

Prayer Concerns

~Our sincere sympathy to **Deborah Niccum** and family. Her father, Kyle Holt, passed away on April 26, and a memorial service was held Thursday.

~**Chris Willerton** is back in the hospital with cellulitis. Please keep praying for the Willertons.

~The ACL surgery for **Zoey Robinson** went well. She is recuperating at home, and will be doing physical therapy soon. Please pray for a smooth recovery.

~The tests for **Emory Winter’s** back pain all came back normal. The hope is that returning to full activity will ease the pain. Prayers for that are appreciated.

~**Gloria Hess’s** daughter, Connie McKenna, was taken to the hospital Thursday with very high blood sugar and placed in ICU. They are hoping her numbers will decrease and she can move to a regular room soon.

~Continued prayers for **Dottie Roberts**.

~**Geraldine Hill** is having a sciatic nerve issue. Please be in prayer for her.

~**Margaret Davis’s** recovery from hip replacement surgery was going well but hit a glitch when the ball of the hip almost came out but popped back in. She has had increased pain, and she is having to be extremely careful. She has been at home since April 25. She appreciates all the prayers.

~Jim Prather (**Shelley Doremus’s** dad) is out of the hospital and doing PT/OT at Wesley Court. He is also still going to dialysis. Please keep him in your prayers.

~Keep praying for **Marty Turentine**, recovering at home after a stem cell transplant.

~Remember to keep **Glenn Arnold’s** ongoing recovery in your prayers.

~Please lift up Fernando Espinoza (**Noe Espinoza’s** dad) in your prayers. He has Stage 4 prostate cancer that has spread to his bones.

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
~Fernando Espinoza
~Deana Frazier ~Steve Henderson
~Aubrey Hilligoss ~Nell Hopper
~Melody Loveland ~Arieal Lynd
~Eric Robinson ~Savanna Smith
~Steve Smith ~Steve Templeton
~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



Love Grub Wednesday Night

Please join us **Wednesday night, siete de mayo, at 5:45 p.m.** for the final Love Grub of the school year. A dinner to spice up your week is on the menu: fajitas with all the trimmings and sopapilla cheesecake. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available. Please chip in some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if you can. Dessert ingredients will be available in the kitchen **today** if you can help with baking. Remember to thank our Love Grub cooks and helpers for all their hard work this year.

Graduation Celebration Two Weeks Away

Congratulations Class of 2025! Our high school seniors will be honored on **Sunday morning, May 18**, with a slideshow, potluck dinner, and display tables where you can put graduation gifts or cards. For the potluck dinner, each family is asked to bring a main dish and a side. No need to bring dessert, since it will be provided. The seniors this year are Addison Galaway, Landon Schroeder, Slade Turentine, and Lucy Waldrif. As we celebrate your graduation, know that each of you will be in our prayers as you embrace this exciting new chapter of your story.



Thank You

(from Clay) Thank you to all who supported our youth ministry through the Youth Auction and Brisket Burn event last Sunday. This tradition is not only a way to raise money for some of our summer activities, but also serves as a way for our students to express their God-given creativity and connect with the church. Please make sure you have paid and collected any items that you won as soon as you can.



CSC Needs

We are collecting new and gently used men’s shoes, sizes 9 – 13, for the Christian Service Center in the short hall.

Calendars

May/June calendars are available in the short hall!



VBS Coming Soon

VBS is one month away! Join us **June 1–3, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** and **June 4, 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.**, as we take our kids on an exciting journey with our theme, “Passport to the Holy Land”. We’ll explore exciting Bible stories and have a blast with fun games, crafts, and activities! This is a trip your kids won’t want to miss—so grab your passport and come along for the ride! Sign up today by picking up a registration paper from the table in the hall and put the completed page in the suitcase.

Sermon Title: Resurrection Mindset

Scripture: Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



Happy Birthday:

- May 4: Sherry Hurst, Joyce Waddell
- May 5: Vivi Arche
- May 6: Aslynn Schroeder
- May 7: Sherry Gumm, Don Traister
- May 8: Mallory Meeks



Happy Anniversary:

- May 4: Caleb & Sydney Powell



Our Calendar:

- May 4: High School Hangout 6 – 7 p.m.
- May 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 11: Mother’s Day, Youth Devo 6 – 8 p.m.
- May 17: ACS Graduation
- May 18: Graduation Celebration
- May 22: Clyde Graduation
- May 23: Wylie, Winters, Merkel, Jim Ned, & Eula Graduations
- May 23 – 24: Abilene ISD Graduations
- May 25 – 31: Camp Bandina
- May 26: Memorial Day
- May 28: Brown Bag Fellowship
- June 1 – 3: VBS 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- June 4: Family Fun Night, VBS 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.
- June 15: Father’s Day
- June 29: 5th Sunday Potluck
- July 2: Family Fun Night
- July 7 – 12: Camp Beloved & Beyond
- July 27: Boys Lead Worship

Getting to Know You...

Jon and Erin Cogburn
Noah and Wyatt

How did you and your spouse meet?
We grew up going to church camp together, but didn't actually meet until the summer that Jon was a youth intern at Westbury Church of Christ. We spent a week together at the end of the summer as chaperones on a youth mission trip to Louisiana, and talked all the way home to Houston. Since Jon was transferring to ACU that fall, we started dating and got engaged over Christmas break. He interned at Westbury again that next summer, and we got married at the end of the summer.

Where did you grow up?
Jon: Equal parts Sweetwater (younger childhood) and Waco (teen years).
Erin: I grew up in Houston and Pearland, and attended Westbury Church of Christ (with Sharon Van Cleave)!

How long have you lived in Abilene?
Jon: I moved from Waco to Abilene in 2004 to attend ACU.
Erin: I came to ACU in 2001 and started attending Westgate in spring 2002.

What kind of work do you do?
Jon: I’m a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and I work at the Region 14 Education Service Center. I designed and run a school counselor support program, and provide required training for districts on student homelessness, mental health, and safety topics.
Erin: I taught special education in Abilene ISD for six years, and then moved into virtual education in 2014. I taught middle school ELA until November 2019, when I became the assistant principal of my middle school campus at Texas Online Preparatory School.

Who is in your family?
Noah is a freshman at Jim Ned HS. He plays trumpet in jazz band and French horn in concert band. He is about to attain Star rank in Boy Scouts and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Wyatt is in sixth grade. He loves soccer and spicy food. This year he participated in his school's inaugural Robotics program and his team earned a place competing at the State Robotics meet.

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?
Jon: My parents, Al and Jan Cogburn, always served in teaching and leadership roles in church. My youth minister, Rob Fortson, was a huge influence, and co-performed our wedding along with Erin’s youth minister Steve Lehman. Rob and Steve were best friends and held camps and events together.
Erin: Watching Jon be a great dad to our boys has healed some deep hurts that I carried for a long time, and has helped me feel stronger in my faith in God as a father.

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?
"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3
Noah likes Psalm 59:16 "But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble."

What is a hobby or activity you like to be involved in?
Jon: Shooting sports, hunting, archery. Lovingly trash talking Noah and Wyatt.
Erin: I love to read, do Pilates, wander the aisles of Target and TJ Maxx, and cook.



Children’s Ministry News

- Our theme for the summer will be on women of the Bible, with our focus for May being Deborah from Judges 4 & 5.
- Summer Memory Verse: *Proverbs 31:30 “Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”*



- Sign up to help with VBS (June 1-4; help with prep is also needed!) using the QR code OR sign up on the clipboard in the hall!



Marching and blowing horns around the walls of Jericho!

Youth Ministry News

Thank you to the students and parents who gave time and effort to make the Youth Auction such a success!

High Schoolers, please join us **tonight** for a high school hangout! We will meet at Torchy’s Tacos **from 6 – 7 p.m.** to eat and be together.

Today is the deadline to turn in money for Camp Bandina! The cost is \$150 each for students who participate in the auction. You can write a check to Westgate or pay through eGive.

We will have a Youth Devo **next Sunday (May 11) from 6 – 8 p.m.** at the youth house. Dinner will be provided.

Please pray for all our students as they finish up this school year!



Please enjoy the various facial expressions represented in this picture.



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
April 27:
Contribution: \$3,554.28
eGive: \$2,829.64
Total: \$6,383.92
Budget: \$8,393.30
Be a Blessing: \$23.02

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com
Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu
Children’s Education Coordinator: 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 Waldrup

Nursery Duty:
5/4: Sharon Van Cleave
5/11: self-serve
Building Lock-up:
May: Manny Carneiro
June: Jon Cogburn