

Prayer Concerns

~**Jerry Varnado** is continuing to try different treatments to heal the hole in his eye. Continued prayers for him and the complete healing of his eye.

~Prayers for the **Clements Family** as they mourn the recent loss of Jason's father.

~**Darah Waldrip** had a successful hip replacement surgery recently. Prayers for her recovery!

~**Billie Heckford** and Melody Loveland are now in the same rehab facility. Prayers for their health and praises for them to be reunited at this time.

~**Mickey Walker** is re-gaining some strength. Continued prayers for his health.

~**Chester Lynd's** sister needs our prayers as her cancer is back.

~**Matthew and Sarah Hall** expecting their first baby in February!

~**Shelley Doremus'** best friend's mom, Joy Schweitzer, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will have to have the top left part of her lung removed after some testing is completed. Also, her Aunt, Dinah Ibarra, is battling MS. She's had it for over 20 years and is facing some hard choices.

~Calvin and Margie Rogers are family friends of both **Erin Cogburn and Sharon Van Cleave**. They are both very ill with COVID 19 in Houston. Pray for them and their daughter, Ashlei, as she cares for them. Calvin is hospitalized and Margie has become progressively worse.

Happy Birthday:

Aug. 11th: Tori Rose

Aug. 12th: Caleb Powell,
Rodney Ashlock, Dwayne Hargesheimer

Aug. 13th: Christie Pruitt

Aug. 14th: Sharon Willerton

Aug. 15th: Joseph McFarlen

Happy Anniversary:

Aug. 12th: Eric & Sherry Gumm

Aug. 13th: Felipe & Ashley Becerra

Aug. 14th: Ken & Sharla Van Cleave

Our Calendar:

Aug. 15th: 1st Grade Bible Presentation

Aug. 15th: Fisher Shower

Sept. 7th: Labor Day

Youth Ministry News

Bridging events continued!

Sunday, August 9th--Family Devo: All youth families from the new 6th graders up to graduated seniors are invited for a time of food, fellowship, and worship at the MacDonalds' house tonight from 7-9 (15854 CR347 Abilene, TX 79601) as we welcome our new students and say goodbye to our seniors.

Tuesday, August 11th--Breakfast Bible Study: We will be having our last Breakfast Bible Study of the summer at 9 A.M. on Tuesday at Rosa's on Judge Ely.

Saturday, August 15th--Family Lake Day: We will be taking youth parents and families to San Angelo for a day of fun on the lake. Meet at the church building at 8 A.M.

Back to School--Please be in prayer for all of our students who will be returning to school under uncertain circumstances over the next few days and weeks.



Middle School girls during a Bridging Week activity.

By the Numbers

August 2nd:

Contribution: 4,377.00

eGive: \$4,221.00

Total: \$8,598.00

Budget: **\$6,113.00**

Be A Blessing: \$2.00

Preaching Minister: Rodney Ashlock

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

Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983)

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

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Clancy Family

Sermon Title: The Surpassing Worth of Christ

Scripture: Phillipians 3:1-11

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Thank You

Dear friends, I want to say thank you for the kindness and thoughtfulness you've shown me during the decline and death of my mother, Audell Thomas. I appreciate the notes, texts and hugs (virtual and real!) you've sent my way. I also appreciate all the times you've prayed for her and the others on our prayer list. You're a faithful bunch!

Thank you! Laura Templeton

Celebrations Continue

The money tree shower for The Fisher Family has been set for August 15th from 3:30 - 5 PM at the church building. This is a come and go shower so that social distancing can be accomplished throughout the day. If you have any questions you can contact Barbara Carneiro.

Shower of Support

Bonnie (Ashlock) & Alec Finch will be welcoming a new addition to their family very soon. They have asked to be "showered" with letters of support and encouragement. There is a box set up in the short hall to drop off letters or you can contact Shelley Doremus for the Finch's address.

Children's Ministry News

On Saturday, August 15, Westgate will host a drive through Bible presentation from 10-11 AM for upcoming first graders. Please send a picture if your child will be unable to attend or contact me and we can find a photo op time that better suits your family. New first graders will be acknowledged during worship on August 16. Exciting time for all!

As schools ramp up to begin, please continue prayer for Bible classes to safely begin as well.

Pray for willing teachers, guidance, and protection. 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in **all** things at **all** times, having **all** that you need, you will abound in every good work."

