

Prayer Concerns

~Jacob and Hannah Clute (**Andrew Clute’s** brother and sister-in-law) welcomed their daughter Olivia this past week. The baby had a heart issue and was airlifted to Cook’s in Fort Worth. Doctors performed a heart catheterization procedure and will monitor her for a few days and then she should be able to go home. Prayers for baby Olivia and parents.

~At the end of the month, **Skyla Krause** will be traveling to a specialist in Raleigh, NC, for a follow-up surgery to address a cyst that was originally treated in Abilene over 18 months ago. Unfortunately, it did not heal properly after the first surgery and other procedures, so this next step is necessary. Prayers for safe travels and complete healing would be greatly appreciated.

~The memorial service for **Bob Hoyle** is scheduled for **this Saturday, September 13, at 1:30 p.m.** here at the building. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

~**Amy Robertson** was discharged from the hospital Thursday. Please pray that her broken hip fully heals.

~**Ellen Schoenrock** is now at home after hip replacement surgery and a later procedure to clean out the incision site. Please check your email for a Meal Train link for Ellen. Several easy-to-make or ready-to buy meals are listed, so we are hoping lots of people can volunteer to help. Please keep Ellen in your prayers.

~Continued prayers for **Dottie Roberts**.

~Please lift up **Chris Meeks’s** mom in prayer. She was 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

Westgate Church of Christ
Welcome Members and Guests

Baby Blessing Today

Parents’ Covenant

We accept our child as a unique gift and an inheritance from God.
We dedicate ourselves to do our very best in raising up this child in the Lord.
We will protect this child from harm with all our strength.
We will teach this child to trust, to walk, and to search for truth.
We will love and discipline this child in the way God has loved and disciplined us.
We will treasure the moments and collect the memories that each day holds.
We will give this child a legacy of wonder and wisdom.
We will, with God’s help, instill within this child a love for God which will last a lifetime.

Lord, we solemnly accept the calling of parenting.

Church’s Covenant

We will be an extended family for these parents.
We will offer our help and encouragement when needed.
We will give them advice when asked and support them with prayer without being asked.
We will listen to their stories, share their concerns, and look at their pictures.
We will give our hearts to this family and love them as Christ has loved us.



Andrew, Emily, and Sadie Clute



Next Sunday

Larry and Hollye Conway, our missionaries from Nairobi, Kenya, plan to be in Abilene a couple of weeks in September. Plans are for Larry to preach at Westgate **next Sunday, September 14**. It will great to meet the Conways in person, or for some of you, see them again. Prayers for safe travels and a great trip for the Conways!



Sunday 5 PM
Childhood of Jesus
Who Was He?

ACU Summit Coming in October

You are invited to this year’s Summit at ACU, which will take place **October 8 – 10**. The theme for this year is “Encounter: Spirit of the Living God.”

The annual three-day conference, part of the university’s Siburt Institute for Church Ministry, offers ministers, church leaders, and others the opportunity to gather for teaching, worship, and fellowship. Attendees share practices, discuss ministry challenges, and encourage one another, all while building relationships that extend beyond Summit.



Watch for more details coming soon!

Sermon Title: A Blessing of Children

Scripture: Psalm 127

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.
Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth.
Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.



Happy Birthday:

Sept. 7: Alycia Espinoza,
Jackie Lee
Sept. 10: Judy Massey



Happy Anniversary:

Sept. 7: Keith and Grace Gafner



Our Calendar:

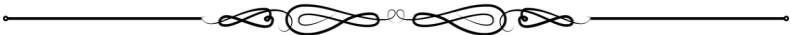
Sept. 7: Baby Blessing,
Youth Group Devo 6 – 8 p.m.
Sept. 17: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 28: Games @ Youth House
Oct. 1: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 5: Youth Group Devo
Oct. 12: Youth Group High School
Hangout
Oct. 13: Columbus Day (office
closed), Youth Group lunch
Oct. 15: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 19: 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/Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
Dec. 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Cross-Country and Faith – by Brady Horner

Both of my kids are good distance runners. That’s weird because neither of their parents like to run. I’ve seen a cross-country shirt that says, “My daughter’s sport is my son’s sport’s punishment”. I agree that distance running feels like a punishment, but I have developed a real appreciation for (watching!) cross-country running.

First, everyone gives it their all. In some sports you can take plays off or see little action. Some games an outfielder or a goalkeeper might just stand around. In cross-country running, everyone is pushing their bodies and minds to the limits; nothing is held back. I used to slap hands or pat guys on the back at the end of a race, but now I know not to touch them because it feels like they just jumped in a pool! They are drenched in sweat, sucking air, and worn out. I can’t help but admire someone who just pushed themselves like that. Second, it is a competitive sport, but you don’t cheer against opponents. In cross-country competitors have a mutual respect for opponents who are also pushing themselves to the limit. When a runner does great, opponents are just in awe...and maybe inspired to push themselves more. So, you will often hear affirmation and respect from other teams and schools.

I sometimes wonder if the Apostle Paul was a runner. He likened the Christian life to running a race on several occasions (Galatians 5: 7, 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27, and Philippians 3: 14). Like cross-country running, the Christian life requires absolute devotion, no half measures and no cutting corners. When we gave our lives to Christ, we gave everything. I just love the idea of cheering each other on in our Christian life. Rather than be jealous or mad that someone is more spiritual (or feeling more “spiritual” than others) we encourage each other wherever we are at and are happy that we are all pushing ourselves and running this race together.



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YOUTH DEVO

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

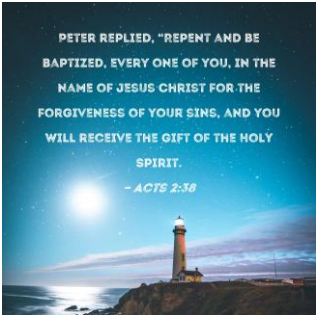


Good News fun!



Children’s Ministry News

- Our focus for September is Moses!
- Fall Memory Verse:
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.” Acts 2:38



Youth Ministry News

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

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

On **September 28**, students are invited to join us for a Game Night at the Youth House! We will eat dinner together and have time to play some organized group games.



Youth students hanging out in the parking lot after church on a Wednesday night!



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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	
Offering August 31: Contribution: \$8,421.25 eGive: \$2,593.37 Total: \$11,014.62 Budget: \$8,393.30 Be a Blessing: \$14.01	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: 9/7: Alison Colburn 9/14: Jamie Dye Building Lock-up: Sept.: Matt Waldrup Oct.: Manny Carneiro	