

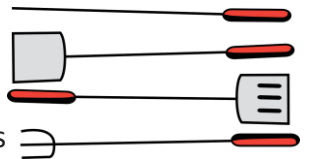
Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Love Grub This Wednesday

If at first you don't succeed, fry, fry, a hen...or grill. The cold snap a couple of weeks ago forced the cancellation of the grilled chicken Love Grub, so we're giving it another go **this Wednesday evening, March 5, at 5:45 p.m.** Grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and chocolate sheet cake remain on the menu. No dessert ingredients to pick up, they are going to make the cake. Hope everyone can make it and the weather cooperates this time!



Donation Opportunity

The Christian Service Center is in need of new or gently used boys' jeans and boys' or girls' jackets. You can take these directly to the CSC (3185 N. 10th) or put your donations in the box in the short hall to be taken over there. Thanks for your help!



Adult Bible Classes Starting Today

Eric Gumm – fellowship hall – **“Fruits of the Spirit or Fruit Salad?”**

In this class, we will look at each of the fruits of the spirit from the perspective of another passage in Scripture outside of Galatians 5. More than just a song from Sunday school, how can we encourage each other to incorporate the fruits of the Spirit in our lives as Christians?

Curt Niccum – auditorium – **“Victory in Jesus!”**

In Ephesians Paul tries to overwhelm people who feel like outsiders with the good news of victory. He focuses on three things: 1) the power they now have in Jesus, 2) the position they now have in God's presence, and 3) the piety that is theirs through the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Title: The Transfiguration

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Prayer Concerns

~**Larry Conway's** 5-month-old granddaughter Willow is very sick and in the hospital in Kenya. She has been diagnosed with E. coli and salmonella, which is also affecting her kidney function. Please pray for Willow and family.

~On Thursday, **Steve Templeton** underwent the TULSA procedure to kill his prostate cancer. It went well, and he was able to come home the next day. Prayers for eradication of the cancer.

~The stem cell testing for **Marty Turentine** seems to have gone well with good results so far. A couple of results aren't in yet, but it looks like he's healthy enough to go forward with the transplant process. No schedule yet, so uncertain when it will be. Please keep praying for him.

~Please keep **Chris and Sharon Willerton** in your prayers. Chris is out of the hospital and at the Hendrick Rehab Center. He hopes to be released from there Tuesday.

~On Wednesday, **Glenn Arnold** fell through an attic and broke 5 ribs and had fractured vertebrae, leading to a surgery Thursday to fuse the T11 & 12 and L1 vertebrae. Thankfully, he did not have a brain bleed. He is in Hendrick North Rm. 6642. Many prayers for Glenn.

~**Randy and Nancy Pair** are feeling better every day. Thanks for your prayers.

~**Patty Galaway's** brother, Randy Tharp, was discharged this week and is resting at home. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

~**Melody Loveland's** appointment has been moved to March. She is hurting all over and would appreciate prayers.

~**Kinley Morton's** friend Brennan Roberts is doing better and making progress. He has developed kidney stones, so he is still in PICU. He has procedures coming up for a more permanent feeding tube and to break up the kidney stones. Keep the prayers coming!

Those unable to join us:

- ~Barbara Buchanan
- ~Bobby Davis ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill
- ~Bob Hoyle ~Dwight Painter
- ~George Woodfin

Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Deana Frazier ~Michael Bryant
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss
- ~Nell Hopper ~Steve Bibb
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith
- ~Steve Smith ~Ariael Lynd
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute
- ~Megeste & Josette Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti (in Mexico currently)
- ~Keith & Grace Gafner—Eldoret, Kenya
- ~Larry & Hollye Conway—Nairobi, Kenya
- ~Scott, Shirley, Stephen, and Sean Raab—Belgium

Westgate Maintenance

If you ever notice anything around the building that needs maintenance work or cleaning, please leave a note on the office desk or email westgatecofc@gmail.com so the issue can be addressed. Or better yet, just call Jim in the middle of the night and complain to him.



Remember to set your clocks **FORWARD** next weekend!

Recognition for Randy

The elders honored Randy Bibb last week for his service to Westgate as an elder and deacon for many years.



Thanks Randy!



Address Correction

Ariael Lynd
(Please contact the church office if you need her updated address.)



The 20-somethings' small group after a rousing game of spoons. Can you tell who won?



Happy Birthday:

- March 2:** Lucy Waldrip
- March 3:** Pat Smith, Patricia Yarbrough
- March 4:** Percaya Langston, Andrew Clute
- March 5:** Kinley Morton, Gene Robertson
- March 7:** Doug McFarlen, Keith Gafner



Our Calendar:

- March 5:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- March 9:** Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward)
- March 12:** no Bible classes or services at building due to Spring Break
- March 19:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- March 30:** 5th Sunday Potluck
- April 2:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- April 12 – 13:** All-Church Retreat
- April 16:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- April 19:** Easter EGGStravaganza at Abilene Festival Gardens 5 – 7 p.m.
- April 20:** Easter Sunday, Youth Group Game Night
- April 27:** Youth Auction/Brisket Burn following a.m. services
- May 4:** High School Hangout
- May 7:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 11:** Mother's Day
- May 18:** Graduation Celebration
- May 25 – 31:** Camp Bandina
- May 26:** Memorial Day
- May 28:** Brown Bag Fellowship
- June 1 – 4:** VBS
- June 4:** Family Fun Night
- June 15:** Father's Day
- June 29:** 5th Sunday Potluck

Getting to Know You...

Luke and Amanda McSherry, Hattie, Hess

How did you and your spouse meet?

Luke: I met Amanda on the chip aisle at United while grocery shopping. She will tell you a different story. She actually stalked me way before we met face-to-face.

Amanda: I may or may not have said to my friends in college that I was going to marry Luke even before we met. We lived a few blocks away from each other and I would drive by his house daily and see him out and about. I know it sounds crazy, but I just knew there was something special about him. Luckily, we had lots of mutual friends, and did in fact meet on the chip aisle of United in 2008. The rest is history, and we were married in 2010.

Where did you grow up? How long have you lived in Abilene?

Luke: I was born in Abilene and moved to El Campo, TX for a few years. Moved back in the 2nd grade and finished school here at Wylie (before it was a popular school). Went to TSTC in Waco for 2 years before returning to start a landscape career.

Amanda: I was born and raised in Abilene and have never left. It's my home and I love that we are raising our family here too. I grew up attending Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

What kind of work do you?

Luke: I currently work in the sales department at Masterscapes.

Amanda: I am a Reading Interventionist at Alcorta Elementary. I work with struggling readers in grades Kindergarten–5th and absolutely love it.

Who is in your family?

We have two children, Hattie and Hess. Hattie is 11 and in the 6th grade at ACS. She enjoys dance, mainly ballet, showing goats and sheep, and reading. Hess is 7 and in the 2nd grade at Alcorta. He loves to spend his evenings heading out with one of the dogs and his BB gun. He loves hunting and fishing and all things outdoors. He also enjoys showing goats and sheep. We are also blessed to attend church with Luke's parents, Kevin and Connie; Luke's aunt, Jackie Lee; and his grandmother, Judy Massey. We consider it a huge blessing to all be able to worship together at Westgate.

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?

Luke: My wife, my parents, and several members of Westgate that have passed on: James and Flosi Stovall, Bill Van Cleave, Dwayne Hargesheimer, Pat Suba, Freddie Wallace, and more. Most were lifetime members and hold a big place in my heart.

Amanda: My mom has impacted my faith greatly. Like most people, she has had some very difficult circumstances arise throughout her life, but she has always relied on her relationship with Jesus Christ to help her overcome these challenges. As a child, I watched her battle cancer for several years, and her faith was unwavering. As an adult, I have had numerous people help to shape my faith, and my sweet mother-in-law is one of those people. We have had countless conversations that challenge my thinking and perspective (for the better) in parenting, marriage, and simply living as a Christian in this world.

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?

Luke: Genesis 27:3 **Amanda:** Philippians 4:4-7

What is a hobby or activity you like to be involved in?

Luke: Hunting, fishing, stock showing with my kids, anything outdoors.

Amanda: We live on some property outside of town and love to spend time outdoors enjoying nature. Whether it's an evening buggy ride, walking down to the tank with the dogs, or keeping Hess and Luke company while they fish or shoot, we love to be outside. We also enjoy playing games as a family, specifically "Oh Snap!" and "Uno".

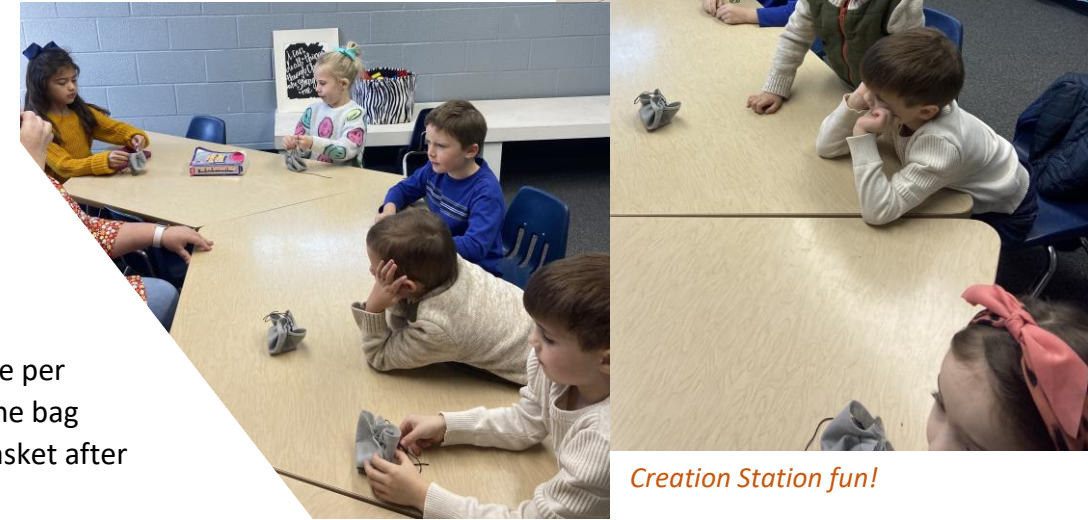


Children's Ministry News

- March Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9
"Have I not commanded you? Be strong & courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."



- Our focus for March will be on Stephen, Acts 6:1 – 8:1.
- Busy bags are in the back of the auditorium! Feel free to grab one per child, and make sure to return the bag (and everything inside) to the basket after service.



Creation Station fun!

Youth Ministry News

Join us for a game night at the youth house on **Sunday, March 9.**

Registration for Camp Beloved and Beyond is due by **March 21.** Please let Clay know if you have any questions about the registration process.

Also, registration for Camp Bandina is now open! Parents, check your email for more information.

It's never too early to start thinking about items for the annual youth auction! Youth group students will provide handcrafted items to help raise money for our Youth Ministry.

Please pray for all our students this semester!



We had a great evening of food, fellowship, worship, and perfect weather at our Youth Group Devo at ACU last Sunday!

Ways to Give: check: 402 S. Pioneer, 79605 eGive: westgatecofc.com text-to-give: 325-379-8222

Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:00 a.m., 5 p.m. **Church office:** (325)692-2300
Tuesdays—Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m. Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m. westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering
February 23:
Contribution: \$3,241.79
eGive: \$2,386.36
Total: \$5,628.15
Budget: **\$8,393.30**
Be A Blessing: \$24.63

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com
Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu
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Elders: Eric Gumm, Jim MacDonald, John Powell, **Steve Stovall**, Troy Tom, Aaron Winter
Deacons: Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, **Matt Waldrip**

Nursery Duty:
Today: Ashley Becerra
3/9: Amanda McSherry
Building Lock-up:
March: Chris Meeks
April: Matt Waldrip