

Prayer Concerns

~Our sympathy to the family of **Skyla Krause's** grandmother, Rosemary O'Neal. She passed away last Friday, and a graveside service was held in Roswell Thursday. There will be a small memorial service at Westgate at **11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 30.**

~Please be in prayer for **Autumn Meeks's** dad, James Fredrickson. He is in the hospital in Missouri after collapsing on Monday. As of Friday, he was becoming more aware and they were hoping to work on extubation.

~**Deana Frazier** is still having some trouble with her eye. The doctor is doing laser surgery Tuesday morning to reattach one little piece. Please pray for a full recovery for Deana.

~Prayers are needed for **Taylor Roberts's** grandma Wanda Paulk. They learned Thursday she has cancer that has spread and they are moving her to palliative care.

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

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

~Please add **Nell Hopper's** brother-in-law Glenn Kemp to your prayer list. He is sick and not doing too well.

~Haiti is in the news daily right now. **Megeste and Jose Pierre** were able to move to the Dominican Republic temporarily. He has asked for prayers for the brothers and sisters continuing the work in Haiti in his absence.

~**Chester Lynd's** son Curtis has stage 2 colon cancer and is recovering from colon resection surgery at home.

~Please begin praying for the All-Church Retreat.

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
- ~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 Dominican Republic currently)

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Easter Egg Hunt This Saturday

The annual Westgate Easter Egg Hunt is **this Saturday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Abilene Festival Gardens across from the zoo. Bring a brown bag dinner or take-out food for your family. **All are welcome** and encouraged to come for the fellowship time and to watch the children hunt for eggs. We are collecting eggs filled with candy or prizes ahead of time. If you are able, please bring a dozen filled eggs and place in the bin in the short hall.

All-Church Retreat Registration Deadline

Today is the last day to register for the All-Church Retreat! Please fill out an envelope even if you're just coming for the day Saturday or Sunday so we can give them an accurate meal count. The overnight cost is \$20 per person 5+, with no family paying over \$80. If you are coming just for the day Saturday or Sunday, the cost is \$5 per person per meal. Paintball is \$10 extra. It's gonna be epic, don't miss out!

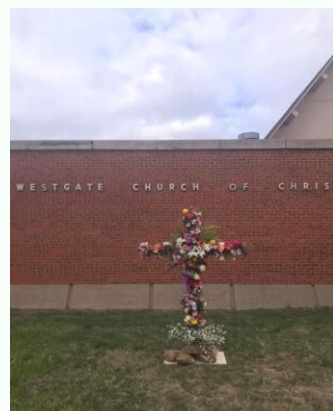
Lueders Camp Information

The All-Church Retreat is scheduled for **late morning on Saturday, April 6, to after lunch on Sunday, April 7.** Big Country Baptist Assembly, close to Lueders, will be the site again this year. It will be a similar format to previous years' retreats, with free time in the afternoon for kids to ride bikes and participate in activities such as axe-throwing, gaga ball, 9 square, basketball, rock climbing, and paintball. The rooms are hotel style, some with 2 queen beds and some with 2 queen beds and 4 twin bunk beds. Linens are provided with the exception of twin bedding. Please see Brady or Jill if you have any questions.



Flowering of the Cross

On Easter Sunday (**next Sunday, March 31**), we will participate in the Flowering of the Cross tradition. We will cover a barren cross with beautiful flowers, which represents the resurrection and God's ability to bring beauty out of brokenness. We will have flowers at the building to cover the cross, but bringing your own flowers that are meaningful to you is encouraged.



Worship Volunteers

Please click on this QR code and fill out the Worship Volunteer Survey. This will help those planning the worship services to have an updated list.



Ladies Committee Sign-Ups

Don't miss out on signing up for the 2024 Ladies Committees!
"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." – Proverbs 11:25
"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9



WHAT DRIVES YOU?

REGISTER NOW!

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

April 6-7

Sermon Title: Palm Sunday

Scripture: John 12: 12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.



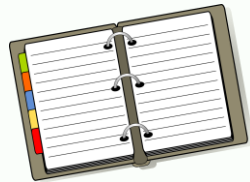
Happy Birthday:

Mar. 28: Kathryn Boerio
Mar. 30: Hess McSherry



Happy Anniversary:

Mar. 27: Mark & Brenda Brown



Our Calendar:

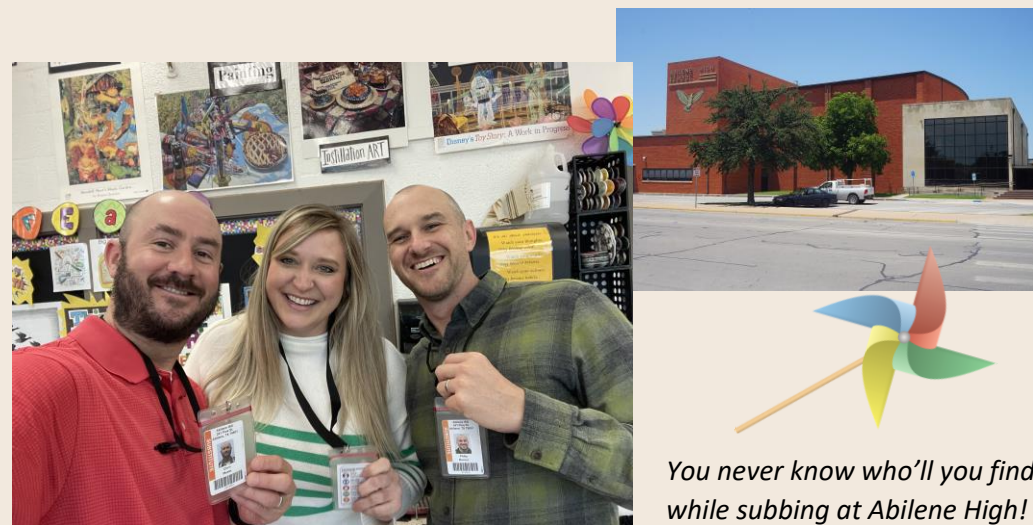
- Mar. 24:** re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Mar. 29:** Good Friday, Youth Group Lunch
- Mar. 30:** Rosemary O’Neal memorial service 11 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt 5:30 p.m., Youth Group devo
- Mar. 31:** Easter, re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Apr. 3:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 6 – 7:** All-Church Retreat
- Apr. 7:** 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.
- 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.
- May 15:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 19:** Graduation Celebration, re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- May 23:** Clyde Graduation
- May 24:** Wylie, Winters, Merkel, Jim Ned, & Eula Graduation
- May 24 – 25:** AISD Graduation

Count the Cost – by Brady Horner

I have lived in Abilene, and in my current house, longer than anywhere else in my life. With that longevity has come the need for house repairs. We have needed to paint the exterior of our house for a while now. All the estimates have been crazy high! Like the price of getting my kids a used car high. I weighed the cost, both money and labor/hours and decided to tackle painting the house ourselves! We started on spring break and realized, like with most big projects, my estimates were off. This will cost much more money, and time! This feels like a life sentence!

This discrepancy in my estimate made me think of Jesus's words in Luke 14: 28-30: “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’” My stubbornness is telling me “Don’t be that guy, finish the job”. Maybe Jesus is playing into our human stubbornness there, finish what you started! But in this passage Jesus is speaking of the cost of discipleship. Perhaps many of us underestimate the cost of being a true disciple of Jesus.

Many of us have underestimated the true cost of true discipleship but have dived in. Once we realize what it requires, we should double down and follow through with our commitment. But there is a temptation to simply do things half-heartedly and cut corners. When we cut corners, the benefits (not that it’s about the benefit) are dismal. “If something is worth doing, it’s worth doing right.” We come to church, but disregard community, we pray and sing but don’t serve, we hear the Word but refuse to study it, we receive the benefits of service without sacrificing for others, we receive but don’t give, we do the outward acts (like Church attendance) but internally our pursuits are elsewhere. In your walk with Christ, where are you cutting corners? How is this making discipleship feel anemic and not worth it? May we be people who fully commit to Christ and experience all the beauty and challenges that come with it.



You never know who’ll you find while subbing at Abilene High!

Children’s Ministry News

➤ In Genesis 6:9–9:17, God is sad He ever made the world because there’s so much evil. So He decides to destroy most of it with a flood and start over again. He chooses Noah to build an ark and save his family as well as animals and birds. After a long time on the ark, Noah and his family step into a fresh start for the world. God gives us do-overs.



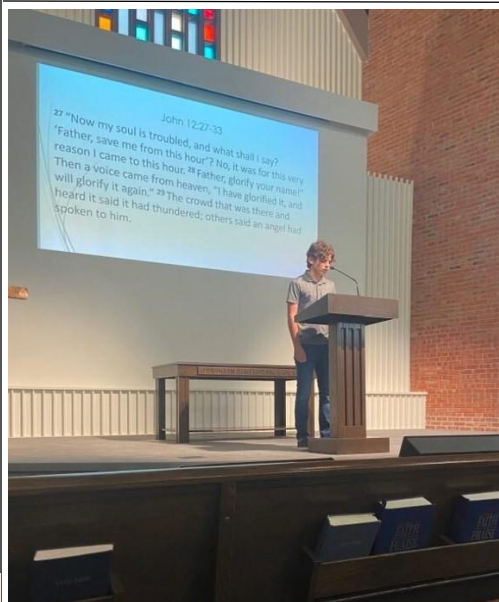
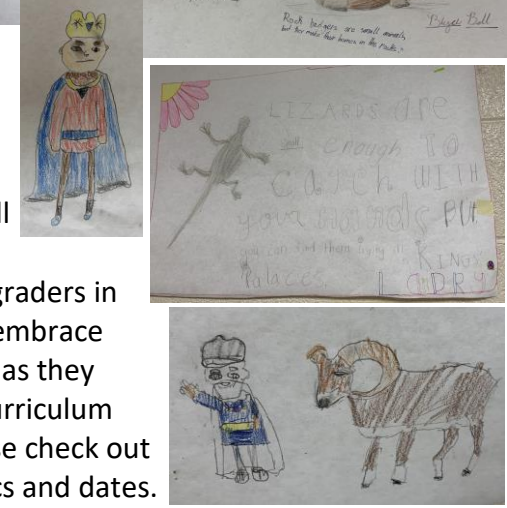
4th and 5th graders illustrated Proverbs 30 as Larry led a discussion on humility. Check out the mural in the hallway.



- Summary Verse: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).
- Many thanks to Larry for teaching 4th and 5th on Wed. PM. Kami will teach the last lesson on Proverbs this week, appreciation to all who helped teach wisdom to our young ones.

➤ Teachers are needed for 4th and 5th graders in April and May. The Grapple lessons embrace difficult questions children may face as they transition to the youth group. The curriculum includes content and activities, please check out the sign-up sheet in the hall for topics and dates.

Cathrine and Connie’s class learned about Adam and Eve. They made pipe cleaner snakes as they discussed the importance of making wise choices.



Luke Morrow did a great job reading Scripture last Sunday!

Youth Ministry News

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

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.**

Join us for lunch on **Friday, March 29.** No school!

We will have a youth devo and time to play games with the youth group at Festival Gardens following the Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 30.** You are welcome to come for the egg hunt at 5:30, or join the youth group at 6:30 while the egg hunting finishes up. We will be done at 8:30.

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**

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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Nursery Duty:
Kari White

Offering:
March 17:
Contribution: \$3,379.08
eGive: \$2,200.00
Total: \$5,579.08
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$20.02

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)
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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:
March: Adam Lott
April: Chris Meeks
B. Box Counting:
Luke McFarlen
Liam Meeks