

Prayer Concerns

~Please lift **Kim Gress** up in prayer. She was in the hospital this week with diverticulitis, but she is out now.

~Jeff Widener (**Terry Widener's** husband and **Ashley Becerra's** step-dad) was released from the hospital. Please keep praying for his full recovery from pneumonia.

~**Sarah Doss** is home from the hospital and now on bed rest until the baby is delivered, hopefully around the end of November. Please pray for Sarah and family.

~Remember those who have had recent surgeries in your prayers: **Skyla Krause, Laura Templeton, Amy Robertson, Ellen Schoenrock**, and others.

~Prayers of thanks for **Mackenzie Van Cleave's** adoption.

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
- ~Tiffany Houdeshell ~Linda Jones
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Louise Monaghan ~Jim Prather
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Marty Turentine
- ~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

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Westgate Church of Christ
Welcome Members and Guests



Trunk or Treat Tonight

It's finally here! Thanks to everyone who brought candy and signed up to provide a trunk. If you are volunteering at Trunk or Treat, please be here **tonight at 5 p.m.** so we can get the cars arranged and you will have time to eat a hot dog before the event starts at **6 p.m.** If you are coming but not providing a trunk, park in the north parking lot if possible.



Brown Bag Fellowship and Hillcrest Singers This Wednesday

Join us **this Wednesday evening** for a Brown Bag Fellowship! Bring dinner from home or pick up takeout and meet here at **5:45 p.m.** to eat together and connect. At **6:45 p.m.**, we'll gather in the auditorium for a special evening. The Hillcrest Singers will perform a short concert and then lead us in a worship service. Youth group students will join us in the auditorium, while children 5th grade and younger will attend their regular classes.



Special Addition

Vince and Sharon Van Cleave are overjoyed to announce the adoption of their daughter, Mackenzie James Van Cleave, on **Thursday, October 23.** After a long and patient journey, their family is now complete. Please join us in celebrating this wonderful milestone with the Van Cleave family!



Vince, Mackenzie, Sharon, and Judge Propst

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Guess Who is Coming to Dinner

A new event is coming soon! Guess Who is Coming to Dinner is a fun opportunity for Westgate members to intentionally get to know each other by sharing a meal. If you sign up to participate, you will be placed in a group with 5 to 7 other people who you will have dinner with on **Saturday, November 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.** This will be for adult members, but if you are participating there will be childcare provided by some of our teens and some adults. The hosts will provide the entree with other guests bringing sides and desserts. To sign up, just text "dinner" to the church phone number and complete the short form. Or you can use the sign-up sheet posted in the hall if you prefer.

Apartment Needed

Kim Gress is looking for a rental house or small apartment behind a house in a quiet neighborhood on the south side of town. Please let Kim know if you know of anything open.



Have a gourd week!

November/December birthday calendars are available in the short hall!

Sunday Evening Service
WILL NOT MEET
Trunk or Treat

Thank You Note

Dear Westgate Family,
Thank all of you so much for the prayers, cards, visits and food. I have healed well from the surgery and am close to being back to normal. Thank you for being such a loving, caring congregation!
Love in Christ,
Ellen Schoenrock

Fall Back Next Sunday

Time to get the hour back that you lost in March! Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour **next weekend** as Daylight Saving Time ends. Standard Time officially begins at **2 a.m. on Sunday, November 2.**



Thanksgiving Meals

Thanksgiving is coming up soon! If you know of anyone in the congregation who could use a cooked Thanksgiving dinner, or if you would like one, please let Brady or one of the elders or deacons know. Gobble gobble!



Sermon Title: Let the Children Come to Me

Scripture: Matthew 19: 13-15

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.



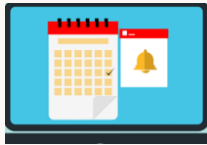
Happy Birthday:

Oct. 26: Isabelle Carneiro
Oct. 29: Blair Schroeder
Oct. 30: Eric Gumm



Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 1: Raymond & Colleen Blasingame



Our Calendar:

Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat 6 – 8 p.m., no Sunday 5 p.m. services
Oct. 29: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m., Hillcrest Singers 6:45 p.m.
Nov. 2: Daylight Saving Time ends 2 a.m., Youth Group Game Night
Nov. 5: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Nov. 9: Youth Group Devo
Nov. 11: Veterans Day
Nov. 15: Guess Who is Coming to Dinner 6 – 8 p.m.
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
Dec. 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa 8:30 – 10 a.m.
Dec. 7: Church Christmas Party and Children’s Program
Dec. 14: Christmas Candlelight Service

What Mission Truly Means – by Keith & Grace Gafner

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

This letter will be different from previous prayer letters. Our sponsoring church, the Westgate Church of Christ, are having their annual Mission Month in October. So, I thought I would give you my thoughts on what ‘Mission’ means.

We truly believe that the Lord has put each of us where we are and what we are doing for two reasons. One is where you can best grow in your Christian relationship in Christ and with the Lord Himself. Secondly, where you can have an influence to bring Him the most Glory and Honor that He deserves.

So, mission then is for us to work on our relationship with Him! That means having fellowship with Him, loving Him and allowing Him to love us as well. Christ came not only to tell us the truth about the Father but also to show us how to live a life that would be pleasing to Him. We need to look at the life of Christ and what he did while on earth and try our best do the same.

Jesus went out to pray and not only did he talk to the Father, but he listened to the Father. We are also people who are to listen to the Father. And the Father will tell us who, what, where and how He wants us to help Him, so that His Kingdom will come on earth.

An example of this in my own life would be Book Club. Three years ago I heard the Father say that I should call together 18 men whom I know and whom I thought would like to study deeper into the Word of God. We are now studying together our fourth book. We meet one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss and encourage each other.

That number decreased for various reasons but then it has also increased as members brought in new people who are seekers that some of these men knew. Book three was *Experiencing God, Knowing and Doing the Will of God* by Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King. While studying this book, three of the men started their own book club groups using this book.

Book four is *The Mind of Christ* by T.W. Hunt & Claude V. King. We will finish this book this month. In one church, the ladies have seen such transformation in the lives of their husbands and church leaders that they have started their own book club in the church for ladies, using this book.

So, what is mission? Relationship and Obedience to doing what the Lord is asking you to do for His Kingdom. I truly believe that the Lord has a ‘mission’ for each and every one of His people, to be the shining light for His Kingdom.

The Lord will richly bless you in your special mission,
Keith and Grace Gafner



WATS workers



Children’s Ministry News

- Check out our nursery classrooms this morning to see some exciting updates.
- Next week will be the beginning of our winter quarter!
- Our focus for November will be on Paul and Silas.



Youth Ministry News

Trunk or Treat is **tonight!** Please be there at **5 p.m.** Our dress-up theme for the youth group this year is Dynamic Duos. Find a partner and dress as ketchup and mustard, Batman and Robin, salt and pepper, and many more possibilities! Come ready to serve, eat, and have lots of fun together.

We will not have Youth Class **this Wednesday**. Instead, come to the fellowship hall for a night of worship led by the Hillcrest Singers!

Join us for another Game Night at the Youth House on **Sunday, November 2!**

Our next Youth Group Devo will be on **Sunday, November 9**.

Please let Clay know as soon as possible if you are going on the 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!

Mallory Meeks working hard then playing hard at Palm House for one of our awesome WATS projects last Sunday!



Ways to Give: check: 402 S. Pioneer, 79605 eGive: westgatecofc.com text-to-give: 325-379-8222 Churchteams		
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 October 19: Contribution: \$1,445.49 eGive: \$3,649.70 Total: \$5,095.19 Budget: \$8,393.30 Be a Blessing: \$12.00	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: 10/26: Heather Lott 11/2: Erin Schroeder —❦— Building Lock-up: Oct.: Jon Cogburn Nov.: Manny Carneiro