

Prayer Concerns

~The surgery for **Skyla Krause** on Thursday went well. Please pray for her recovery.

~**Laura Templeton's** foot surgery was successful, and she is recuperating at home. Please keep Laura in your prayers.

~**Larry and Hollye Conway** are traveling around to different churches in the U.S. right now. In October, Larry will return to Kenya, while Hollye remains in Marble Falls for a few weeks to support her mother through surgery. Please pray for their travels and for Hollye's mom.

~Please remember **Megeste and Josette Pierre** in your prayers. They are still in Mexico waiting for asylum.

~**Ellen Schoenrock** is recovering from hip replacement surgery and appreciates our prayers.

~**Marty Turentine** had his 6-month follow-up appointment in Dallas on Monday and is in remission. He is slowly getting stronger. Please keep praying for Marty.

~Please continue to remember **Dottie Roberts** in your prayers. She is recovering from a bad fall earlier in the year and a couple of heart ablation procedures.

~**Beverly Meeks (Chris Meeks's** mother) has breast cancer and will have to undergo chemo and surgery. Please remember her in prayer.

Those unable to join us:

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

Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Glenn Arnold ~Steve Bibb
- ~Kathryn Boerio ~Michael Bryant
- ~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
- ~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

Love Grub Wednesday Night

Let's kick off October with great food and fellowship! Come on out **this Wednesday evening (10/1) at 5:45 p.m.** for a taterrific Love Grub! There will be a baked potato bar with lots of toppings and cookies for dessert. We ask for a small donation to help cover meal costs—contribute what you're able. After the meal, stay for Bible class **from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.**



Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes

We are excited to announce these new Bible classes, beginning **next Sunday, October 5, at 9 a.m.:**

Auditorium – Curt Niccum – The Story of Acts

Many are familiar with the content of the Book of Acts, but not the story line. We will look at key elements within the text illuminated from Old Testament and first century backgrounds to discover Luke's message about the coming of the Kingdom.

Fellowship Hall – Brady Horner – Speaking the Truth in Love

In Ephesians 4 Paul tells the church to speak the truth to one another in love. As we move away from face-to-face conversation and communicate from behind screens, it has become much easier to blast the truth in anger. Beginning in October, the fellowship hall class will explore how we can lovingly live and communicate God's truth without compromising our values or killing our witness.

Christian Homes Fall Dinner

Make plans to join Christian Homes & Family Services on **Tuesday evening, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Abilene Convention Center to hear the amazing story of Bishop W.C. Martin and his wife Donna, who led a movement of 22 families in Possum Trot, Texas, to adopt 77 children out of foster care. Visit <https://christianhomes.com/fall-dinner/> for sponsorship and ticket information.



Missions Month Starts Next Sunday

October is Missions Month! This month is about celebrating the missions and outreaches we support, from international partnerships to local community service. We will prayerfully seek ways that our congregation can continue to bless and serve others. Mark your calendar for this Missions Month service opportunity: **Sunday, October 19**, is We Are The Sermon, where we will have breakfast, a shortened worship service, and then go serve our community. Come ready to roll up your sleeves and show love through action! *More details about specific projects soon.*

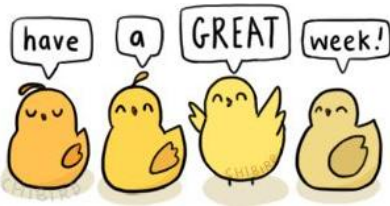
Sunday 5:00 PM
Childhood of Jesus
The Nativity Story (Matthew)



Prayer for the Conways last Sunday

Trunk or Treat in One Month

If you're able, please pick up a bag of candy for Trunk or Treat and drop it in the bin in the short hall. This fellowship and outreach event is scheduled for the evening of **Sunday, October 26**. If you haven't been here before, volunteers decorate their trunks or backs of SUVs or pickup beds and park in a big circle around the south parking lot. We plan to have free hot dogs, chips, drinks, popcorn, and cotton candy for all. It's a lot of fun, watch for a trunk sign-up sheet next week!




Sermon Title: Communion

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29


For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.




Happy Birthday:

Sept. 28: Jamie Dye, Cooper Dorries
Sept. 29: Darah Waldrip, Paul Piersall
Oct. 3: Hannah Meeks, Martin Turentine
Oct. 4: Reese MacDonald, Shane Colburn



Happy Anniversary:

Sept. 30: Jim & Kelly MacDonald



Our Calendar:

Sept. 28: Game Night @ Youth House **6 – 8 p.m.**
Oct. 1: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
Oct. 5: Youth Group Devo **6 – 8 p.m.**
Oct. 12: Youth Group HS 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/ Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
Nov. 30: Youth Group HS Hangout


Church Criticism: Criticism from Outsiders

– by Brady Horner

When I was a young youth minister with new ideas one of the hardest things to hear in an elders meeting was, “What if a visitor comes and sees?” I felt this was a way to shut down anything new or different because it might give a hypothetical visitor the wrong idea. I thought they were just “fearing man” (maybe they were), but in 1 Corinthians 14: 23 Paul shares the same concern about speaking in tongues: “If, therefore, the entire church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your mind?” Paul cared about the reputation of the Church. In his elder’s qualification list in 1 Timothy 3: 7 he says an elder should have a good reputation amongst outsiders. He didn’t want elders to make the Church look bad, and he wanted them to be approachable. So, maybe those elders were wiser than I thought. We should care what unbelievers think of the Church.

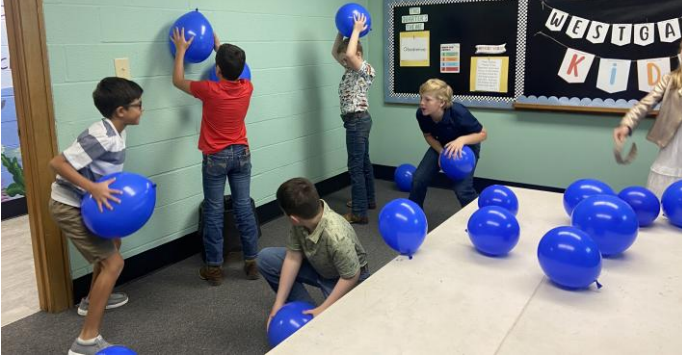
We should at least listen to criticisms of the Church from outsiders. First because Christ died for them and wants to use his Church in redeeming them...so this requires engagement and listening. Second, some of their criticism is based on misunderstandings (In 1 Corinthians 14 Paul was not worried the Church was doing anything wrong, but that they would be misunderstood). We should know those misunderstandings, so, when possible, the Church could adjust to clear those misunderstandings up. A good reputation makes us more approachable, which can help us “win as many as possible”. Third, they might have something we need to hear. Often individuals and organizations get tunnel vision and either can’t see or refuse to see their flaws. So, they need an outsider who can see things from a different angle to point them out.

This is not to say that we should do everything outsiders say, or bend to every whim of culture. Some criticisms of the Church from outsiders are just flat wrong. 1 Peter 2: 12 says “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.” It takes courage, wisdom, grace, and humility to engage the world we have been sent to, to listen and learn when needed, but to also let darts of aggression meant to tear down fall to the wayside.





Bible Trails fun!



Children’s Ministry News

- Our fall memory verse is Acts 2:38 – Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- Our focus for October will be Miracles.

Youth Ministry News

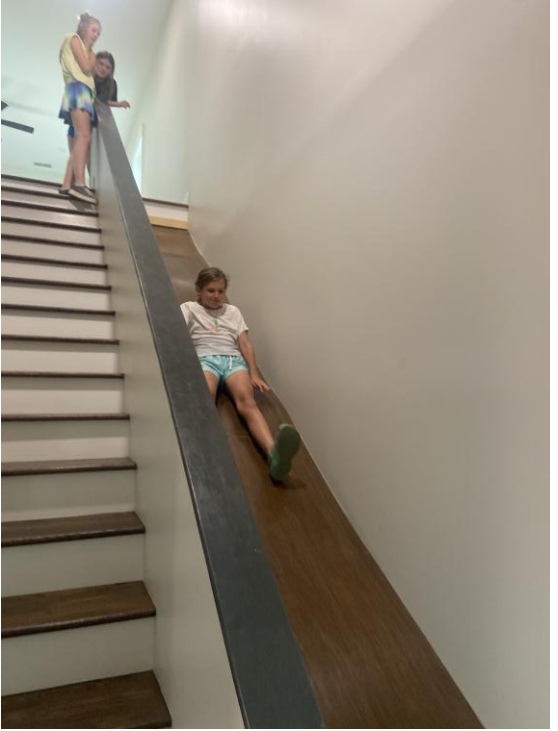
Students are invited to join us for a Game Night at the Youth House **tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.!** We will eat dinner together and have time to play some organized group games.

Our next Youth Devo will be on **Sunday, October 5**, at the Chaney’s house **from 6 – 8!** Join for a time of food, fellowship, and worship together.

It’s time to start thinking about Trunk or Treat Theme ideas for the youth group! Make sure to come to class on **Wednesday nights** to brainstorm and vote for costume ideas!

Please mark your calendars for our youth group Fall Retreat, which will be **November 21 – 23!** The cost will be \$35 and parents can register online through Churchteams. Ask Clay if you have any questions!

Avery Williams having fun on the slide at our last youth group devo!



Ways to Give:	check: 402 S. Pioneer, 79605	eGive: westgatecofc.com	text-to-give: 325-379-8222
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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
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Offering September 21: Contribution: \$3,191.93 eGive: \$2,182.25 Total: \$5,374.18 Budget: \$8,393.30 Be a Blessing: \$20.75	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: 9/28: Lauren Cole 10/5: Jackie Lee ↔ Building Lock-up: Sept.: Matt Waldrip Oct.: Manny Carneiro
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