

Prayer Concerns

~**CJ Chaney** had back surgery Tuesday in Dallas. It was harder than expected, but they were able to come home that day. He is in some pain, but it is pain from the surgery and not the previous back pain. Please continue to pray for CJ's recovery.

~Great news! The tissue removed from **Linda Jones's** lung was not cancerous. Thanks for your prayers.

~**Ellen Schoenrock** is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on August 11. Please pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

~**Joe Cardot** is having knee surgery August 15. 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.

~Our sympathy to the family of Shannon Conley, **Sarah Whitt's** sister-in-law, who passed away Tuesday afternoon. She was a godly woman and beloved teacher at Woodson Center for Excellence.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson**.

~**Melody Loveland** has an appointment with the stomach doctor this Monday, August 4. Please pray this goes well.

~**Hannah Loveland** had a sonogram to determine what the knots in her back are, but she doesn't have the results yet. Keep Hannah in your prayers.

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

~Please remember **Shelley Doremus's** mother, Fran Prather, in your prayers. She was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension and has an appointment to see a specialist this month.

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

Westgate Church of Christ  
Welcome Members and Guests



Snow Cones Wednesday Night

Beat the summer heat and join us for our final Family Fun Night of the summer! **This Wednesday, August 6, at 6:45 p.m.**, we will enjoy fun, fellowship, and snow cones! A variety of delicious flavors will be available; you don't have to bring anything except yourself and your family. *We will not have classes Wednesday evening.*

Promotion Sunday Today

August is here, and with that comes changes in Bible Class groups. Parents, be on the lookout for new signs with grade levels and follow the grade your child is about to enter. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders will make their way to the Youth House starting **today**. Be sure to pray for these young people and their faithful, dedicated, caring teachers.



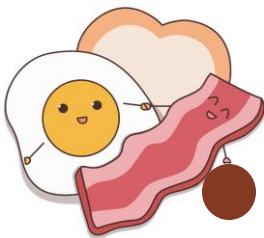
Bridging Week axe-throwing

Youth Group Family Devo Tonight

The youth group had Bridging Week all last week to welcome the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders. To cap things off, a youth group Family Devo will be held **tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the Winters' house. All youth students and families are invited to attend this dinner and devotional time. Remember to bring lawn chairs!

Upcoming Fellowship

We will have an opportunity in four weeks to eat together and get to know each other better. A Back-to-School Breakfast Fellowship is scheduled for **Sunday, Aug. 31, at 9:00 a.m.** We won't have Bible classes that day. This will take the place of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck, and here's the good news – you don't have to bring anything; food will be provided.



Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes

**Today:** Brady Horner – combined class in auditorium

**August 10:** Curt Niccum – auditorium, Brady Horner – fellowship hall

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Heroes of War  
Chivalrous Duels



Love Grubs Starting Back Soon

With the school year kicking off, Love Grubs are starting back in about a month! Our spectacular Love Grub gurus (Carneiros and Powells) are once again planning to have two Love Grubs most months. The first one will be burgers on **Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 5:45 p.m.**



**Sermon Title:** Travel Mercies

**Scripture:** Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip — he who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.







### Happy Birthday:

**Aug. 3:** Heather Lott  
**Aug. 4:** Cathrine Clements  
**Aug. 7:** Ronald Hill  
**Aug. 8:** Mark Brown, Louise Hargesheimer  
**Aug. 9:** Steve Sansing



### Happy Anniversary:

**Aug. 4:** Aaron & Kami Winter  
**Aug. 6:** Jon & Erin Cogburn



### Our Calendar:



**Aug. 3:** Youth Group Family Devo at Winters’ house **6 – 8 p.m.**  
**Aug. 6:** Family Fun Night – Snow Cones **6:45 p.m.**  
**Aug. 9:** Youth Group Lake Day **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**Aug. 17:** Celebrate Westgate Educators, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Dark Stuff in Light Packaging – by Brady Horner

Every summer I always enjoy updating and listening to my Spotify summer playlist. One dark horse song that I used to be embarrassed to have on there is “I Saw the Sign” by Ace of Base. It’s a chick song, and quintessential ‘90s, but no one has ever asked me to skip it. In fact, it’s a real banger, and everyone usually sings along. The musical style is fun, light, and peppy. But if you listen to the words, it’s actually a vindictive breakup song. She says “I’m happy now living without you”, “How could a person like you bring me joy?”, and “How could a person like me care for you?”. It’s just mean!

It's weird when musical style and lyrics don’t match up. “Hey Ya”, “Pumped Up Kicks”, “Electric Avenue”, and “Wonderful” (by Everclear) are other examples of songs that sound happy, but are actually dark. Sometimes people, like these songs, say dark and sad things in a light way. Maybe they talk about childhood trauma and laugh after, excitedly/sarcastically talk about some horrible thing that just happened, or even make jokes about personal suffering. Why do we do that? Perhaps we have painful stuff we need to talk about but are trying to make it more palatable. I guess nobody wants to be a complete “Debbie Downer”, but sometimes we have painful emotions we need to talk about somewhere.

The prophecy pointing to Jesus in Isaiah 53 refers to him as a “man of sorrows”. Jesus/our God knows suffering. He is with us in our suffering and can handle our painful emotions. I love having friends that don’t back down from the heavy conversations. Jesus is one of those, but I hope that we can all be that way as well. Sometimes when conversation gets heavy on topics like suffering, trauma, or grief, we are tempted to change the subject. But as Christians who live lives of ministry, we need to be willing to face these tough conversations, and be a safe place to unpack difficult parts of life. When we can do that, we find both healing and intimacy. Next time you have a chance to walk with a loved one through some heavy stuff, boldly take on the conversation, don’t change the subject.



### Children’s Ministry News

- Today** is promotion Sunday! Kids will now go to classes for the grade they are entering this school year.
- 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 next week! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be in “Bible Battles” using games to memorize Bible facts and scriptures. 3-year-olds – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will begin The Biggest Story curriculum. Infants – 2-year-olds will be in the nursery.



### Youth Ministry News

We have had a great Bridging Week this week! We have had so much fun welcoming our new incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders into the Youth Group.

All Youth Group members and families (including parents and siblings) are invited to our annual Youth Family Devo at the Winters’ house **tonight from 6 – 8 p.m.** Please join for good food, fellowship, and worship together. Make sure to bring lawn chairs!

Our final Lake Day of the summer will be on **Saturday, August 9**. Once again, we will go out to the Horners’ lake house in San Angelo, leaving at **8 a.m.**, and getting back around **5 p.m.** Make sure to bring a packed lunch, water, sunscreen, and a change of clothes!

Please pray for all our students over the final weeks of summer!

*Kailyn enjoying a few cookies at our combined worship night with Hillcrest last Sunday night!*



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<b>Services at Westgate:</b> Sundays—Bible Class <b>9:00 a.m.</b> , Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> , <b>5 p.m.</b> Tues.—Ladies Bible Class <b>10 a.m.</b> (starts back <b>8/26</b> ) Wednesdays—Bible Class <b>6:45 p.m.</b>		<b>Church office:</b> (325)692-2300 westgatecofc@gmail.com	
<b>Offering</b> <b>July 27:</b> Contribution: \$4,802.80 eGive: \$2,423.76 Total: \$7,226.56 Budget: <b>\$8,393.30</b> Be a Blessing: \$32.00	<b>Lead Minister:</b> Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com <b>Youth Minister:</b> Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu <b>Children’s Education Coordinator:</b> Emily Clute (325-269-9806) eclute123@gmail.com <b>Elders:</b> Eric Gumm, Jim MacDonald, John Powell, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom, <b>Aaron Winter</b> <b>Deacons:</b> Manny Carneiro, <b>Jon Cogburn</b> , Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip		
<b>Nursery Duty:</b> <b>8/3:</b> Cathrine Clements <b>8/10:</b> Marja Swart		<b>Building Lock-up:</b> <b>Aug.:</b> Chris Meeks <b>Sept.:</b> Matt Waldrip	