

Prayer Concerns

~Our condolences to **Sharon Van Cleave** in the loss of her grandmother Wednesday. Prayers for peace and comfort and safe travels.

~**Joe Cardot** was unable to have knee surgery last Friday. The surgery will be rescheduled for a later date.

~**Ellen Schoenrock** had hip replacement surgery Monday before last. She is now in the rehab across the street from Hendrick. Please continue to pray for Ellen’s recovery.

~Our sincere sympathy to **Joe Cardot** in the loss of his mother recently.

~**Megeste Pierre** has asked for prayers for a meeting he has tomorrow with COMAR to try to obtain legal status in Mexico.

~Please remember **Eric Robinson** in your daily prayers.

~Keep praying for former member **Laura Hennan**. She has pancreatic cancer with metastasis to the liver and lymph nodes in the neck area, and is undergoing treatment.

~Continued prayers for **CJ Chaney’s** recovery from back surgery.

~**Shelley Doremus** has asked for prayers for her mother, Fran Prather, who has recently been diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.

~Please pray for **Hannah Loveland’s** cousin and **Larry and Melody’s** niece, Susie. She has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

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

Love Grub Helpers Needed

Great news! Love Grubs start back up in about a week and a half on **Wednesday, September 3, at 5:45 p.m.** A sign-up sheet is posted in the hall for volunteers to help with different dates. Spots are available for coming early to prep, cleaning up after the meal, and washing towels at home. Let’s show the Love Grub leaders some love by signing up to help with one or more dates.



Unscramble the Love Grub Menus

Sept. 3 – murrebahgs

Sept. 17 – ctoa peupl-i

Oct. 1 – abekd sepoaott

Oct. 15 – edigllr ikcechn



Welcome New Member

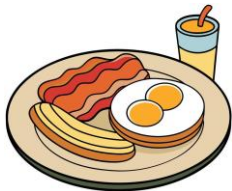
Melody Burchett
Please contact the office if you need her address.



Sunday 5 PM
Final Descriptions
Concluding Comments



Westgate Church of Christ
Welcome Members and Guests



Back-to-School Breakfast Next Sunday

Come one, come all, to the Back-to-School Breakfast Fellowship **next Sunday, August 31, at 9 a.m.**! This will be a great chance to reconnect after a summer of travels took us in different directions. Food will be provided; you don’t have to bring anything.

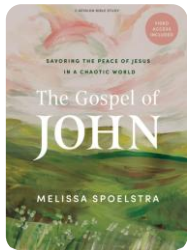
Changes Next Sunday

Sunday, August 31:

9 a.m.: no Bible classes, everyone meets in the fellowship hall for breakfast

After morning services: no 5th Sunday Potluck due to the breakfast

5 p.m.: no evening service due to the 5th Sunday



Ladies Bible Class Returns Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class returns on **August 26.**

Come join us at **10 a.m.** on page 96.

If you don’t have a book, don’t worry or fret.

Talk to Clair Arche and she’ll get you all set.

Calendars Available

September/October calendars are available in the short hall. These contain church events, birthdays, and anniversaries.



Sermon Title: On Togetherness

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4: 8-12

There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother.

There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.

“For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?”

This too is meaningless—a miserable business!

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.



Happy Birthday:

Aug. 24: Anno Richards
Aug. 26: Lane Colburn,
Randy Bibb
Aug. 27: Ruth Walker



Our Calendar:

Aug. 24: Youth Group High School Hangout 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
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. 7: Baby Blessing, Youth Group Devo
Sept. 17: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 28: Games @ Youth House
Oct. 1: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 5: Youth Group Devo
Oct. 12: Youth Group High School Hangout
Oct. 13: Columbus Day (office closed), Youth Group lunch
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.
Nov. 21 – 23: Youth Group Fall Retreat
Nov. 23: Church Friendsgiving Potluck
Nov. 26: no Wed. p.m. services
Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day

Over Yondr – by Brady Horner

Westgate has heard me rant about all the problems with phones and social media for years. I’m so glad that society has started catching on. More people are waiting longer to give kids phones, not allowing social media, and now Texas has passed legislation to ban all cell phone use during the school day. Abilene ISD is implementing Yondr pouches. They are bags with a magnetic lock that students lock their phone in and can only get them out at designated unlocking stations at the end of the day. The first time I heard of Yondr pouches was a comedian requiring them because phones were a distraction during his show! Scan the QR code to see AISD’s phone policy and its reasoning; it includes some valuable stats.



I’ve already heard a lot of complaints about the pouches. I’m sure it’s a hassle for teachers, and some kids have bought magnets online so they can open the bags themselves. Some parents worry about safety and access to their kids (I personally love not hearing from my kids during the school day!). To ease that worry, Abilene High showed students how to email parents from school. It will be a hard adjustment at first. Some kids will have anxiety and addict-like reactions. It will be hard for teachers and kids, at first. However, plenty of schools have had success with them.

15 years ago I took up phones on youth group trips. As kids became more attached, and parents became accustomed to the electronic leash on their kids, that became almost impossible. 6 years ago, we went to a camp that took up phones, and I remember the anxiety some chronic-using students felt as they were getting back their phones after not having them for a week. They “loved” their phones, but they also enjoyed the disconnect from the mess of anxieties of social media, group texts, and constantly being available. I hope that school becomes a safe haven from the anxieties of phones, that it can be a place where kids feel free. Maybe in the long run, this will actually make them like school more! My prayer and hope is that everyone adjusts and complies and that this is the answer to a serious problem.



Our Westgate educators

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.”



First grade Bibles

Youth Ministry News

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 your students! 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 **tonight!** All current 9th – 12th graders are invited to join us at Hashi on the south side of town (3388 Rebecca Ln.) at **6:30 p.m.** We will have time to eat, hang out, and pray together until about **7:30**. Please make sure students bring money for dinner.

Please mark your calendars for a Youth Devo on **Sunday, September 7**, hosted by the Lotts! Join us for an evening of fellowship, worship, and eating together.

Noah Cogburn showing off his cheerleading skills at our Lock-In a few weeks ago!



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 August 17: Contribution: \$3,199.25 eGive: \$1,714.66 Total: \$4,913.91 Budget: \$8,393.30 Be a Blessing: \$26.00		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: 8/24: Chandra McFarlen 8/31: Clair Arche Building Lock-up: Aug.: Chris Meeks Sept.: Matt Waldrip		