

Prayer Concerns

~Ellen Schoenrock is scheduled for hip replacement surgery tomorrow. Please pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

~Joe Cardot is having knee surgery this Friday. It is an outpatient surgery, but he will be laid up for a few days. Please pray for no complications and a quick, full recovery.

~Please remember Ken Van Cleave in your prayers. He spent a few nights in the hospital after having four stents placed successfully, including one in an artery that was inoperable for bypass surgery. It was a long and difficult procedure. There is one artery left that will have to be done Monday.

~Please keep Melody Loveland in your prayers. She learned at her doctor’s appointment that she is not a candidate for surgery.

~Keep praying for Dottie Roberts.



Ladies Encouragement – Volunteers Needed

We have some spots open for Love Baskets (October and November) and Gems & Jewels pockets (September, October, and November). Please see Bethany Powell if you’re able to help with either of these and she can tell you what to do.



~Rachael Lee’s friend Tiffany Houdeshell has been diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer and has a very intensive 6 months of treatment coming up. Please add Tiffany to your prayer list.

~CJ Chaney is feeling much better. Thanks for your continued prayers!

~Keith Gafner has asked for prayers for the Outreach Team. Since school is out in August, they have several Sunday School training seminars and youth seminars planned.

~Remember to pray for all our educators and students as they embark on the challenge of a new school year.

Those unable to join us:

- ~Barbara Buchanan
- ~Bobby Davis
- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill
- ~Ralph and Margaret Monroe
- ~Dwight Painter
- ~George Woodfin

Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Glenn Arnold ~Steve Bibb
- ~Kathryn Boerio
- ~Michael Bryant ~Margaret Davis
- ~Fernando Espinoza
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson ~Laura Hennan
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss ~Nell Hopper
- ~Linda Jones ~Melody Loveland
- ~Louise Monaghan ~Jim Prather
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith ~Steve Smith
- ~Steve Templeton
- ~Marty Turentine
- ~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 Raab—Belgium and Maastricht, Netherlands

Sunday 5:00 p.m.

War Heroes
Deceitful Trickeries

Thank You Note

Westgate members...

I thank each of you for your prayers, cards, visits, and food!

I am very blessed to have all the help from my church family. Your prayers pulled me through the surgery.

When the cancer was not present, I knew why. Prayers were answered!

Love to each of you,
Linda Jones

Westgate Church of Christ
Welcome Members and Guests

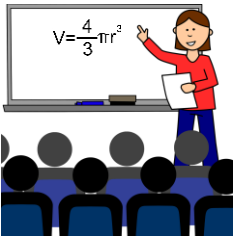


Wednesday Night Speaker

The Summer Speaker Series wraps up this Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. with ACU Bible professor Wes Crawford speaking. 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. Hope you can make it!

Educator Appreciation Next Sunday

Westgate is home to A LOT of educators. If you want to know a good book for your 4th grader, find the volume of a sphere, or learn Greek, we have you covered from Pre-K to college. Whether teachers, support staff, interpreters, principals, professors, or school board members, we plan to honor all the wonderful Westgate educators in our midst next Sunday, August 17. Be sure to thank your English teacher if you caught that dangling participle.



Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes

We are excited to announce these new Bible classes, beginning today at 9 a.m.:

Auditorium – Curt Niccum – Be Perfect!

Two thousand years after the fact, Christians hear the Sermon on the Mount as a comforting and reassuring text, yet Jesus (and Matthew) intended the message to be challenging, even jarring. We will study this beloved text paying attention to its original context to discern how Jesus might still be challenging his disciples today.

Fellowship Hall – Brady Horner – Spiritual Disciplines

Spiritual disciplines are activities and habits that help us grow closer to God. They help us become more aware of his presence and to respond to his Word to us. Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall we will explore some creative scripture-based spiritual disciplines to add to our routine and share spiritual disciplines that have been formative to us.

Sermon Title: On Love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



Happy Birthday:

- Aug. 11: Rhett Colburn
- Aug. 12: Westgate Church of Christ (63 years)
- Aug. 13: Christie Pruitt
- Aug. 14: Sharon Willerton
- Aug. 15: Joe McFarlen
- Aug. 16: Jacob Anderson, Don Bell, Marla Touchstone, Chris Willerton



Happy Anniversary:

- Aug. 12: Eric & Sherry Gumm
- Aug. 13: Felipe & Ashley Becerra
- Aug. 14: Ken & Sharla Van Cleave



Our Calendar:

- Aug. 17: Celebrate Westgate Educators, 1st Grade Bible Presentation
- Aug. 31: Breakfast Fellowship 9 a.m. (no Bible classes)
- Sept. 1: Labor Day (office closed)
- Sept. 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Sept. 14: Baby Blessing
- Sept. 17: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 1: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 13: Columbus Day (office closed)
- Oct. 15: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 19: Breakfast and WATS
- Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 29: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 2: Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 5: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Nov. 19: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Getting to Know You...

Scott and Shirley Raab

Where did you grow up?

Shirley: Omaha, NE
Scott: (father was USAF) born Lackland AFB, TX; Biloxi, MS; Ft. Meade, Maryland; Crete, Greece; Bindlach, West Germany; Berlin, Germany; Colorado Springs, CO

How long have you lived in Belgium?

We live in Belgium and work with the church in Belgium and the Netherlands, specifically with the congregation in Maastricht, Netherlands. Maastricht is just across the border from where we live in Belgium. We moved here to work with two Dutch couples in 1991, first living in Antwerp, Belgium, where Shirley could get her language (Scott had learned Dutch doing a 2-year apprenticeship in Haarlem, Netherlands in 1982-84). We moved to our house in Lanaken, Belgium, in June 1992. The congregation in Maastricht was started in February of that year. Our area of Belgium is Flemish-speaking (like Dutch). The church across the border is Dutch-speaking. The Flemish-speaking and Dutch-speaking churches work together. We connect and work with congregations in Netherlands as well as in Belgium. Simmer Bible Camp is also a big part of our work.

What did you do before going to the mission field?

Shirley: MAP (from York College) missions campaign to the Netherlands, mission trips MAP Minnesota, Iowa Campaigns, teacher’s assistant in York, after school programs for Hillcrest church Abilene, substitute teacher AISD, assistant teacher AISD, teacher special education early childhood AISD.
Scott: MAP missions campaign to the Netherlands, traveled with “Friends” from York College, MAP 2-year apprenticeship to Haarlem, Netherlands, finished BSED at ACU, substitute teacher AISD, teacher AHS (one year), assistant evangelist at Long Beach church of Christ in Long Beach, CA, in preparation for move to NL.

Who is in your family?

Shirley: come from a large non-churched family (5 brothers, 2 sisters)
Scott: 4 brothers and 1 sister, father was military

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?

Shirley: L.V. Pfeiffer (Bible professor at Harding and Harding missions), Ralph Collins (elder from home church in Omaha)
Scott: Ron Carter (preacher in Colorado Springs), Bret Carter (best friend in Colorado Springs)

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?

Shirley: 2 Cor. 4:16-18
Scott: Phil. 1:6 or 1 Thess. 5:16-18

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

Shirley: walking, traveling
Scott: singing, walking, disc golf or any sport on a recreational level



Wednesday night end of summer party



Thanks everyone for the water bottle donations – we have plenty now!

Children’s Ministry News

- Our focus for August is Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac!
- Fall Memory Verse: Jeremiah 31:33b “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.”
- New Wednesday night classes will begin this week! Our 3rd – 5th graders will be in “Bible Battles” using games to memorize Bible facts and scriptures. 3-year-olds – 2nd graders will begin The Biggest Story curriculum. Infants – 2-year-olds will be in the nursery.

Youth Ministry News

Thank you to all the students, parents, and volunteers that made this summer such a success for our Youth Ministry!

As we begin a new school year, please make sure to send Clay schedules for games, performances, etc. We would love to come and support! Please pray for our students as they begin a new school year.

You can pick up a schedule for our fall events in the folder on the bulletin board by Clay’s office.

Our first High School Hangout event of the school year will be on **Sunday, August 24.**

Please mark your calendars for a Youth Devo on **Sunday, September 7.**



Thank you to the Winters for hosting our annual Youth Family Devo last week! We had a great time together in fellowship and worship.

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 Tues.—Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m. (starts back 8/26) Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m. westgatecofc@gmail.com	
Offering August 3: Contribution: \$12862.38 eGive: \$2,756.36 Total: \$15,618.74 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 Waldrip
Nursery Duty: 8/10: Marja Swart 8/17: Kari White Building Lock-up: Aug.: Chris Meeks Sept.: Matt Waldrip	