Prayer Concerns

~Colleen Blasingame had surgery on Monday on a mass in her abdomen. It was rather large and required removing some associated organ structures. It was a cancer. They don't know what the follow-up treatment may be quite yet. Many prayers for Colleen's recovery.

~Bethany Powell's dad, Lynn Hughes, had surgery recently and is recovering at a rehab center. After a brief ER visit Tuesday to rule out a blood clot, he's back at the facility under close monitoring. Please add Lynn to your prayer list.

~Tom Winter (**Aaron Winter's** dad) was released from the hospital. Please continue praying for his recovery.

~Continued prayers for **Melody Loveland**. She is undergoing physical therapy to reduce her risk of falling.

~This week **Megeste and Josette Pierre** are supposed to find out their amnesty status in Mexico. Please pray this goes well.

~Sarah Doss is home from the hospital and on bed rest until the baby is delivered, hopefully around the end of November. Please keep Sarah and family in your prayers.

~Former member **Donnie Baisden** was diagnosed last week with a mass on his brain that is affecting his speech and memory. He will meet with a doctor in Dallas to set up surgery soon. Please lift Donnie and family up 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
- ~Tiffany Houdeshell ~Linda Jones
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Beverly Meeks
- ~Louise Monaghan ~Jim Prather ~Dottie Roberts ~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-auPrince, Haiti (in Mexico currently)
~Keith & Grace Gafner—
Eldoret, Kenya
~Larry & Hollye Conway—
Nairobi, Kenya
~Scott & Shirley Raab—Belgium

Sunday 5:00 PM
Childhood of Jesus
What Kind of Kid Was He?

and Maastricht, Netherlands

Christmas Program Practice Begins

Ready, set, go! The first Christmas Program practice will be **this afternoon from 4 to 5:30 p.m**. If your child is 4 years old through 5th grade, sign up now by texting

"Christmas" to the church phone number. If you're a 4-year-old through 5th grader (if you're a 4-year-old reading this, congrats on being able to read), meet up with Emily and the crew right at 4:00 in the fellowship hall ready to learn some new songs and parts for this year's program. The Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 7, at 6 p.m.** in the auditorium.

Welcome New Members

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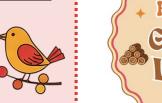
Dennis & Lynn Bowerman

Please contact the

church office if you

would like their address

or phone numbers.





Sunday 5 PM Holiday Schedule

Nov. 16: normal

Nov. 23: normal

Nov. 30: no service (due to 5th Sunday)

Dec. 7: no service (due to Church Christmas Party & Children's Program)

Dec. 14: no service (due to Christmas Candlelight Service)

Dec. 21: normal

Dec. 28: normal

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Welcome Members and Guests



Love Grub Wednesday Night

Don't miss the **Nov. 19** Love Grub, as it promises to be delicious! Join the crowd at **5:45 p.m. this Wednesday** for yummy pizza and fruit pizza for dessert! Dessert helpers will make the crust and then the fruit will be added Wednesday night. Crust ingredients will be available to be picked up in the kitchen after services this morning. Please pitch in some money that evening to cover the cost of your meal if you can. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available. Stay for Bible class, starting at **6:45 p.m.**





Friendsgiving Potluck Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Nov. 23, everyone is invited to a potluck dinner after morning services. Please bring a main dish and side dish OR a main dish and dessert. This is not limited to Thanksgiving-type foods, just bring whatever you like to make! This will replace our regular 5th Sunday Potluck.

Volunteers Needed

Help Westgate bless families and individuals with Thanksgiving meals this year:

- 1. Sign up on the sheet in the hall to prepare a turkey breast, ham, green bean casserole, rolls, stuffing, sweet potato casserole, or pie.
- 2. Pick up ingredients at the Carneiros' house the day before Thanksgiving (except for pies)
- 3. Cook your item at home and return it hot on Thanksgiving morning for assembly and delivery. Traveling for the holiday? You can still help by signing up to bake pies ahead of time. Contact Manny or

Barbara Carneiro with any questions. Also, 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.

Sermon Title: A Blessing of Power

Scripture: Ephesians 3: 14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.







Happy Birthday:

Nov. 16: Marilyn Turentine Nov. 18: Glenn Arnold

Nov. 21: Kelly MacDonald







Our Calendar:

Nov. 16: Children's Christmas Program Practice **4 – 5:30 p.m.**

Nov. 19: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Nov. 21 – 23: Youth Fall Retreat 5:30 p.m. Friday – 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Nov. 23: Church Friendsgiving Potluck, Children's Christmas Program Practice **4** – **5:30 p.m.**

Nov. 25: no Ladies Bible Class

Nov. 26: no Wed. p.m. service

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day/ Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

Nov. 30: Youth Group HS
Hangout, Children's Christmas
Program Practice 4 – 5:30 p.m.,
no Sunday 5 p.m. service

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 **6 p.m.**, no Sunday 5 p.m. service

Dec. 14: Christmas Candlelight Service **6 p.m.**, no Sunday 5 p.m. service

Dec. 17: Youth Christmas Party

Dec. 19: Westgate Ladies'

Favorite Things Party

Dec. 21: no Bible classes, regular worship service **10** a.m., regular **5**

p.m. service

Dec. 24: no Wed. p.m. service

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Dec. 28: no Bible classes, regular worship service **10** a.m., regular **5**

p.m. service

<u>Lessons from School Required Readings: Part 2</u> – by Brady Horner

I remember growing increasingly angry as I read *Animal Farm* my sophomore year. I just couldn't understand why we were being made to read this silly children's book. I was unaware of all the symbolism in the book until I was halfway through it! I'm not sure if my English teacher is to blame, or if I was just a dumb high school kid, but it was all flying over my head. When I discovered the book is a political allegory about communism and the Soviet Union, it became much more interesting.

For a while, *Animal Farm* was a summer reading for Abilene High students. Evidently some kids were reading the whole book, with no teacher guidance, and missing the entire point! They read it thinking they just read a competitor to *Charlotte's Web*. Once teachers figured this out, they began reading it with the class during the school year, because the book needs to be read with guidance. It needs to be talked about, sometimes explained, and needs to come with some history lessons.

The Bible is the same way. Sometimes we have this idea that if everyone picked up the Bible and objectively read it (which we can't completely do) we would all draw the same conclusions. The truth is when people go and read the Bible on their own, without guidance, at best they miss some important stuff, at worst they come up with some wacky ideas! In Acts 8 the Ethiopian Eunuch tells Philip he can't understand the Scriptures unless someone explains it to him. The Bible isn't your book, it's the Church's book. So, it is to be read with God's people, with spiritual leadership and guidance. I'm not saying there is anything wrong with personal private study, but it is much richer when explored and discussed with other Christians. Reading the Bible in and with community helps us to read it for all it's worth.











- The theme for the winter quarter is Faith Works. Our focus for November is Paul and Silas in prison.
- Our winter memory verse is Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful

Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Christmas Program practice starts

today! Sign-ups are open until practice
starts at 4. Text "Christmas" to the
Westgate number to fill out a short
form and sign your child(ren) up!





Youth Ministry News

Our Fall Retreat is **next weekend** (Friday night—Sunday morning)! The theme for the weekend is **One**, and we are excited to talk about unity in the Body of Christ. We are leaving from Westgate at **5:30 p.m.**, and we will be back around **11:30 a.m. on Sunday morning**. Please ask Clay if you have any questions!

Due to Thanksgiving, we will **not** have class on **Wednesday, November 26**.

Our next High School Hangout will be on **Sunday, November 30**.

Please continue to pray for our students throughout the school semester!



Students hanging out before class on Wednesday night!

<u>Ways to Give:</u> check: 402 S. Pioneer, 79605 eGive: westgatecofc.com text-to-give: 325-379-8222 Churchteams

<u>Services at Westgate:</u> 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**.

Offering November 9:

Contribution: \$3,900.00 eGive: \$4,229.21

Total: \$8,129.21 Budget: \$**8,393.30** Be a Blessing: \$11.57 <u>Lead Minister:</u> Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com

<u>Youth Minister:</u> Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu

<u>Children's Education Coordinator:</u> Emily Clute (325-269-9806)

eclute123@gmail.com

<u>Elders:</u> Eric Gumm, Jim MacDonald, John Powell, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom, Aaron Winter

<u>Deacons:</u> Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, **Adam Lott**, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

McFarlen **11/23**: Cathrine

Nursery Duty:

11/16: Chandra

Church office: (325)692-2300

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Building Lock-up:

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Nov.: Manny Carneiro

Dec.: Adam Lott