

Prayer Concerns

~Please remember **Eric Robinson** and family in your prayers.

~**Colleen Blasingame** is in Windcrest Rehab, but is doing well and hopes to be home before long.

~Keep praying for **Nancy Pair**. She is waiting on heart monitor results to see if a pacemaker is needed.

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

~Continued prayers for **Dottie Roberts**.

~**Kathryn Boerio** has asked for prayers for the little patient she takes care of. They had to airlift him to Cooks with a moderate to severe UTI and pneumonia. He was intubated to sedate him to quickly bring down his temperature. Pray for his family and all the nurses who love on him.

Ladies Committee Sign-ups

Ladies, if you haven't had a chance, check out the sign-up sheets for the Ladies Committees posted in the hall across from the kitchen door. We still have some slots to fill for Gems & Jewels and Love Baskets. Round 2 of sign-up sheets coming soon!



Lost and Found Cleanout

Melody was able to reunite some long-lost items with their owners last Sunday. Let's try for even more this week! Please stop by the short hall and peruse the Lost and Found for any forgotten treasures.



Jim's?

~From **Sharon Arnold**:  
"Dawn Deitmen and I spent three nights with the Conways upon arriving in Kenya on Tuesday morning. We left Limuru (outside Nairobi) this morning and are headed to Sam's Place. It's about a 6-hour drive. I will remain there for 15 days and return on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We visited three of our post-secondary students. One is attending teacher college; two others are attending a technical university. The two young men at the technical university are the first two deaf students ever accepted at this university. We provide the interpreters for them."



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 5:00 PM Service  
DeChurching of America  
Who Are the DeChurched?  
Meeting ID: 876 3361 2493

January/February  
calendars available  
in the short hall!



Payment  
deadline  
for the  
Marriage  
Retreat:  
Jan. 15

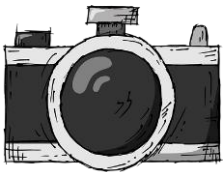


Westgate Church of Christ  
Welcome Members and Guests



Picture Day Today

We are updating the picture board! Steve Templeton will be taking pictures **today** and **next Sunday, Jan. 18**, after services. He will be in the first classroom in the west hallway as you exit the auditorium. This is for new members as well as anyone who wants an updated picture.



Young Adult Bible Class

This Sunday morning class is for young adults who are navigating early adulthood – work, relationships, marriage, singleness, and faith. Designed for adults in their 20s, this class aims to provide a place to figure out life together in community. Whether you're single or married, with or without kids, you're welcome to join us as we explore faith and the unique questions of this season of life. This class will meet in the first classroom on your right as you enter the southeast door, starting **today**.



Gift Card Collection

Rebecca Boerio Cummings, daughter of Marshall and Kathryn Boerio, was married in December. We are collecting money for a gift card for Rebecca and her husband Joel. You can contribute by giving money to Briana Horner (Venmo is fine) or Jill Tate, or by placing a check in the office with "gift card" on the memo line. Best wishes to the happy couple!

Sermon Title: Break Me

Scripture: Psalm 51: 1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

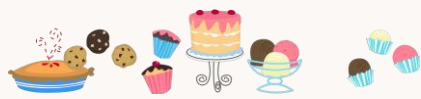
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.





Happy Birthday:

Jan. 14: Steve Smith



Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 13: Brandon & Nicole Davis



Our Calendar:

Jan. 11: Picture Day

Jan. 17 – 19: Youth Group  
Mystery Trip

Jan. 18: Picture Day

Jan. 21: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 23 – 25: Marriage Retreat

Feb. 1: Youth Group Devo

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. 22: Baby Shower for Kari  
White, High School Hangout

Feb. 28: Guess Who is Coming to  
Dinner

Mar. 4: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Mar. 8: Daylight Saving Time  
begins, Games @ Youth House

Mar. 11: no Bible classes or  
services due to Spring Break

Mar. 18: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Mar. 22: Youth Group Devo

Mar. 28 – 29: All-Church Retreat

Mar. 29: no Bible classes, regular  
worship 10 a.m., 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch  
in Lueders, no 5 p.m. service

April 1: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

April 3: Good Friday

April 4: Easter Egg Hunt & Family  
Cookout @ Festival Gardens

April 5: Easter Sunday, HS Hangout

A Changing Abilene – by Brady Horner

I’m hearing a lot of excitement about the growth in Abilene. We have enjoyed having a Chuy’s here, and between a Bass Pro Outpost (not quite as exciting as a Bass Pro Shop, but still something to be celebrated) and (rumors of?) a Buc-ee’s in Clyde, there is a lot more coming. People are hoping/speculating for places like Trader Joe’s, In-N-Out Burger, and a Nashville Hot Chicken place called Angry Chickz.

While the new businesses are exciting, there are some downsides. Have you driven on Southwest lately? Traffic is crazy over there! If all these rumors are true it will likely get worse everywhere. I hate to sound xenophobic, but if as many people move here as some speculate, Abilene may not feel like Abilene anymore. There could be lots more unfamiliar faces and a change in culture. I know a lot of longtime Abilene residents will not like this.

Growth is change; and humans tend to fight change. Change makes us uncomfortable; change is a threat to what we have. How are we going to handle new, different people? The bulk of the New Testament is encouraging God’s people (the Jews) to accept the “new people”, the Gentiles, into their faith community. While some change is uncomfortable, I hope that we as a church and as a community can accept the growth that is happening. May we be a hospitable place of love and patience and accept the growth that is happening as our hometown begins to look different.



Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes

Fellowship Hall – Brady Horner – Risky Faith

In towns like Abilene, where there are churches on every corner, it gets easy to be caught up in comfortable (or even boring) Christianity. Throughout history God has called his people to do bold, even risky things, for his Kingdom. The Sunday morning class in the Fellowship Hall will look at people who took faith risks in scripture and will explore ways God may be encouraging us to take faith risks today.

Auditorium – CJ Chaney – Restoring a Brand New Thing

I’ll start by sharing my testimony and how Michelle and I got here to Westgate. This will lead into how WE (collectively) got here—leaning into Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, and their contemporaries. We’ll look at some of their major beliefs and talk through those through scripture. Then we will tie those things back to what and how we believe today.

East Hall Classroom – Andrew Clute – Young Adult Class

See the front of the bulletin for details on this exciting new class.



Whitten, the recent birthday boy!



Children’s Ministry News

- Our focus for January is on Paul and Lydia from Philippians 4:6-9 and Acts 16:11-40.
- 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.”



Youth Ministry News

You can pick up a WYM Spring Calendar at the bulletin board by Clay’s office to see a list of all our activities for the upcoming months!

The Mystery Trip is next weekend! We will leave on **Saturday morning** and return on **Monday afternoon** (MLK Day). Please make sure you have registered and paid! If you have any questions, please ask.

Make sure to register for Camp Beloved and Beyond! Any students who are 13 or older are invited to come with us as we serve campers with special needs this summer. **Our group spots are reserved until February 6**, so please make sure you register before then! See your email for registration information, and ask Clay if you have any questions about the registration process.

Please mark your calendar for our next Youth Group Devo, which will be on **Sunday, February 1**.

Please pray for all our students this Spring semester of school!



Issacc Carneiro and Trevor Meeks finishing up an intense game of pool in the youth house before class on Wednesday!

**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

January 4:

Contribution: \$17,533.00  
eGive: \$9,480.98  
Total: \$27,013.98  
Budget: \$8,393.30  
Be a Blessing: \$30.00

**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 Waldrup

Nursery Duty:

1/11: Bradi Williams

1/18: Amanda  
McSherry

Building Lock-up:

Jan.: Chris Meeks

Feb.: Matt Waldrup