

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Bridal Shower Today

Please join us **today at 2 p.m.** for a bridal shower to celebrate Annie Gilb, bride-elect of Jacob Manning, at the home of Linda Jones. This is a display shower, so gifts may be left unwrapped. Hostesses are Emily Clute, Lauren Cole, Sherry Gumm, Holly Howell, Linda Jones, and Kelly MacDonald. See you there!

Hillcrest Singers This Wednesday

On **Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.**, we'll gather in the auditorium for a special evening. The Hillcrest Singers will perform a short concert and then lead us in a worship service. Youth group students will join us in the auditorium, while children 5th grade and younger will attend their regular classes.



Youth Auction & Brisket Burn Next Sunday

Be sure to join us **next Sunday, April 26**, for a delicious lunch, wonderful fellowship, a great auction, and an opportunity to support our youth group. Check out the inside of the bulletin for specifics and to see some of the great auction items featured. Invite your family and friends!

Prayer Concerns

~**Colleen Blasingame** has had recent CT scans that show new masses in her abdomen. They are waiting on discussions with the doctors as to next steps. Many prayers for Colleen and family.

~**Linda Harshberger** is in hospice care at home, and the nurse told Rafe that Linda's passing is imminent. Please remember Linda in prayer.

~**Ellen Schoenrock** has shown some improvement and hopes to be moved to a rehab facility soon to continue her recovery. Please continue to lift up Ellen in prayer.

~Continued prayers for **Thom Wier**, recovering from jaw surgery. He is at home back in Abilene awaiting further treatment.

~**Sherry Cooper's** mom, Marilyn Buchanan, has two stomach ulcers. They appreciate your prayers.

~**Marty Turentine** is in full remission from myeloma & his PET scan shows no cancer in his body anywhere. He will continue his monthly cancer maintenance plan here in Abilene with yearly checkups in Dallas. Thanks for all your prayers.

~Keep praying for **Eric Robinson** and family.

~Please begin praying for our 2026 high school graduates and their families:

- Alejandro Becerra** **Caleb Chaney**
- Aerik Langston** **Kali Langston**
- Addison Lee** **Trevor Meeks**
- Brady Morton** **Zoey Robinson**

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 & Hannah 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 Santo Domingo Armenta currently)
- ~Keith & Grace Gafner—Eldoret, Kenya
- ~Larry & Hollye Conway—Nairobi, Kenya
- ~Scott & Shirley Raab—Belgium and Maastricht, Netherlands

A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS
JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER IN HONOR OF
Annie Gilb
Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM
at the home of Linda Jones

WE'RE SO EXCITED TO CELEBRATE ANNIE WITH A DISPLAY SHOWER. KINDLY BRING GIFTS UNWRAPPED SO THEY CAN BE DISPLAYED FOR ALL TO SEE. THIS WILL GIVE US MORE TIME TO VISIT, LAUGH, AND ENJOY BEING TOGETHER.

Annie is registered at Zola and Target

Sunday 5:00 PM Worship
Human Limitations
How Are We Limited?

Hillcrest Singers
Wednesday, April 22
6:45 p.m.
Westgate Auditorium

Ladies Bible Class prepared and delivered baskets to nurses to remember Aubrey Hilligoss.



Please sign up in the hall to bring ice cream or cookies for the **May 6** Love Grub dessert!

We are collecting children's clothes for Sam's Place in the bin in the short hall.

Sermon Title: Jesus is More

Scripture: Mark 9:1-13

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him."



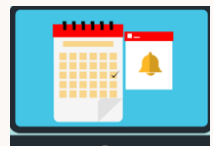
Happy Birthday:

- April 19:** Deana Frazier
- April 20:** Chandra McFarlen, Patty Galaway
- April 21:** Addison Lee
- April 22:** James White, Cody Williams
- April 23:** Nathan Crockett
- April 24:** Juanita Stovall
- April 25:** Kari White, Brenda Brown



Happy Anniversary:

- April 24:** Jeff & Terry Widener



Our Calendar:

- April 19:** Annie Gilb Bridal Shower at the home of Linda Jones **2 p.m.**
- April 19:** Games @ Youth House **6 – 8 p.m.**
- April 22:** Hillcrest Singers **6:45 p.m.**
- 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 25:** Memorial Day
- May 29:** Merkel Graduation
- May 31 – June 6:** Camp Bandina
- June 3:** Family Fun Night

Brisket Burn/Youth Auction Info

When? Next Sunday, April 26, after Sunday a.m. services

Where? Brisket Burn – fellowship hall, Youth Auction – parlor and 3 west classrooms, Cash and Carry – church office (at **8:45 a.m.**)

Why? To support youth group activities throughout the year, including sending kids to Camp Bandina and Camp Beloved & Beyond

Who? Westgate members, visitors, friends, coworkers, and family members

Cost? A suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids covers the brisket meal. Of course, anyone who's been to the grocery store lately knows what beef costs, so extra generosity is always appreciated! And at the youth auction, the sky's the limit. 😊

What do I need to know for next week? Remember to bring your checkbook. Childcare will be available after lunch to help parents participate in the auction. We will have four classrooms full of auction items and a "Cash & Carry" section where you can purchase gift cards from local restaurants and other businesses at face value. "Cash & Carry" will open up at **8:45 a.m.** in the church office. This should be your first stop **next Sunday**, as this section will only be open while supplies last. Eric will explain the bidding process for the auction next week.

What is available? The kids in the youth group have been working hard coming up with services and items for the Youth Auction. Several businesses have also donated gift cards and services. Here is just a sampling of some of the items up for grabs **next Sunday**:



Children's Ministry News

- We are continuing to focus on the book of Revelation through the month of April.
- 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."**



- Mark your calendars for this year's VBS! VBS will take place on **June 21 – 23 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.** with an open house for families on **June 24 from 6:45 – 7:30.**
- Next Sunday at 9 a.m.,** all children 4 years old – 5th grade will meet in Good News due to the Youth Auction.



Youth Ministry News

Youth Auction Information:

- The Youth Auction/Brisket Burn is a week from today!** Thank you for all your hard work preparing items and services!
- Students also need to mark this upcoming **Saturday, April 25**, on their calendar for our Youth Auction Setup Day. All students will come to Westgate **from 9:30 to 11:30** to help set up furniture, decorate, set out auction items, and more. Thank you in advance for your help that weekend!
- Please let Clay know whether or not you can attend the auction setup and/or the auction itself (**Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th**) so we can begin assigning roles to everyone.



Join us **tonight** in the youth house **from 6 – 8 p.m.** for a game night! Dinner will be provided.

Please make sure to register for Camp Bandina, and let Clay know if you are going! Feel free to ask if you have any questions about the registration process.

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

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
April 12:
 Contribution: \$4,461.00
 eGive/CT: \$4,044.00
 Total: \$8,505.00
 Budget: **\$9,149.47**
 Be a Blessing: \$22.00

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 Waldrip**

Nursery Duty:
4/19: Clair Arche
4/26: Chandra McFarlen
Building Lock-up:
April: Jon Cogburn
May: Adam Lott