

Prayer Concerns

~Great news! **Sarah Doss** was able to deliver her baby girl the week of Thanksgiving. Emma Claire Doss weighed 5 lbs., 9 oz., and was 18½” long. Mom and baby are doing great, thanks for all the prayers!

~**Colleen Blasingame** is much improved. She is off of antibiotics and IV blood thinners, but she still has shots for blood thinner. She started some physical therapy. She welcomes short visits. Please continue to pray.

~**Nancy Pair** is scheduled for heart valve replacement surgery this Thursday, December 11. Please add Nancy to your prayer list.

~**Megeste and Josette Pierre** were granted asylum by the Mexican government. The next step will be for them to go to immigration for their official IDs. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they move forward.

~Please keep praying for **Eric Robinson** and family.

~Continued prayers for former member **Donnie Baisden**. He had surgery to remove a brain tumor recently and will need chemo and radiation.

~Please remember **Chris Meeks’s** mom, Beverly, in your prayers. She is battling breast cancer.

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

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

Ladies Committee News

- ❖ We are needing a Visitor/New Member Committee chair. If you’re interested in serving in this role, please sign up on the clipboard in the hall.
- ❖ If you'd like to join the 2026 Nursery Duty Committee, please add your name to the clipboard in the hallway. Current committee members from this year are automatically continuing and don't need to sign up again. Contact Heather Lott with any questions.
- ❖ Sign-ups are now open for next year's Encouragement Committee. If you served on this committee in 2025, you're already set—no need to sign up again.

Welcome New Members

Thomas & Baylee Couch

Please contact the church office for address and phone numbers.



Sunday Evening Service will not meet due to the Children’s Christmas Program



Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Marriage Retreat Registration Open

Registration opens **today** for the Marriage Retreat on **January 23 – 25**, at Fairfield Inn and Suites in Weatherford. The cost will be \$200 per couple, and you can register and pay through Churchteams by texting “marriage” to the church phone number. The deadline to register is **January 4**, and the deadline to pay is **January 15**. The retreat begins Friday evening after work and concludes Sunday at lunchtime.

Christmas Program and Chili Supper Tonight

Tonight’s the night! Come on out at **6:00 p.m.**, drop off your chili and/or fixings in the kitchen, and make your way to the auditorium for the Children’s Christmas Program, *Backstage at the Nativity*. After the program, everyone is invited to stick around for the Potluck Chili Supper in the fellowship hall. Please join us for this fun and festive event to support our sweet kiddos and kick off the holiday season.



Christmas Candlelight Service Next Sunday

A tradition that has become beloved by the Westgate family is the Christmas Candlelight Service. Make plans to be here **next Sunday, December 14, at 6 p.m.** for this beautiful night of worship. Remember to invite your friends, coworkers, and family members.

Sermon Title: Herod’s Main Character Syndrome

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-8

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”



Happy Birthday:

Dec. 7: Audreille Nibizi Ndayizeye
Dec. 10: Lucas Pruitt
Dec. 13: Debra Lemons,
Randy Pair



Our Calendar:

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 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. 17 – 19: Youth Group Mystery Trip
Jan. 21: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
Jan. 23 – 25: Marriage Retreat
Feb. 4: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
Feb. 8: Youth Group hosts Senior Valentine Lunch, Youth Group Super Bowl Party
Feb. 16: Presidents Day
Feb. 18: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
Feb. 28: Guess Who is Coming to Dinner
Mar. 4: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**

Lessons from School Required Readings: Part 3 –
by Brady Horner

A few months ago on September 11th a mountain was made out of a molehill when English teachers at Abilene High assigned a reading from *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. A parent was mad because there were cusswords in the reading. I understand not wanting kids to absorb profanity, but it is a part of life, and both the public and private school experience. Some of the most formative books I read in school, like *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Fahrenheit 451*, have profanity in them. If you miss out on them because of profanity, you miss out on some powerful messages about violence, free thought, and compassion. Plus, if you censor every book with profanity and adult content, you will miss out on just about everything...including the Bible.

The political fight over books in schools has really ramped up. But concern over profanity is an exhausting battle to pick, and not the right one. The message in books is what people should be considering. Unfortunately for parents who want to micromanage teachers, discovering the message would actually require reading the content themselves...something I doubt most of these parents are willing to do.

Stories shape our hearts more than lectures. Drawing our own conclusions (that stories lead us to) form us far more than memorizing bullet points for tests. This is why Jesus creatively taught in parables. Sometimes he didn’t tell people the Truth, he told a story that helped them to discover the Truth. I personally am not worried about what books are in the libraries or curriculum, because I have a good relationship and dialogue with my kids and we can talk about content together (I’m currently doing that with *All Quiet on the Western Front* and it’s been great). Please go easy on teachers and talk to your kids about the messages of any content they are consuming (books, TV, and music).

Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes in December

December 7: Brady in fellowship hall, Tim Graham in auditorium
December 14: Brady in fellowship hall, Tim Graham in auditorium
December 21: no classes
December 28: no classes

Thank You Notes

Dear Westgate Family,

Thank you for the Thanksgiving dinner. Everything was melt in your mouth delicious and the leftovers were even better.

With love, Sarah, Melody, and Ken

Steve Henderson would like to thank all who are involved with putting together the Thanksgiving meal. Thank Them!!



Christmas Program practice



Children’s Ministry News

- Join us for our Christmas program and chili supper **tonight at 6 p.m.!** The kids have been working hard to create this show!
- 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.”

Youth Ministry News

Please join our whole church family for the Church Christmas Party and Children’s Program on **December 7**, and worship with us at the Candlelight Service on **December 14!**

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!



Youth Group girls hanging out by the campfire during our Fall Retreat!

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
November 30:
Contribution: \$3,448.00
eGive: \$2,385.63
Total: \$5,833.63
Budget: **\$8,393.30**
Be a Blessing: \$7.30

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:
12/7: Lauren Cole
12/14: Kayla Crockett

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