

Prayer Concerns

~**Aaron Winter's** dad Tom had triple bypass surgery on Monday. He is doing well and was able to move out of ICU to a regular room. Please pray for a speedy recovery for Tom Winter.

~**Melody Loveland** has fallen 3 times this month. She is starting physical therapy soon. Please keep Melody in your prayers.

~**Keith Gafner** has asked for prayers for Kenya. There were two landslides last Saturday that claimed the lives of at least 30 people and left about 1,000 homeless.

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

~Please pray for all those affected by the government shutdown.

~Tuesday is Veterans Day. Prayers of thanksgiving for all the Westgate members who have served our country and made the world a safer place.

~Remember to pray for **Eric Robinson** and family.

~Continued prayers that **Megeste and Josette Pierre** receive amnesty in Mexico.

~This marks one year since the 11th and Willis congregation joined Westgate! Prayers of thanks for the smooth transition and the wonderful new members who have blessed our Westgate family.

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

~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



Guess Who is Coming to Dinner Saturday

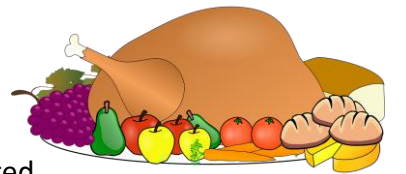
If you signed up to participate in Guess Who is Coming to Dinner, thanks for your willingness to try new things! You will be getting a call from your host soon about what to bring and where to show up **Saturday night at 6 p.m.** Childcare will be available at the building. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Chaney.

Thanksgiving Meals and Baskets

Baskets: If you would like a basket of uncooked food to prepare your own Thanksgiving meal, let Brady or one of the deacons know. The baskets will be available the Sunday before Thanksgiving, **November 23.**

Meals: Cooked Thanksgiving meals will be offered again this year, to be delivered **Thanksgiving morning.** Talk to Brady or one of the deacons if you or someone you know would like a cooked Thanksgiving dinner.

Volunteers: We could use some help with the cooked meals. The Carneiros make it really easy: on the **day before Thanksgiving**, ingredients will be available to be picked up at the Carneiros' house. Each part needs to be cooked and taken back to their house (hot) on **Thanksgiving morning** for assembly and delivery. The exception to this is pies, which can be made ahead of time if desired. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hall.



Youth Devo Tonight

All youth group students are invited to a devo **tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the Crockett's house. Don't miss this opportunity to come out and enjoy a time of fellowship, worship, and eating together. Dinner will be provided.

Sunday Evening Service
Childhood of Jesus
What Was It Like Living in Nazareth?
Meeting ID: 876 3361 2493

Blessing Box Opening

If you have been hoping to volunteer to fill the Blessing Box, you are in luck! A spot has opened up to stock the box on **Thursdays.** If you are interested, please call or text Steve Templeton.



Christmas Program Sign-ups

The Children's Christmas Party is right around the corner. Children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to participate. To sign up your child, text "Christmas" to 325-692-2300 and fill out the short form. Practices begin **November 16.**

WESTGATE LADIES' FAVORITE THINGS PARTY
SAVE THE DATE!
DECEMBER 19TH
MORE DETAILS TO COME!



Westgate Friendsgiving Potluck in 2 Weeks

Sunday, Nov. 23, after morning services, we will have a Friendsgiving potluck dinner. Bring a main dish and side dish OR a main dish and dessert. Feel free to bring your favorite dishes – they don't have to be traditional Thanksgiving fare. Let's share our abundance as we give thanks for our Westgate friends. This will replace our regular 5th Sunday Potluck.

Sermon Title: The Priestly Blessing

Scripture: Numbers 6: 22-27

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

""The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.""

"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."





Happy Birthday:

Nov. 11: Emmy Schumpert, Nancy Prince, Dwight Painter

Nov. 12: Logan Anderson

Nov. 15: Adam Lott, Grace Gafner



Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 12: David & Skyla Krause



Our Calendar:

Nov. 9: Youth Group Devo at Crockett's house **6 – 8 p.m.**

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 15: Guess Who is Coming to Dinner **6 – 8 p.m.**

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

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

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

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day/ Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

Nov. 30: Youth Group HS Hangout, Children's Christmas Program Practice **4 – 5:30 p.m.**

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.**

Dec. 14: Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 17: Youth Christmas Party

Lessons from School Required Readings

– by Brady Horner

I know for some people high school was the glory days. For me it was like prison...just keep your head down, do what you have to, and get out of there. There are few things from high school that I would like to relive or do again. However, in my early 20's I went back and read several of the books in the standard high school curriculum (1984, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *Catcher in the Rye*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Fahrenheit 451*). The second time around it was more enjoyable because I didn't have to read them, I got to. I didn't read to do a project or pass a test; I just read to enjoy the book and wonder why it made it on the school curriculum. This kind of reading, with no agenda, was good for me.

I wonder how often we approach the Bible with the same mindset I had about books in school. Do we just trudge through it because it's something we have to do? Do we read it looking for key concepts or answers to questions someone might quiz us on? That makes approaching the powerful Word of God feel like a chore. I'll admit that some parts of the Bible are a tough read, some parts are even boring (if you disagree with that go read the first 9 chapters of 1 Chronicles and get back to me), but it contains powerful Words of life and it is an honor to get to read it. Jesus' teachings make me view people differently, the story of the Apostles fills me with hope, the Psalms of lament make me feel seen, and the families in Genesis make mine feel normal!

Often when I read the Scriptures, I come with an agenda. I might be looking for my next sermon series, hoping God gives me a Word speaking into my current situation, trying to solve some puzzle, or I hate to admit it, I might be trying to find a way to win an argument. Some of my most enjoyable times of reading scripture are when I am just opening myself up to God and his Word. Perhaps the only question I ask is "Why did this make the curriculum?" or "Why did God decide these are the words that should be here for us to see now?" Perhaps it is when we approach God ready to receive whatever he has for us without our own personal agendas, that he speaks to us most clearly and we grow the most.



Wednesday night fun!

Children's Ministry News

- Our focus for November is on Paul and Silas in prison.
- The 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."

- Sign up for the Christmas program (kids 4 years old – 5th grade) by texting "Christmas" to the Westgate number, 325-692-2300. The program will be **December 7 at 6 p.m.!**

2018 Christmas Program throwback



Youth Ministry News

Join us for a devotional **tonight** at the Crockett's house **from 6 – 8 p.m.** Come enjoy a time of food, fellowship, and worship together!

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!

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

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



I (Clay) did not take these pictures, but I did find them on my camera roll. Enjoy!

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.** **Church office:** (325)692-2300
Tuesdays—Ladies Bible Class **10 a.m.** Wednesdays—Bible Class **6:45 p.m.** westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering

November 2:
Contribution: \$8,524.50
eGive: \$1,984.40
Total: \$10,508.90
Budget: **\$8,393.30**
Be a Blessing: \$15.00

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:

11/9: Jamie Dye
11/16: Chandra McFarlen

Building Lock-up:

Nov.: Manny Carneiro
Dec.: Adam Lott