

Prayer Concerns

~Colleen Blasingame is steadily improving. She has moved to a different room (7913), but will likely move to a rehab facility soon. Keep praying!

~Nancy Pair’s heart valve replacement surgery Thursday went really well, and she was hoping to be released from the hospital Friday. Please pray for a quick recovery with no complications.

~Skyla Krause’s brother, Kyler Burd, spent a couple of nights in the hospital. He is out of the hospital now, but still very dizzy, so he can’t drive. He will start vestibular PT on Monday. Many prayers for Kyler.

~Our sincere sympathy to the family of Darol Bell, Don Bell’s father. Darol passed away last Saturday, and the funeral will be at Oldham Lane on December 20.

~Laura Hennan could use our prayers. She is dealing with pancreatic cancer, and the tumors on her liver have grown. The cancer is in several places.

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
- ~Michael Bryant
- ~Fernando Espinoza
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson ~Laura Hennan
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss ~Nell Hopper
- ~Tiffany Houdeshell
- ~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-au-Prince, Haiti (in Mexico currently)
- ~Keith & Grace Gafner—Eldoret, Kenya
- ~Larry & Hollye Conway—Nairobi, Kenya
- ~Scott & Shirley Raab—Belgium and Maastricht, Netherlands

Sunday Evening Service will not meet due to the Christmas Candlelight Service

Thank You Notes

Dear Westgate family,  
Thanks so much for all the cards and prayers on our behalf during the year. Also thanks for the delicious food y’all brought for the Thanksgiving Day lunch. We are so grateful for all of the work that ALL of you do. Love and appreciate you all!

Love & prayers,  
Ron & Geraldine

To our dear brothers and sisters at Westgate Church of Christ—  
Thank you all so much for providing us with a delicious turkey/ham dinner for Thanksgiving dinner.  
I’ve never been on the receiving end of one of these—so now I can really understand what a blessing it can be!  
May God bless you each and every one for allowing Him to work through you to bless others.  
Blessings!  
Peggy Bell & Darol Bell

Ladies: Sign-up sheets are now posted for the Nursery Duty, New Member, Gems & Jewels, Love Baskets, and Encouragement Committees!

Ladies Bible Class Break

Ladies Bible Class will resume at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6. In addition to studying The Gospel of John by Melissa Spoelstra, the ladies work on service projects, share prayer requests, and laugh a lot. They would love for you to join them in 2026; visit with Clair Arche if you have any questions.



Westgate Church of Christ  
Welcome Members and Guests



Marriage Retreat Information

Registration is now open for our Marriage Retreat, January 23–25, at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Weatherford. Join us for a weekend of connection, renewal, and fun! Register by texting "marriage" to 325-692-2300. The cost is \$200 per couple, which can be paid via Churchteams or by check. The registration deadline is January 4 and the payment deadline is January 15.



- Friday evening: Check in 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner
- Saturday: Breakfast and activities until early afternoon, then enjoy free time for a date night
- Sunday morning: Worship together until lunch, with an optional group lunch before heading home



Christmas Candlelight Service Tonight

Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Candlelight Service. This special evening of worship and reflection is a beautiful way to celebrate the season together.

Bring your friends and family—all are welcome!



Christmas Favorite Things Party Friday

Attention all women of Westgate: an exciting event is coming this Friday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Clair Arche. Come enjoy a fun, casual gathering! Bring one wrapped gift containing a favorite item with a \$25 value to contribute to a gift exchange and a favorite appetizer or dessert to share. See the invitation on the back of the bulletin for more information.

Sermon Title: Elizabeth’s Supporting Role

Scripture: Luke 1: 39–45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”





Happy Birthday:

Dec. 14: Lucas Espinoza  
Dec. 15: Autumn Meeks  
Dec. 20: Kailyn Clements, Lydia Lyon



Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 17: Randy & Julie Bibb, Mark & Lydia Lyon  
Dec. 18: Kevin & Christie Pruitt, Marshall & Kathryn Boerio  
Dec. 20: Al & Jan Cogburn



Our Calendar:

Dec. 14: Christmas Candlelight Service 6 p.m., no Sunday 5 p.m. service  
Dec. 17: Youth Christmas Party – meet at building at 5:45 p.m.  
Dec. 19: Westgate Ladies’ Favorite Things Party at home of Clair Arche, 6:30 p.m.  
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  
Dec. 31: no Wed. p.m. service  
Jan. 1: New Year’s Day  
Jan. 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
Jan. 11: Picture Day  
Jan. 17 – 19: Youth Group Mystery Trip

Delight Yourself in the Lord – by Ed Mathews

There are several Hebrew words translated “delight.” They suggest a cluster of compelling ideas.

- 1. Delight can refer to a STRONG FEELING, Genesis 34:19. The children of God delight in the scriptures, Psalms 1:2; 112:1. They read them. They believe them. They obey them.
- 2. Delight can denote a FAVORABLE DISPOSITION. “The Lord takes delight in His people,” Psalms 149:4. He accepts them. He treasures them. He wants to save them.
- 3. Delight suggests a HAPPY APPROVAL, Proverbs 8:30. After creation, the angels sang with “delight,” Job 38:4-7.

As Christians, we delight in God, Psalms 37:4. We put Him first. We are glad to be His. We are happy to depend on Him. We delight in our weakness, II Corinthians 12:10. We glory in His strength. And, thus, we “find delight in the Almighty,” Job 22:26.

Such delight in God is a high achievement. It is not for the fainthearted. The key is to allow God to be God. In reference to observing the Sabbath, Isaiah revealed the secret to feeling such delight. “If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please...if you honor it by not going your own way...you will find joy in the Lord,” Isaiah 58:13,14a.

Ah, yes, the secret to delight in God is abandoning self, refusing to do as we want, and focusing on Him who is our Beloved.

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 14:  
Bible Classes 9 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
No 5 p.m. service  
Christmas Candlelight 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 21:  
No Bible Classes  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Worship 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 28:  
No Bible Classes  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Worship 5 p.m.

Normal Bible classes today, then we will not have classes the following 2 Sundays

Wednesday p.m. classes normal this week, then no classes on Christmas Eve or New Year’s Eve

Wednesday, December 17:  
Youth Christmas Party 5:45 p.m.  
Bible Classes 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24:  
No services or classes at the building

Wednesday, December 31:  
No services or classes at the building



Children’s Ministry News

- Our focus on Sunday mornings in December is the birth of Jesus as seen in Isaiah 9.
- 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.”
- Please pray for our kids as they go into their last week of school before Christmas break.

Christmas Program



3rd - 5th graders tested their Bible knowledge from this semester in a battle against their dads this Wednesday night - and won!



Youth Ministry News

Please join our whole church family for the Candlelight Service tonight at 6 p.m. for a time of worship to celebrate the Christmas season together!

Join us for our Youth Group Christmas Party, which will be on December 17. Please bring a gift to exchange of about \$10 value.

Please mark your calendar for our annual Youth Group Mystery Trip, which will be January 17 – 19!

Please continue to pray for our students over the last few weeks of the school semester!



Liam Meeks working hard to decorate the Youth House for Christmas!



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.←returns 1/6 Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m.

Church office: (325)692-2300 westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering December 7:  
Contribution: \$4,395.60  
eGive: \$4,514.86  
Total: \$8,910.46  
Budget: \$8,393.30  
Be a Blessing: \$12.50

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:  
12/14: Kayla Crockett  
12/21: self-serve

Building Lock-up:  
Dec.: Adam Lott  
Jan.: Chris Meeks