin a new series called Grapple. This is a purchased curriculum that is highly recommended. These lessons embrace difficult questions children may face as they grow older and move to the youth group in the summer. Lessons include "What's the big deal about sin", "Choices, what really matters?", and more. If you are interested in leading a lesson, please ask for more information.



Many thanks to the helping hands teaching the parable of the wise and foolish man.

Youth Ministry News

We are having a Youth Group Lunch and hangout to kick off Spring Break tomorrow (**Monday, March 11**). We will meet at Westgate at **11:45** and go eat at Chick-Fil-A on the Southside. We will return to the youth house and hang out **until 2 p.m.** Come join us if you're still in town!

The Youth Auction and Brisket Burn fundraiser is **Sunday, April 28!** It is time to start thinking about what kind of crafted item or service you would like to provide for the youth auction. Ask Clay if you need help coming up with ideas.

The Youth Group will also help at the set-up/workday before the Auction on **Saturday, April 27.**

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

Beloved and Beyond – **July 9-13**

Camp Bandina – **July 21-27**

Have a great Spring Break!



Lucy and Zoey throwing axes at our high school hangout!

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:

March 3:
Contribution: \$3,126.25
eGive: \$2,984.00
Total: \$6,110.25
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$20.31

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:

Emory & Kami Winter

Building Lock-up:

March: Adam Lott
April: Chris Meeks

B. Box Counting:

Wyatt Cogburn
Lane Colburn