

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Youth Auction & Brisket Burn

Don't miss the annual Brisket Burn and Youth Auction **TODAY!** This will be another great year with all of the things you know and love. Make sure that you enjoy an incredible lunch, wonderful fellowship, a fun auction, and an opportunity to help our youth group.

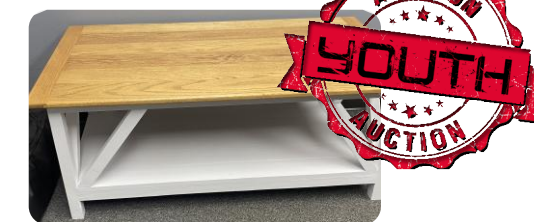


A terrific smoked brisket lunch with all of the sides and fixings prepared by Troy Tom and the Pit Crew will be served after services. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Due to the high price of meat, feel free to give more if you are able.

- 🔥 A Cash & Carry section of gift certificates from local restaurants, which you can purchase at face value and support the Westgate youth group, will be available while supplies last in the church office beginning at **8:45 a.m. this morning.**
- 🔥 Dozens of assorted auction items – from coasters to dog-sitting, a coffee table to a custom banner, cleaning services to a computer programming lesson – will be offered.
- 🔥 To bid on auction items, you will need a bidder number, so see Eric Gumm to get one. He will be near the parlor after worship to assist you.
- 🔥 Childcare will be available to allow parents to participate in the auction. Youth group members and an adult will be in the youth house to supervise kids K – 4th grade. An adult will be in the nursery for anyone younger than kindergarten. Make sure that you feed your kids lunch first.



- 🔥 We will have four rooms full of great items. We will begin closing the auction rooms at approximately **12:30 p.m.** at about 10-minute intervals and checkout will open after the last room closes. We will also have a live auction in the fellowship hall beginning at about **12:35 p.m.**



We are looking forward to another great event this year and we hope that you are planning to participate!

Sermon Title: Who Am I?

Scripture: Acts 9: 1-6

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Prayer Concerns

~Our heartfelt sympathy to the **Harshberger family** in the passing of Rafe's wife, Linda. She was laid to rest on Thursday. Please keep the family in your prayers.

~**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.

~Thank you for your prayers for **Ken Van Cleave**. The family is grateful to share that God answered those prayers — the cardiologist confirmed Ken did not have any heart attacks. While the exact cause is still unclear, it was likely either a vasovagal episode or a condition that may require a pacemaker.

~Please pray for our graduates: **Alejandro Becerra, Caleb Chaney, Aerik Langston, Kali Langston, Addison Lee, Trevor Meeks, Brady Morton, and Zoey Robinson.**

~**Ellen Schoenrock** is improving from her stroke. She currently has to have an IV antibiotic, so she is still at Hendrick North room #5624. When she is able to take an oral antibiotic, they plan to move her to a rehab facility. Keep up the prayers for Ellen.

~Please continue to pray for **Thom Wier**, recovering from surgery to remove cancer in his jaw. He will have 4 – 5 weeks of no eating or drinking by mouth and then 4 – 6 weeks of radiation. He is back at home in Abilene.

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

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

Sam's Place Children's Clothing Collection

Sam's Place Foundation is a child sponsorship ministry that supports children in need by helping to break the cycle of poverty through education, supplies, character development, and more. We are currently collecting **gently used, clean clothing** (no stains, rips, tears, or holes) for their children, ages 4–14.

Boys' Clothing Needed:

- ♦ T-shirts (no weapons, graphic, or inappropriate images), jeans, pants, shorts, and pajamas

Girls' Clothing Needed:

- ♦ Shirts with modest necklines, pants and jeans (not tight-fitting), dresses and skirts (at the knee or longer), leggings (sizes 4–16)

All Children:

- ♦ Stocking caps or beanies

New Items Needed:

- ♦ **Boys:** Boxer briefs (sizes 4–14 and adult small)
- ♦ **Boys & Girls:** Tank tops (sizes 4–16 and adult small)
- ♦ **Girls:** Underwear (sizes 4–14 and adult small), camis, training bras, and sports bras (XS & S adult)

Your generous donations will help provide essential clothing for these precious children. Thank you for your loving support and generosity! Please place these items in the bin in the short hall. Contact Kim Gress with any questions.

Sunday Evening Worship
Human Limitations
Self-Inflicted Limitations

Meeting ID: 876 3361 2493



HAVE A NICE WEEK!



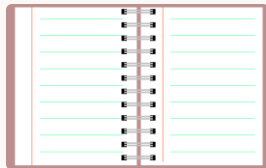
Happy Birthday:

- April 26:** Angie Wier, Roger Swart
- April 27:** Annie Wright
- April 28:** Lauren Cole
- April 29:** Jill Tate
- May 2:** Arieal Lynd



Happy Anniversary:

- April 29:** Matt & Darah Waldrip



Our Calendar:

- April 26:** Brisket Burn/Youth Auction after services
- April 29:** Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m., Raabs here
- May 6:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 10:** Mother's Day
- May 16:** ACS Graduation
- May 17:** Graduation Celebration, Youth Devo
- 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
- June 21:** Father's Day
- June 21 – 23:** VBS 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- June 24:** VBS Open House 6:45 – 7:30 p.m., no Bible classes or Summer Series Speaker
- June 29 – July 4:** Camp Beloved & Beyond
- July 1:** Family Fun Night

Special Brown Bag Fellowship This Wednesday

Join us **Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.** for a Brown Bag Fellowship! Bring dinner from home or grab takeout and enjoy a meal together. We're excited to welcome Scott and Shirley Raab, missionaries from Belgium, who will be joining us! Scott will also teach the adult Bible class that evening.



Welcome New Sister in Christ

We rejoice with the Sindayigaya family as Arthemon and Lydia's daughter Adaiah was baptized Saturday, April 18. We are so proud of her decision. Be sure to pray for Adaiah and encourage her in her Christian walk.

May/June birthday and anniversary calendars are available – short hall

Encouragement Committee needs 2 more volunteers – clipboard in hall

Sign up to bring cookies or ice cream for May 6 Love Grub – clipboard in hall

Donation Opportunity

Kim Gress is returning to Sam's Place in Kenya this summer (June 1 – July 20) to serve deaf orphan children. She has been there 6–7 times and is lovingly known as "Momma KG" by the children. Fluent in Kenyan Sign Language, Kim especially enjoys working with the kids from the youngest to the older teens. Her responsibilities include overseeing Child Welfare — clothing inventory and repairs, providing bedding, mosquito nets, and room decor, plus arts & crafts and hair time with the girls. The cost of the trip is \$5,500. Please prayerfully consider donating in Kim's name to Westgate Church of Christ, 402 S. Pioneer Drive, Abilene, TX, 79605. Make checks payable to Westgate Church of Christ and note "Kim Gress – Sam's Place Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for helping "Momma KG" show God's love to these precious children!



Children's Ministry News

- May is the beginning of our summer quarter! Our theme for the summer will be Second Chances. The focus for May will be the story of Jonah.
- The summer memory verse is Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



Youth Ministry News

The Brisket Burn/Youth Auction is today! Thank you for all your hard work putting together items, services, and setting up for the event! Students will stay after worship to help serve food, clean up trash, monitor auction rooms, and more. If you were not at the setup yesterday, come see Clay to find out what your job is!

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.

Join us for a special service and meal for our Graduation Celebration on **Sunday, May 17**, to honor our high school seniors!

We will also have a youth devo on the evening of **Sunday, May 17**.

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



We are so proud and excited to welcome Adaiah as our new sister as she put on Christ in baptism last Saturday!

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 19:
Contribution: \$5,551.00
eGive/CT: \$3,047.05
Total: \$8,598.05
Budget: \$9,149.47
Be a Blessing: \$17.87

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:
4/26: Chandra McFarlen
5/3: Kami Winter
Building Lock-up:
April: Jon Cogburn
May: Adam Lott