

Prayer Concerns

- ~Please pray for **Aubrey Hilligoss** with her health concerns.
- ~**Larry Loveland's** mom is not doing very well. They appreciate your prayers.
- ~Please remember **Bob Hoyle** in your prayers. He is receiving hospice care at home.
- ~Keep praying for **Eric Robinson** and family.
- ~Please pray for smooth transitions for **Ariel Lynd**.
- ~**Randy Bibb's** brother, Steve Bibb, had good results from a recent biopsy. He is fighting leukemia. Keep Steve in your prayers.
- ~Keep praying for **Megeste and Josette Pierre**. They are facing numerous trials as they try to get to the United States in order for Megeste to attend Lipscomb University in the fall. Also remember those in Haiti dealing with sociopolitical unrest.
- ~Continued prayers for **Deana Frazier's** recovery from eye surgery.

Happy Birthday:

- July 28:** Peggy Allen
July 29: Andrew Tom, Tahlind Thames
July 30: Erin Cogburn
July 31: Kayla Crockett
Aug. 1: Jeremy Lee, Laura Templeton
Aug. 2: Luke Morrow
Aug. 3: Heather Lott

Happy Anniversary:

- Aug. 2:** Brady & Briana Horner

Our Calendar:

- July 30:** Youth Bkfst. Bible Study



Children's Ministry News

- Our lesson this morning comes from Ruth 1-2.
- In this passage, Naomi is Ruth and Orpah's mother-in-law. When all three of the women are left widows, Naomi leaves to return to her hometown of Bethlehem. Ruth decides to go with her and promises to be a loyal friend. Ruth and Naomi help each other find food and get through a hard time. God gives us friends, just like he gave Naomi a good friend in Ruth.
- Our Bible Point this week is **God gives us friends**. This is a good lesson to encourage kids to not only foster friendships within their group but to also reach out to those who might feel lonely and excluded and find some common ground to help them feel included and loved.
- This week we have a new Summary Verse: **"Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!"** (Romans 12:16).



Last week kids reviewed the story of Debra, the prophetess.



Youth Ministry News

Join us on the night of **Friday, August 2**, for a lock-in with the youth group! More info coming soon.

Make plans to join us for Bridging Week (**Aug. 4-11**)!

These events are a fantastic way to get to know our new 6th graders and welcome them into the youth group!

Our annual Youth Family Devo will be on **Sunday, August 11**, at the Winters' house. Make plans to be there to kick off our school year!

Please continue to pray for all our students to experience God this summer!

Westgate youth group dressed up for America Day at camp!

Offering

July 21:

Contribution: \$1,049.16
eGive: \$2,475.00
Total: \$3,524.16
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$13.00

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903)

Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983)

Children's Education Coordinator: Melissa Bell—June & July (956-793-3838)

Elders: Randy Bibb, Jim MacDonald, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom

Deacons: Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

Nursery Duty:

Clair, Addi, and Vivi Arche

Building Lockup:

July: Jon Cogburn
Aug.: Eric Gumm

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Sermon Title: Heaven Questions

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12: 1-7

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Elder Selection Coming Up

In case you missed it, Randy Bibb announced last Sunday that Westgate will begin the process of selecting more elders. He encouraged the congregation to begin praying; more specifically, he asked that we pray for the process, pray for Westgate, and pray that we do this with God's blessing. Pray for the current elders and pray for the men in the congregation, that there will be men who are open to serving and fulfilling this need. Prayers asking for God's answers and blessings during this time are greatly appreciated.



Wednesday Night Speaker

Only two speakers are left in the Summer Speaker Series, and they are both great ones! Come on out at **6:45 p.m.** this **Wednesday, July 31**, to hear ACU professor of Modern & American Church History, Wes Crawford. Dr. Crawford received his BS in Bible and Ministry from LCU, MDiv from ACU, and MA and PhD from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Crawford is a brilliant and thoughtful professor and has also served many years in successful church ministry, along with being the ACU Church of Christ history expert.

Bridging Week August 4 – 11

A fun tradition continues next Sunday, as the incoming 6th graders are officially welcomed into the youth group during Bridging Week. A full slate of activities is planned, from Lake Day at the first of the week (**Monday, August 5**) to the Family Devo at the end (**Sunday, August 11**). All the youth group students are invited to come show some hospitality to the newest youth group members.



Wednesday PM Calendar

July 31: Wes Crawford – ACU professor of Modern & American Church History
Aug. 7: Family Fun Night – Ice Cream Social
Aug. 14: Jerry Taylor – ACU director of Carl Spain Center on Race Studies & Spiritual Action

Ladies Bible Class

Would you like to dive deeper into Biblical texts while also laughing with friends? LBC meets at **10 a.m. on Tuesdays** during the school year. We will start back on p. 172 of the Amos book on **Tuesday, August 27**. All ladies are welcome!

Sunday AM Calendar

Aug. 11 – Boys Lead Worship
Aug. 18 – Celebrate Westgate Educators, 1st Grade Bible Presentation, return of 2 adult Bible classes (CJ & Brady)
Aug. 25 – Promotion Sunday

