

Prayer Concerns

~**Glenn Arnold** fell through an attic Wednesday before last and fractured some vertebrae, ribs, and his left tibia. He moved from the hospital to rehab on Monday. Please pray for his recovery.

~**Larry Conway's** 5-month-old granddaughter Willow is doing much better and was discharged from the hospital with close monitoring by the pediatrician. Keep praying for Willow.

~The procedure to treat **Steve Templeton's** prostate cancer went well. He is recovering at home. Please pray that this procedure eradicated the cancer.

~The stem cell transplant testing for **Marty Turentine** seems to have gone well with good results so far. It looks like he's healthy enough to go forward with the transplant process. They are not sure when it would start. Continued prayers for Marty.

~**Melody Loveland** would appreciate your prayers for her upcoming appointment.

~Please add Patti Willems (**Marja Swart's** cousin) to your prayer list. She has cancer and has been placed in hospice care in the hospital in Houston. She had surgery Thursday to put in a feeding tube.

~Please lift **Eric Robinson** up in prayer.

~**Chris Willerton** is transferring to Wisteria Skilled Nursing Facility on Willis to continue his rehab. He is some better, but is dealing with low blood pressure, making the rehab process more difficult. Please keep praying.

~Remember **Michael Bryant** in your prayers; he has rheumatoid arthritis in his lungs.

~Keep praying for **Kinley Morton's** friend Brennan Roberts. He has made some progress and is talking again.

Those unable to join us:

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

Ongoing prayer concerns:

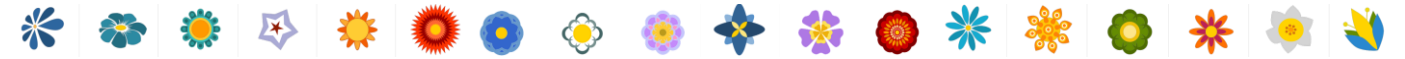
- ~Steve Bibb
- ~Kathryn Boerio
- ~Michael Bryant
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Arieal Lynd
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker
- ~Chris Willerton

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

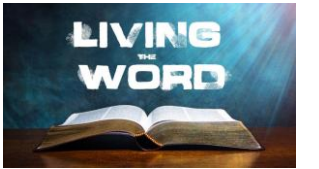
Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



All-Church Retreat Coming Soon

This year's All-Church Retreat will emphasize "Living the Word". We don't want to just read scripture to memorize facts and win arguments. We want it to shape the whole of our being: how we think, how we act, and what we do. So, we will not simply read the Word but be encouraged to share scripture that is written on our hearts and in our homes. We will challenge one another to find new ways for the Living Word to impact our daily living.



Retreat Registration Now Open

The retreat will be held at Big Country Baptist Assembly, a retreat center in Lueders, about 35 minutes north of Abilene. It will start **around 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, to after lunch on Sunday, April 13.** 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 three Sundays from today, **March 30.** The paintball fee may be paid on-site if you're not sure yet. Please fill out an envelope even if you're not spending the night so we can get an accurate meal count. Place your completed envelope with payment enclosed in the lockbox on Brady's office door. Hope everyone can come!



Sermon Title: The Temptations

Scripture: Luke 4: 1-13
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."
Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"
The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."
Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"
The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."
Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Spring Break Schedule Changes
Happy Spring Break to those who celebrate! Since Westgate is home to so many educators, things will look a little different this week:
Today: ages 4 to 5th grade combined class in Tool Shed
Tuesday morning: no Ladies Bible Class (LBC will return **March 18** with the lesson on p. 70.)
Wednesday night: no Bible classes or activities

Welcome New Member
Rafe Harshberger
Please contact the office if you would like his address and phone number.

Jeans Needed
Remember we are collecting new or gently used boys' jeans and kids' coats for the Christian Service Center in the short hall.

NO BIBLE CLASSES OR SERVICES THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT 3/12!

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Happy Birthday:

- March 11: Kelly Sansing
- March 13: John Powell
- March 14: Charlotte Smith



Happy Anniversary:

- March 9: Gene & Sheila Robertson
- March 12: Eric & Crystal Robinson
- March 14: Vince & Sharon Van Cleave
- March 15: CJ & Michelle Chaney



Our Calendar:

- March 9: Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward), Youth Group Game Night 6 – 8 p.m.
- March 11: no Ladies Bible Class
- 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

Getting to Know You...

Tim and Cleo Graham

How did you and your spouse meet?

We met on a Baptist church Christmas hayride. A friend of Tim's had invited him to go sing Christmas carols in Spanish to the families of the Mexican-American church kids. Cleo couldn't figure out who this gringo was, able to sing in Spanish, and so she introduced herself. We wound up talking for the rest of the night, covered with a blanket, with a 4-year-old chaperone between us.

Where did you grow up?

We grew up in Weslaco, Texas, though we didn't meet until Tim was in high school.

How long have you lived in Abilene?

Tim moved to Abilene in 1976 to attend ACU. Cleo moved here in 1978 to attend HSU. We married in 1980 and, except for 10 years spent in Knoxville, TN, we have been in Abilene for all of our married life.

What kind of work do you/did you do?

Cleo spent her career in clerical positions at hospitals and doctor's offices. She spent part of her time translating between doctors and Spanish-speaking patients and retired from Hendrick after 20 years and from Dr. Fred White's office after 10 years. Tim has had a varied career, spending 9 years conducting customer research at Zachry Associates, providing patient programs at the National Kidney Foundation of East Tennessee, and helping launch KACU-FM while on the staff at ACU for 9 years. Tim also taught part-time for about 15 years, at ACU and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Who is in your family?

Tim and Cleo have one biological son, James, who is married to Haylee. James is the missions and outreach minister at Remington Ridge Church of Christ in Abilene. We have a number of other kids including Remington Brown who also call us mom and dad. Likewise, we have two biological grandkids, Benjamin (3 years) and Anita (1 year) and others including Grayson Bolton and Abby Ellis who consider us Papa and Grandma.

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?

For Cleo, it was Dave Jacobson, a Baptist preacher who taught her about Jesus. Then, Ross and Ruth Blasingame helped teach her about baptism. She was baptized at Willis by John Hardin, an Africa missionary for 30 years. For Tim, heroes of faith include Dub Orr who quietly helped others for decades with wonderful gentleness.

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?

Cleo has a wonderful verse: Isaiah 40:31 – "...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Tim loves that one but doesn't have a favorite.



Children's Ministry News

- There will be a combined class this Sunday in Tool Shed for 4 years – 5th grade due to spring break.
- 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.



Youth Ministry News

Join us for a game night **tonight** at the youth house **from 6 – 8!** We will have pizza to eat and play some organized group games together. Let Clay know if you're going!

Registration for Camp Beloved and Beyond is due by **Friday, 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 the link to register. Please let Clay know if you have any questions about this registration process as well.

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!

Youth Group girls having fun playing "ninja"!



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. (not this week)

Church office: (325)692-2300

westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering

March 2:
Contribution: \$3,390.00
eGive: \$3,015.16
Total: \$6,405.16
Budget: \$8,393.30
Be A Blessing: \$19.42

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: Amanda McSherry
3/16: Jackie Lee

Building Lock-up:

March: Chris Meeks
April: Matt Waldrip