

Prayer Concerns

~While **Michael Bryant** was undergoing testing for the rheumatoid arthritis in his lungs, doctors discovered an aneurysm on his aorta. Remember to pray for Michael.

~Please pray for **Glenn Arnold**, recovering from a bad fall.

~Remember to lift up **Eric Robinson** and family in your prayers.

~The stem cells for **Marty Turentine** have been collected. He is set to enter the hospital today and they will begin returning his good stem cells on Monday. Many prayers for a successful procedure with limited side effects.

~**Patty Galaway’s** brother, Randy Tharp, is back in the hospital with pneumonia. He was diagnosed with renal pulmonary syndrome when he was in the hospital before, but he is not recovering like they had hoped. Please pray for Randy’s recovery.

~Continued prayers for **Melody Loveland**.

~**Marja Swart’s** cousin, Patti Willems, is battling cancer and has been placed in hospice care in the hospital in Houston. Please pray for Patti and family.

~**Judy and Crystal Collier** have a couple of prayer requests. Their close friend Brian was diagnosed with lupus recently. Also, Crystal’s older sister and her husband, Cheryl and Monty, have some serious health issues. Cheryl fell and broke her arm and needs surgery, and Monty has pancreatic cancer.

~Thanks for the prayers for **Kinley Morton’s** friend Brennan Roberts. He is doing much better! They are hoping he can be dismissed from the hospital to go to rehab soon.

Those unable to join us:

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

Ongoing prayer concerns:

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

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 Church of Christ
Welcome Members and Guests

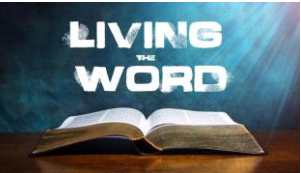
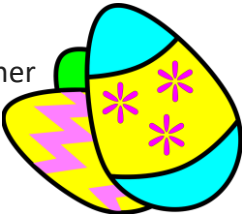


Potluck Lunch Next Sunday

Please make plans to join us **next Sunday** for a 5th Sunday Potluck after services. 5th Sunday Potlucks were a tradition at 11th and Willis, and it wasn’t hard to convince anyone to continue that tradition here. You are asked to bring a main dish and a side OR a main dish and a dessert. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the great food and awesome fellowship.

Easter Egg Collection

Hippity, hoppity, time to bring some eggs! The Easter EGGstravaganza is coming soon, and one way you can help is by bringing some filled plastic eggs and putting them in the container in the short hall. They may be filled with small toys or stickers or non-chocolate candy. If your child is participating in the Egg Hunt, we ask that you bring one dozen filled eggs per child. This announcement is not limited to parents, though, the more the eggier!



All-Church Retreat Registration in Full Swing

Come one, come all to the All-Church Retreat **Saturday, April 12, to Sunday, April 13!** Registration envelopes are in the main hall. Pick one up, fill it out, enclose payment, and place in the lockbox on Brady’s door. If you are not sure about paintball, you can pay out there instead of ahead of time. The retreat cost is \$20 per person 5 and up, with no family paying more than \$80. This covers your lodging and 4 meals: Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, and Sunday lunch. If you want to come out just for the day Saturday or Sunday or both, it’s \$5 per person per meal. If you can’t come at all, we will have services at the building at 10 a.m., but no Bible classes that day. The registration deadline is **next Sunday**.

Retreat Information

The All-Church Retreat is a mix of fun, worship, sharing, and learning. We have several hours of free time to play games, compete in paintball, do archery, and simply relax. There are a few designated large group sessions where we creatively share and explore the Word together. Our Saturday night outdoor worship has become a beloved time we all look forward to. Sunday morning worship is in our meeting space where we have our group sessions. The lodging at the camp is hotel-style and they conveniently provide all our meals in the dining hall. It is a beloved time of connection, fellowship, and growth.

Sermon Title: Repent or Perish

Scripture: Luke 13: 1-5

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

Welcome New Member

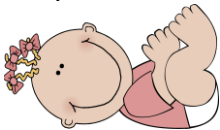
Kim Gress
Please contact the church office for Kim’s address and phone number.



Remember to pick up a retreat registration envelope today!

Baby Shower in Two Weeks

A baby shower honoring Emily Gumm Clute is scheduled for **2 p.m. on Sunday, April 6**, here at the building. Emily is registered at Babylist, Target, and Amazon. We’re so excited to welcome Baby Girl Clute!



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 or put your donations in the box in the short hall to be taken over there. Thanks for your help!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER

Honoring Emily Clute

4.6.2025 at 2:00 PM

WESTGATE CHURCH OF CHRIST
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Let’s celebrate together!

Emily is registered at Target, Amazon, and Babylist



Happy Birthday:

March 28: Kathryn Boerio



Happy Anniversary:

March 27: Mark & Brenda Brown



Our Calendar:

March 30: 5th Sunday Potluck, All-Church Retreat registration deadline, High School Hangout 6 – 8:30 p.m.

April 2: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

April 6: Baby Shower for Emily Clute 2 p.m. in fellowship hall, Youth Group Devo

April 12 – 13: All-Church Retreat

April 16: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

April 18: Good Friday

April 19: Easter EGGstravaganza at Abilene Festival Gardens 5 – 7 p.m.

April 20: Easter Sunday, Youth Group Game Night

April 27: Brisket Burn/Youth Auction following a.m. services

May 4: High School Hangout

May 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

May 11: Mother’s Day, Youth Group Devo

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

July 2: Family Fun Night

July 7 – 12: Camp Beloved & Beyond

Getting to Know You...

Raymond & Colleen Blasingame

How did you and your spouse meet?

Raymond began attending Willis in 1968. Colleen’s family came to Willis in 1971 from the Philippines. Colleen’s family chose Willis because there were members there who had been missionaries in the Philippines and because of the main emphasis on missions at Willis. Colleen was still in high school while Raymond was working at Timex. Raymond says he had to wait for Colleen to grow up and Colleen says he robbed the cradle. They did not start dating until 1975 when Colleen moved in with his sister at his parents’ house. They were married later that year and will celebrate 50 years on November 1.

Where did you grow up?

Raymond was born to a farmer in Lubbock and lived in Petersburg, Abilene, Lingleville, and Tarzan, Texas. His dad became a preacher and moved the family several places. They moved to Deming, NM, where he graduated high school and then moved to Abilene to go to Abilene Christian College. Colleen was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, and her father preached for several downriver Detroit congregations such as Trenton and Flat Rock. In 1964, Colleen’s family moved to the Philippines to begin a more than 50-year commitment to the Lord, the church, and the people of the Philippines.

How long have you lived in Abilene?

Raymond came in 1967 and Colleen in 1971 and did not leave.

What kind of work do you/did you do?

Raymond has been a photographer, grocery store clerk, an automated machine technician, a cowboy bootmaker, an orthotist, and a small business owner. Colleen was a watchmaker and cowboy bootmaker before going to work at Abilene State School. She also had her own daycare in their home until she was hired at ACU. At ACU she worked in Word Processing and Telecommunications before being hired in the Recruiting/Admissions Office, which moved to the Registrar’s Office. She will retire on March 28, 2025 after 42 years.

Who is in your family?

They have 3 children – Barbara Carneiro, Robert Blasingame, and Lydia Sindayigaya, along with their spouses – Manuel Carneiro, Lori Blasingame and Arthemon Sindayigaya. They have 13 grandchildren ranging in age from 20 down to 4.

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?

Raymond says that his Dad and Mother shaped his faith, plus many preachers and elders at South 11th and Willis. Colleen’s parents as well as other missionary families, especially “Uncle” Ken Wilkey, shaped her faith.

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?

Raymond’s Bible verse is I John 4:7-11. Colleen’s Bible verse is Philippians 4:13.

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

Raymond likes to golf, play Santa Claus, make cowboy boots and run errands. It has been a long time since Colleen has had hobbies other than playing games on her phone, but expects that after retirement, hobbies will include supporting grandchildren.



Children’s Ministry News

- There is a bucket in the short hall to collect filled easter eggs for our EGGstravaganza!
- An exciting time of year is approaching, and we need lots of help making this year’s VBS amazing! Whether it's with games, crafts, decorations, or leading a group, there's a place for you to volunteer. **Sign up today** using the QR code OR reach out to Emily at **(325) 269-9806 OR find her after service.**
- 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 is on Stephen, Acts 6:1-8:1.



The Lions writing some encouraging notes in Bible Trails.



Please enjoy this throwback picture of Lucy, Evan, and Alejandro from 2021! I know they won't enjoy it.

Youth Ministry News

Please register for Camp Bandina! Parents, check your email for the link to register. Please let Clay know if you have any questions about this registration process as well.

High Schoolers, please join us for a High School hangout at the youth house **next Sunday, March 30, from 6 to 8:30!**

Our next Youth Group Devo will be **Sunday, April 6.**

Please mark your calendars for **April 27** for our annual Youth Auction (as well as **Saturday the 26th** to help set up). Youth group students will provide handcrafted items to help raise money for our Youth Ministry.

Please pray for all our students this semester!

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. Tuesdays—Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m. Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m.		Church office: (325)692-2300 westgatecofc@gmail.com
Offering March 16: Contribution: \$4,784.00 eGive: \$2,314.66 Total: \$7,098.66 Budget: \$8,393.30 Be A Blessing: \$42.81	Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu Children’s Education Coordinator: Emily Clute (325-269-9806) eclute123@gmail.com 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: Clair Arche 3/30: Kayla Crockett ❦❦❦ Building Lock-up: March: Chris Meeks April: Matt Waldrip