

Prayer Concerns

~Bob Edwards (friend of **Anno Richards**) had surgery Wednesday for lymphoma. The surgery went well, and he was released Thursday night. It will be a difficult recovery at home, and he will eventually have to undergo radiation. Please pray for a full recovery for Bob.

~Please keep **Linda Jones** in your prayers this week. She is scheduled for surgery to remove her right thyroid Wednesday.

~**Ashley Becerra's** aunt Margie is in the hospital in critical condition. Please be in prayer for Margie and her family.

~**Linda Harshberger** is improving. On Wednesday, she was released to Windcrest to do rehab. Keep up the prayers!

~Remember to pray for expectant mom **Kari White** and family.

~Continued prayers for **Colleen Blasingame**.

~Please lift up **Alan and Autumn Hilligoss** in your prayers.

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

~Keep praying for a full recovery for **Clair Arche's** dad, Bobby Atchley.

~Remember former member **Laura Hennan** in your prayers, struggling with pancreatic cancer. She is going to Duke at the end of the month for a possible trial.

If you have a prayer request to put in the bulletin, please email it to westgatecofc@gmail.com, call 325-692-2300, or write it on an attendance card.

Those unable to join us:

~Barbara Buchanan

~Bobby Davis

~Ron and Geraldine Hill

~Ralph and Margaret Monroe

~Jim and Joyce Waddell

~George Woodfin

Ongoing prayer concerns:

~Glenn Arnold ~Steve Bibb

~Michael Bryant

~Fernando Espinoza

~Deana Frazier

~Steve Henderson

~Laura Hennan ~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

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner This Saturday

If you signed up to participate in Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, get ready! You will be getting a call from your host soon about what to bring and where to go **Saturday night at 6 p.m.** Childcare will be available at the building. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Chaney.

Baby Shower Today

Ladies, join us **this afternoon at 2 p.m.** in the fellowship hall for a baby shower honoring Kari White. Hostesses are Clair Arche, Skyla Krause, Heather Lott, Kami Winter, and Caroline Wright. Kari is registered on Amazon. Baby Boy White will be here before you know it – we can't wait!



Last Call for Westgate Merch

A big thank you to everyone who has already placed an order — it's going to be great seeing Westgate represented throughout the community! If you've been meaning to order a t-shirt or sweatshirt, today is the day. The order window closes **tomorrow, February 23**. Order forms and the return basket are in the main hallway, and merch will be available for pickup about two weeks after orders close.



Ladies Supper & Painting Night Coming Soon



The next Ladies Supper is coming up a week from Monday! On **Monday, March 2, from 6 – 8 p.m.**, all the ladies are invited to come have dinner – chicken salad and a variety of delicious sandwiches will be provided. Then we will have a time to paint! There will be blank canvases and pre-drawn ones as well. Babysitting will be provided. We'd love to see you there!



Blessing Box Opening

Volunteers buy food and fill the Blessing Box on a certain day each week. A spot has opened up to stock the box on **Mondays**. If you are interested, please call or text Steve Templeton.

Sunday Evening Contemporary Faith Challenges Sexual Immorality

High School Hangout Tonight

Students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to the Abilene Axe Company **tonight from 7 to 9 p.m.** for a High School Hangout. The cost will be covered, but be sure to eat before you come and fill out the online waiver.

Welcome New Members

Ben & Jordan Kittley, Kate

Please call the church office if you would like the Kittley's contact information.



March/April calendars are available in the short hall!



Sermon Title: Xerxes, the Proud Husband

Scripture: Esther 1: 10-12

On the seventh day, when King Xerxes was in high spirits from wine, he commanded the seven eunuchs who served him—Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar and Karkas—to bring before him Queen Vashti, wearing her royal crown, in order to display her beauty to the people and nobles, for she was lovely to look at. But when the attendants delivered the king's command, Queen Vashti refused to come. Then the king became furious and burned with anger.



Happy Birthday:

- Feb. 22:** Brady Morton, Jerry Drennan
- Feb. 23:** Crystal Collier
- Feb. 26:** Addison Galaway
- Feb. 27:** Bethany Powell, Mollie Varnado



Our Calendar:

- Feb. 22:** Baby Shower for Kari White **2 p.m.**, High School Hangout **7 – 9 p.m.**
- Feb. 28:** Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner **6 – 8 p.m.**
- Mar. 2:** Ladies Supper **6 – 8 p.m.**
- 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.**, 5th Sunday lunch in Lueders, no 5 p.m. service
- April 1:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- April 3:** Good Friday
- April 4:** Easter EGGStravaganza @ Abilene Festival Gardens
- April 5:** Easter Sunday, High School Hangout
- April 15:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- April 19:** Games @ Youth House
- April 26:** Brisket Burn/Youth Auction after services
- April 29:** Brown Bag Fellowship **5:45 p.m.**
- May 6:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- May 10:** Mother’s Day
- May 16:** ACS Graduation

Give God Your Boredom – by Brady Horner

I love Legos! I think they are one of the greatest toys ever invented. They inspire so much creativity and hours of entertainment. As a kid I also enjoyed what I consider the precursor to Legos, Lincoln Logs. Lincoln Logs came out in 1916 so it’s likely everyone has played with them or knows of them. They were invented by Frank Lloyd Wright’s son! John Lloyd Wright’s mold for Lincoln Logs was inspired by watching his father build the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. I love how Frank’s brilliance inspired others to create amazing things. Maybe it’s a leap, but perhaps we could give Frank Lloyd Wright some indirect credit for the awesome toy we have today.

Imagine if minds like Frank and his son’s wasted away binge-watching bad TV or playing hours of Clash Royale. We might have missed out on some great contributions. Screens sometimes kill creativity and inspiration. What we do with our free time shapes us and our world and many of us are wasting it. Because I didn’t have a screen to automatically solve my boredom problem as a kid, I creatively played with Legos and Lincoln Logs. I used my imagination to problem-solve and deal with boredom in healthy ways. Sometimes I even cleaned my room or read the Bible! Sometimes I got closer to God in my boredom! I know a lot of this made me who I am, shaped how I think, and impacted me as a Christian and minister.

As a guy who rants and rails against screens, even when I am intentional about it, it can still be a problem in my family and in my personal life. My family is pumping the brakes on screen time simply by setting up a few hours a day where none of us are on screens. Is there some way you or your family could take a small step back from screens to let your minds rest, imagine, create, and problem-solve in different ways? If nothing else next time you turn to a screen to rest, instead pause and give God your boredom and see what He does with it.



All-Church Retreat

Watch for more details soon about the Annual Westgate All-Church Retreat, set for **Saturday, March 28 to Sunday, March 29!** This fun, relaxing event will be at the retreat center in Lueders again this year. Whether you like paintball and archery or board games and dominoes, this retreat has something for you. We would love to see you there!



Save the date for the 2026 Easter EGGStravaganza, coming Saturday, April 4!

Children’s Ministry News

- February’s focus is on Parables: Pearl of Great Price, 2 Praying Men, and Sower of 4 Soils.
- The Spring memory verse is Philippians 4:4-5 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”



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!

High schoolers, please join us **tonight from 7 – 9 p.m.** at Abilene Axe Company for our High School Hangout. The cost will be covered; just make sure you fill out the online waiver. Please eat before you come. Ask Clay if you have any questions!

We have Westgate Youth Ministry Merch items! Check out numbers 6 – 9 on the order form for Westgate Youth Ministry t-shirts (\$20 each), and a sweatshirt (\$25).

It’s time for our youth students to start thinking about Youth Auction items and services! Students need to provide a handmade item or provide a service for our annual Youth Auction/Brisket Burn fundraiser, which will be **Sunday, April 26.**

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



Youth group students circled up to worship at our devotional a few weeks ago. Thank you to the Stovalls for hosting!

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
February 15:
Contribution: \$4,522.00
eGive/CT: \$1,969.08
Total: \$6,491.08
Budget: **\$9,149.47**
Be a Blessing: \$13.01

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:
2/22: Kami Winter
3/1: Sharon Van Cleave
Building Lock-up:
Feb.: Matt Waldrip
March: Manny Carneiro