

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.

~Continue prayers for Tessa, **Steve and Laura Templeton's** daughter. She has recently been diagnosed with pneumonia. Prayers for her recovery!

~Prayers for **Jessica Fisher** and her pregnancy. She is due in July.

Welcome Clay and Holly!

As you know, our Youth Ministry Steering Committee has been working over the last several months to find the next Youth Minister for Westgate. After reviewing many resumes, conducting phone and in person interviews, the Committee has made their recommendation and the Elders have accepted that recommendation. This morning we are extremely excited to announce the hiring of our new Youth Minister - Clay Howell.

Clay is engaged to Holly Elmore and they will be getting married on June 27th. Clay will begin his work with us in July after he and Holly's honeymoon. We look forward to all of you meeting them and welcoming them to Westgate!



Blessing Boxes

Our neighborhood blessing boxes are being used so much! It's wonderful to be able to serve our community during this time. If you have any books or have made it by the store recently please drop your extras off at the building!

Graduation Celebration

So many celebrations are to come and honoring our graduating seniors is definitely on the list of upcoming celebrations. Here is a list of students we will eventually get to celebrate in person. Until then please be encouraged to reach out to these students as they finish their last month of high school.

Andrew Tom	Jackson Longley	Jaxon Batten
Jess Touchstone	Kaitlyn Scott	Miah Dennis



Happy Birthday:

May 4th: Sherry Hurst, Joyce Waddell

May 5th: Vivienne Arche, Zaydie Custred

May 7th: Sherry Gumm

May 8th: Mallory Meeks

Our Calendar:

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 Night

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Here is the homework for Wednesday Night's Bible study.

Read 1:27-2:4

- Compare Phil 1:27 with Ephesians 4:1. What similarities do you note? What differences? Why the stress on our "walk" or way of life?
- Read the rest of the letter to the Philippian church. Who might the "opponents" be? Why is our walk or way of life important in relation to our opponents?
- Where and how does suffering come into play with regard to our walk or way of life? Does our walk shape the way we view suffering?
- How might Philippians 2:1-4 help us understand our walk as a communal walk rather than an individual one?

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Sermon Title: Walking by Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-7

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

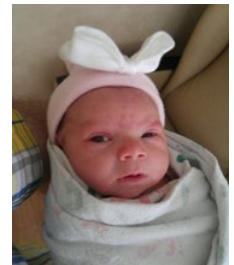
By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Welcome Baby Bell

Elliott Crystal Bell was born at 9:07 AM on Tuesday, April 28th. She weighed 7lbs 13oz and is 20 inches long. Don, Melissa, and Elliott have joined the big sisters at home as well. Continue to keep the Bell family in your prayers as they adjust to being a family of five during this crazy time we are in right now. A meal train is already set up for the Bell Family. Please go to <https://mealtrain.com/1wwzr6> to sign-up for one of three dinners this week. There are details about allergies and drop off times so check it out. Congratulations Don and Melissa! We can't wait to meet Miss Elliott!



Children's Ministry News

Reluctantly, our VBS originally planned for June 7-10 is postponed. Hopefully, it will be possible to do a modified version of VBS in August, but we will continue to monitor virus conditions, and will keep you informed as the summer progresses.

Group's Empowering Courageous Kids lessons continue this week with Lesson 7, Jesus' Power Brings Hope. Journey through the story of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life in John 11 and discover how Jesus' power brings hope.

This week's lesson has an unusual activity to help you "see Jesus". It takes a few seconds to see the image, but check it out. <https://youtu.be/U5VOE0Pe30k> As your family studies Philippians with Rodney, memory work for children is Phil. 1:4 and Phil. 2:14. How many links are on your joyful prayer chain? Remember to add a link for your Bible class teachers, they really miss your smiles and hugs!

By the Numbers

April 26th:

Contribution: \$2,475.00

eGive: \$2,405.00

Total: \$4,880.00

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