

Prayer Concerns

~**Melody Loveland** had surgery on her knee recently. Continued prayers for her recovery.

~**Adam Lott** is doing very well following his recent kidney transplant. Please continue to pray for him, Heather, and the kids through this recovery.

~Prayers for **Steve Smith** and family as they mourn the recent loss of Steve's sister.

~**Autumn Meeks'** cousin, Kaleb, is in need of surgery to clean out his lungs, but his temperature continues to vary. He is getting more mentally aware which is good and bad as he is getting more agitated by having to lay in bed. Continued prayers are appreciated!

~Prayers for **Thom Weir's** aunt who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

~Continue prayers for Tessa, **Steve and Laura Templeton's** daughter, as she is still experiencing health issues from hole(s) in her lungs.

~Prayers for **Melissa Bell** and **Jessica Fisher** with their pregnancies.

~Continued prayers for those suffering from losing loved ones and not able to be with family as they mourn their losses.

Loveland Family Meal Train

There is a meal train set up for the Loveland Family and it would be such a blessing to them if you could help them with a meal in the next couple of weeks. Please be encouraged to order a meal from a local restaurant and have it delivered during this time of social distancing. <https://mealtrain.com/mdd1q3>

Bell Family Baby Shower

Don and Melissa Bell are registered at Target and Amazon. Please be encouraged to send the Bell's an item off their registry to bless this family as they prepare for the upcoming arrival of Baby Bell! You can have the items shipped directly their house.



Thank You's

Natalie and I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who donated to our money tree. We certainly feel welcomed and loved by our church family. We wanted to say thank you in person, but it seems as though it may be a little while until we physically meet again. Stephen & Natalie Boyd

Happy Birthday:

April 12th: Titus Powell, Jennifer Lee

April 13th: Debra Smith

April 17: Noah Pruitt

Our Calendar:

April 12th: Easter

May 10th: Mother's Day

May 17th: Graduation Celebration

May 25th: Memorial Day

June 7-10th: Vacation Bible School

June 17th: Family Fun Night

July 15th: Family Fun Night

August 12th: Family Fun

Precious Westgate Family,

Thank you for all the prayers. We believe that your intercessory prayer began and continues to heal our Layla. We are also so grateful for the countless calls, texts, and cards of concern and encouragement. All the familiar faces in her hospital room were not biological family, but spiritual family. How blessed we are! (Thanks Adam Lott)

Love, The Horners

Westgate Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Pseudo-Righteousness

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

"Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

"But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Children's Ministry News

Group's Easter lesson this week includes an activity that asks families to hide an object. It made me think of a poem by Dorothy Aldis that I loved as a child. "I'm hiding, I'm hiding and no one knows where. For all they can see is my toes and my hair." I can still see the illustration of a small boy hiding behind a large chair with only tufts of hair and toes peeking out. I think there are times in our lives when we feel like God is hiding from us. We see parts of His love in beautiful sunsets or wildflowers blooming, but struggle when we can't see our school friends or our egg hunt gets cancelled. The Easter lesson talks about "God sightings", times when we see God fully at work with His plans. If you have not taken time to complete the lesson, use the link below. Be reassured that God does NOT hide from us, but loves us unconditionally and sent His Son to prove it. If you have not read the poem, look it up, it will make you smile.

Thanks to each of you who have been praying for the children on the red hearts. May God continue to bless each child as they grow in His love.

<https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/childrens-ministry/sunday-school/empowering-courageous-kids.do>

Brisket Burn/Silent Auction

The summer camps our youth students were planning to attend have been cancelled. For this reason and a few more it was decided that we will no longer be doing a silent auction this year. We will, however, still have the brisket burn, because we all like to eat and we will need/want a wonderful meal and fellowship when we can all get back together. This event date is to be determined, but keep a look out for updates!

By The Numbers

April 5th:

Contribution: \$3,575.00

eGive: \$5,394.00

Total: \$8,969.00

Budget: **\$6,113.00**

Preaching Minister: Rodney Ashlock

Youth Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903)

Children's Education Coordinator: Jackie Lee

Elders: Randy Bibb, **Jim MacDonald**, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom

Deacons: Don Bell, Manny Carneiro, CJ Chaney, **Jon Cogburn**, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip