

Prayer Concerns

~Please pray for all our students and educators as the school year begins. Also, please remember all the kids headed off to college and the parents dropping them off.

~Keep praying for **Dottie Roberts**, in hospice care at home.

~See the inside of the bulletin for **Ellen Schoenrock’s** new address at Avir (formerly BrightPointe). She appreciates cards, visits, and prayers.

~Continued prayers for **Jamie Dye’s** cousin Melanie and family.

~Keep praying for **Eric Robinson**.

~So many members and friends of Westgate have lost loved ones this year. Please take a moment to pray for peace and comfort for those left behind. Psalm 56:8: “Record my misery; list my tears on your scroll — are they not in your record?”

~Remember in prayer **Julie Bibb’s** sister, Patricia Osborn. She has been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has spread.

~Please keep Jim Fredrickson (**Autumn Meeks’s** dad) in your prayers. He has Stage 2 bladder cancer.

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
- ~Ellen Schoenrock
- ~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 ~Myra Moreau
- ~Jim & Fran Prather
- ~Dottie Roberts ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Marty Turentine
- ~Chris Willerton

Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute
- ~Megeste & Josette Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti (in Santo Domingo Armenta, Oaxaca)
- ~Keith & Grace Gafner—Eldoret, Kenya
- ~Larry & Hollye Conway—Nairobi, Kenya
- ~Scott & Shirley Raab—Belgium and Maastricht, Netherlands

Church Health Assessment

(from Eric Gumm) As we have previously announced, Westgate is partnering with the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry from ACU in a plan to help us make the best decisions possible for our congregation as we move forward. This plan includes asking all of our members who are high school aged or older to complete the Church Health Assessment (CHA). More than 60 other congregations have used this tool as a way to provide their Elders with a “checkup” on the congregation’s health. The survey measures nine important characteristics of congregations and offers to church leaders an overview of how the congregation is doing in those nine categories.

This self-evaluation by the congregation will provide the Elders with valuable insights which we will be used, along with other information, to understand Westgate’s health and mission and to assist in shaping our steps as we move forward with the minister search process. The survey will be open for Westgate members **through August 23**. The responses you provide in the survey will be anonymous. The survey itself will be conducted digitally, and we will have QR codes available on Sunday morning (and Wednesday evening) to make it easy for you to connect with the survey instrument. We would like all of our members to take the survey, which should take you less than 15 minutes to complete.



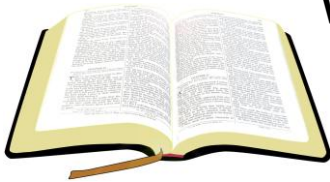
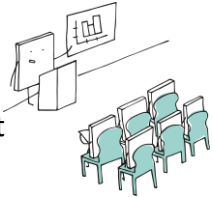
Sunday PM Service
Great Words in the Bible
The Hurtful Word

Westgate Church of Christ
Welcome Members and Guests



Thank You, Westgate Educators

Today, we celebrate our Westgate educators. As you begin this new school year, filled with new opportunities and challenges, we want you to know that your tireless dedication does not go unnoticed. Westgate is grateful for all you do, and you remain in our thoughts and prayers.



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class

The Summer Speaker Series has come to a close, but there's great news! Chris Meeks will be teaching the **Wednesday** night class in the fellowship hall, starting this week. Join us at **6:45 p.m.** for some great lessons from Chris.

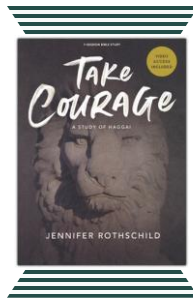
5th Sunday Potluck in 2 Weeks

Join us in a couple of weeks for a 5th Sunday Potluck as we reconnect after a summer of travels and adventures! This fellowship meal is set for **Sunday, August 30, right after services**. We are asking each family to bring a main dish and a side OR a main dish and a dessert if possible.



Ladies Bible Class Returns Soon

Ladies Bible Class meets **Tuesdays at 10 a.m.** during the school year. LBC is planning to start back on **Tuesday, September 1**. We will continue our study book by Jennifer Rothschild titled *Take Courage: A Study of Haggai*. In addition to the book study, we do service projects, pray, support each other, and laugh a lot. If you have been thinking of joining, this would be a perfect time. Email the church office at westgatecofc@gmail.com or talk to Clair Arche, and we can get you a book ahead of time.



Sermon Title: What is the Kingdom Like?

Scripture: Mark 4: 10 – 13

When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables so that,

“they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,
and ever hearing but never understanding;
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?”



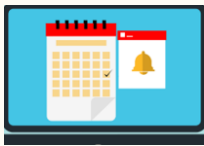
Happy Birthday:

Aug. 16: Jacob Anderson, Marla Touchstone, Chris Willerton
Aug. 17: Hannah Loveland
Aug. 18: Sarah Doss
Aug. 20: Alan Hilligoss, Nelson Ndayizeye
Aug. 21: CJ Chaney, Ken Van Cleave



Happy Anniversary:

Aug. 20: Steve & Laura Templeton



Our Calendar:

Aug. 16: Celebrate Westgate Educators
Aug. 30: 5th Sunday Potluck
Sept. 2: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 6: Back-to-School Breakfast Fellowship 8 a.m., Siburt Presentation in auditorium 9 a.m.
Sept. 7: Labor Day (office closed)
Sept. 13: Baby Blessing
Sept. 16: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 30: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 12: Columbus Day (office closed)
Oct. 18: WATS Day: Communion service at 9 a.m., WATS projects, lunch at building at 1 p.m.
Oct. 21: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 25: Trunk or Treat

Sunday, September 6

On Sunday morning in three weeks, we will have a couple of special things happening. A Back-to-School Breakfast is scheduled for 8 a.m. (note the early start). Then during Bible class time, all adult classes will combine in the auditorium for a presentation from the Siburt Institute team, summarizing the results of the Church Health Assessment survey.

Preaching Plan

Today: Tim Sensing
Aug. 23: Eric Gumm
Aug. 30: Cliff Barbarick
Sept. 6: Tim Sensing
Sept. 13: Clay Howell
Sept. 20: Cliff Barbarick
Sept. 27: Greg McKenzie

Baby Blessing

Join us Sunday, September 13, during AM services as we have our annual Baby Blessing. We’re excited to bless baby Oliver! David and Kari White, along with big brother James, welcomed Oliver to their family in March.



Fall Sunday AM Adult Class

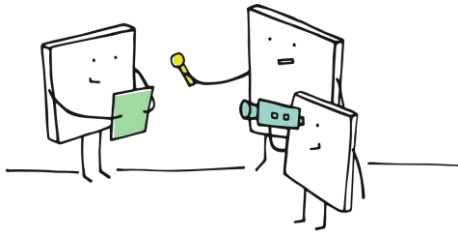
Two great teachers are slated to teach an adult Bible class in the fall on Sunday mornings: Adam Arche and Cody Bob Williams. This class will begin on Sunday, September 13. Watch for details coming soon!

New Address

Ellen Schoenrock
Please contact the church office if you would like Ellen’s new address.

College Addresses

Attention parents of college students: please email your student’s current college address to westgatecofc@gmail.com.



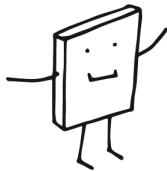
Good News!



Children’s Ministry News

- Our Memory verse for the fall is Leviticus 19:18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.”
- Our focus for August is on Moses from Exodus 32 – 33:6.

- Please pray for our students (and educators!) as this school year begins.



Youth Ministry News

Please continue to pray for our new 6th graders in the youth group and for our graduates as they head off for college!

Let Clay know your schedules for sports games, meets, band performances, etc. as these things start back up this school year. We love to support our students in the activities they love to do!

9th – 12th graders, please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30, for our first High School Hangout of the school year!

Thank you to all our students, parents, and others who have been so supportive in order to make this an amazing summer for our youth ministry!



Thank you to the Winters for once again hosting our annual Youth Family Devo a few weeks ago! We love this special time to worship together and honor our graduates and new 6th graders.

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. on summer break Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m.

Church office: (325)692-2300 westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering August 9: Contribution: \$2,502.00 eGive/CT: \$4,578.38 Total: \$7,080.38 Budget: \$9,149.47 Be a Blessing: \$21.00

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:

8/16: Lauren Cole
8/23: Autumn Meeks

Building Lock-up:

Aug.: Manny Carneiro
Sept.: Jon Cogburn