

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



All-Church Retreat Starts Saturday

Get ready for some fun and relaxation! The retreat is coming this weekend, **March 28-29**. See the inside of the bulletin for details, and ask Brady or Jill if you have any questions.

Easter EGGstravaganza Coming Up

Mark your calendars for the Easter EGGstravaganza coming in a little less than 2 weeks on **Saturday, April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m.** This egg-citing event will take place at the Festival Gardens across from the Abilene Zoo. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, and we would like everyone, even if you don't have kids that age, to come eat, enjoy the outdoors, visit with your church family, and watch the egg hunt. Feel free to invite your friends!



Next Sunday

Due to the All-Church Retreat, we will not have Bible classes **next Sunday**. There will be a regular worship service at **10 a.m.**, with former Westgate minister Rodney Ashlock as guest speaker. Please make plans to join us if you are in town! If you would like to join the group at Lueders, the worship service there also begins at **10 a.m.**

Prayer Concerns

~**Thom Wier** had surgery a couple of weeks ago to remove cancer. They found more cancer on his upper right jawbone and teeth cavity. On April 1, they will remove that section of jaw and eventually do radiation. There's a good chance of getting it all. Please pray for a successful surgery and fast recovery.

~**Linda Harshberger** has been moved from ICU to home and is in hospice care. Many prayers for Rafe and Linda.

~**Marty Turentine** has a one-year checkup tomorrow in Dallas. He will have a PET scan and several other tests. Please pray the tests show he is still in remission.

~**Emory Winter** was able to get injections for her back during Spring Break. It will take a week or two for them to take full effect. Please pray these work well.

~Shelley Doremus's dad, **Jim Prather**, had a cancer on his arm removed on Monday. It went well. He is going back in 10 days to have it checked out. Remember Jim in your prayers.

~**Bob Edwards** will be starting radiation soon. Please pray for minimal side effects.

~Remember **Jeremy and Rachael Lee's** close friend, Tiffany Houdeshell, in your prayers. She is battling breast cancer.

~Please start praying for the All-Church Retreat.

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 ~Bob Edwards
- ~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

Committee Help Needed

The Graduation Celebration committee needs two more volunteers for **Sunday, May 17**. Please see Erin Cogburn if you are available to help.

We need about 3 more people to sign up for the Visitor and New Member committee. This committee has been revamped. It is for men and women now, and you don't have to make a pie. You can take the new members out for lunch or coffee or something similar. Sign up on the clipboard in the hall.

Party for Ross Blasingame

The Blasingames are planning a 99th birthday party for Raymond's dad, Ross. It will be at his old house on **Saturday, April 4, from 2 to 3 p.m.** Come and go, no gifts, all are invited to come.

Merch is Here!

The Westgate t-shirts and sweatshirts are here. If you paid for your merch already, it will be available for pickup in the parlor on **Sunday morning**.



Sunday Evening
 Understanding a Key Bible Word
 "Righteousness"
 Meeting ID: 876 3361 2493



Sermon Title: Lazarus

Scripture: John 11: 1-15

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

"But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."



Happy Birthday:

March 28: Kathryn Boerio



Happy Anniversary:

March 27: Mark & Brenda Brown



Our Calendar:

Mar. 22: Youth Group Devo 6 – 8 p.m.

Mar. 28 – 29: All-Church Retreat

Mar. 29: no Bible classes, regular worship 10 a.m., no 5 p.m. service due to 5th Sunday

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 22: Hillcrest Singers

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

May 17: Graduation Celebration

May 21: Clyde Graduation

May 22: Wylie, Winters, Jim Ned, & Eula Graduations

May 22-23: AISD Graduations

May 29: Merkel Graduation

May 31 – June 6: Camp Bandina

June 3: Family Fun Night

June 21: Father's Day

All-Church Retreat Info

Time:

Check-in: 11:00 a.m. — noon

Saturday, March 28

Check-out: 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29

Place:

Big Country Baptist Assembly
Lueders

Payment Info

If you signed up for the retreat but haven't paid yet, you can put a check in the plate with "retreat" on the memo line, or pay through Churchteams.

Retreat Theme

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" 2 Timothy 1: 7. At the All-Church Retreat we will explore what this means: that God does not want us to be bystanders on the sidelines, but brave people of action. Each of our group sessions will explore one of these different components of boldness and bravery God gives us: power (session 1), self-discipline (session 2), and love (Sunday morning session/worship).

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Saturday

11:00 Arrival

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Opening Session

2:00 – 5:00 Free Time (paintball, rock wall, archery, axe-throwing, games)

5:00 Second Session/Kids' Activity

6:15 Dinner

7:30 Campfire Devo (amphitheater)

8:30 Free Time, Games

Sunday

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Prayer Walk

10:00 Morning Worship

11:00 Kickball

12:00 Lunch

Don't forget to bring lawn chairs!

If you have 2 or more kids, bring twin sheets or sleeping bags!

Optional things to bring:

Bible (digital or otherwise)
twin bedding (if you have 2+ kids)
bikes, scooters, outdoor toys
lawn chairs
sunscreen
fishing equipment
board games
snack or dessert to share
(They have towels, pillows, and queen-size bedding.)

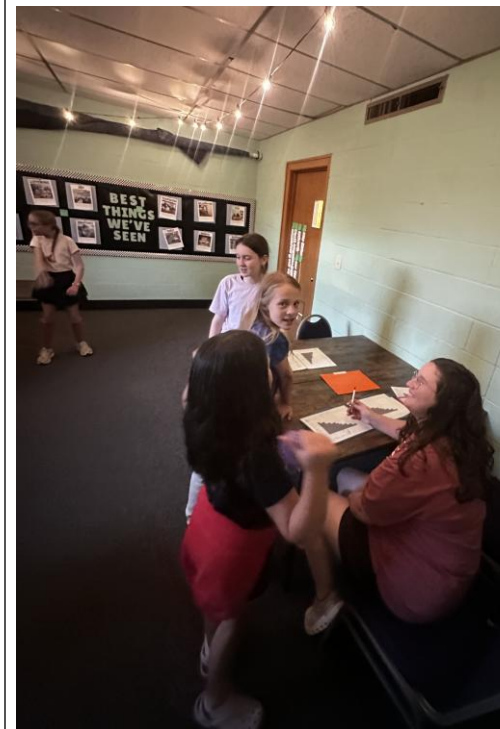
New Activity

Misty Tom is spearheading a Make-and-Take Flower Arrangement activity during the retreat from 3 to 4 on Saturday. All supplies and flowers will be furnished. Please sign up using the QR code below if you are interested. This activity is open to kids and adults and there is no additional charge!



Children's Ministry News

- Get excited for a fun children's activity at the All-Church Retreat! Hope to see you there next week!
- 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."
- The focus for April will be on the book of Revelation.



Youth Ministry News

Please join us tonight from 6 – 8 p.m. for a Youth Devo at the Powell's house! We will have time to eat, worship, and hang out with each other!

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**.

We will have a sign-up sheet **Wednesday (3/25)** for students to reserve their choice of auction services to provide (babysitting, lawnmowing, odd jobs, etc.) Be thinking of a few backup options in case yours is taken.

Our next High School Hangout will be on **Sunday, April 5!**

We will not have Sunday morning class on **March 29**. Come to the All-Church Retreat (**March 28th through the 29th!**)

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



Avery and Mallory relaxing in the spinning chairs at Allen Ridge during Spring Break!

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

March 15:

Contribution: \$3,005.00

eGive/CT: \$1,925.52

Total: \$4,930.52

Budget: \$9,149.47

Be a Blessing: \$21.96

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:

3/22: Jackie Lee

3/29: self-serve (retreat)

Building Lock-up:

March: Manny Carneiro

April: Jon Cogburn