

Prayer Concerns

~Continued prayers for **Steve Smith** and his overall health after having a recent stroke.

~Prayers for **Bradi Williams** and family as they seek a clear path and peace through process while working through health concerns.

~Prayers for **Patsy Williamson** and her recovery from a recent fall where she broke her tailbone. Since that fall she has fallen a few more times and now has a few broken ribs as well. Her health continues to decline as a result. Her son and daughter have requested prayers and cards from her church family. Send to Patsy Williamson 2501 Fulwiler Rd Abilene 79603.

~**Troy Tom** is at home recovering from a recent heart procedure. Continued prayers for his health.

~Continued prayers for **Jerry Varnado** and his full recovery from pneumonia.

~**Melody Loveland** could use continued prayers for her full recovery and there to be no more infection in her knees. She is now at Mesa Springs.

~Prayers for **Ron and Geraldine Hill** as they walk through the journey of a dementia diagnosis for Ron.

~Ross Blasingame and Marilyn Lewis (Granddaddy and Aunt to **Barbara Carneiro**) were in a severe car accident recently. Ross is doing well and is working on his rehab. Marilyn is in need of surgery, but not well enough to have that surgery. Prayers for them both!

~Prayers for **Autumn Meeks'** grandfather, Ron Wolf. He has a form of blood cancer. Tests are still being performed to determine a true diagnosis.

~**Patty Gallaway and Tammy Rose's** brother, Donny Tharp, was in a severe accident recently, but continues to improve. Prayers for his full recovery.

~Beth Horner, **Brady's mom**, had surgery recently in Temple. Prayers for her recovery and for good health through her recovery!

~Prayers for **Effie McClendon** and her family after the recent passing of Effie's brother.

~**Chester Lynd's** sister and brother-in-law are both battling cancer. This is not husband and wife thankfully, but still very difficult on the family. Prayers for both of them as they continue this fight and for their families!

~Prayers for those dealing with a Covid-19 diagnosis. Those in the hospital and those quarantining at home.

Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn
~Patsy Williamson

On-going prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen
~Deana Frazier
~Bill Jackson
~Pat Suba
~Doris Wells
~Nell Hopper
~Dwight Painter
~Lue Gray
~Chester Lynd
~Melody Loveland
~Larry Loveland
~Hope Hodges
~Jerry Herttenberger
~Adam Lott
~Steve Henderson
~Ethel Gumm
~Billie Heckford
~Donna Scott
~Frances Welch
~Steve Smith
~Mike & Susan Tolle

Missionaries:

~Doug & Marge Reeves- Sunset School of Preaching, Lubbock, TX
~Megeste Pierre- Haiti

Expecting Parents:

~Matthew & Sarah Hall

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Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

A Fall Filled Adventure

Westgate children are invited to a Fall Filled Adventure today from 4-5:30 PM. This event is come and go with a staggered entrance. We want to be virus responsible, so masks will be encouraged, sanitizer available, with periodic cleaning. The adventure will begin on the playground, so sign up and enter through the short hall. Threes and younger will have a small adventure in the two-year-old classroom with parental supervision. Popcorn will be served to parents as they wait for their explorers to emerge from the adventure. Parents are welcome to accompany younger children.

Thank you for the many offers and loans of fall décor. Please make sure the items are marked with your name so they can be returned easily. Your support is appreciated!

Service Opportunity: Blessing Box

The Elders would like to make a service opportunity available to the congregation with the Blessing Box, by asking for members to volunteer to pick one or more days of the week to stock the box for a 3-month period, purchasing the supplies for their chosen day/s from their own funds. If you are interested in stocking the box one or more days per week, the suggested amount to be spent on food per day comes out to about \$20-25 dollars in my experience.

The congregation as a whole will still be asked to bring food items for the box to supplement the daily volunteer's supplies when necessary.

If you would be interested in taking ownership of a day or more to stock the box, please contact me or Autumn, and we will organize a schedule that works for everyone. Let's continue to bless our community in this small, yet effective way.

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke

12:48

Steve Templeton

Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 1st. Get ready to



Sermon Title: Extending God's Grace

Scripture: Jonah 3: 10-4:5

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

Happy Birthday:

Oct. 18th: Beckett Williams, Kevin Pruitt
Oct. 19th: Jerry Varnado
Oct. 20th: Kile Morrow
Oct. 21st: Wade Schumpert, Patsy Williamson
Oct. 23rd: Manny Carneiro
Oct. 24th: Tim Tarkenton

Our Calendar:

Oct. 25th: Children's Fall Filled Adventure

Nov. 1st: Day Light Savings Time Ends

Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day

Nov. 25th: No Bible Classes

Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 5th: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 6th: Bridal Shower- Claire Longley

Dec. 6th: Christmas Program and Chili Supper

Dec. 25th: Merry Christmas

Dec. 27th: No Bible Classes- Worship Only

Dec. 30th: No Bible Classes

Grateful

"Blessed are the givers...and grateful are the receivers!"

To the members of Westgate Church of Christ- Thank you so very much for the continuous love and generosity that you pour into Bonham Elementary! We are eternally grateful!

Much Love,
 Kyle Wiskow, Mandy Welch, Amy Packer, Kristi Harrison

Missionary Update: Doug & Marge Reeves

"Well Ok, when all this pandemic stuff started I thought a month or two and this will pass. All summer we waited for the number of infections and deaths to decline. Now it is October and I am wondering if this will EVER pass.

Like most institutions, Sunset has certain traditions that we all look forward to with anticipation. Graduation, Faculty Retreat and Opening Chapel are three major events that help to commemorate each academic year. Graduation 2020 in May was postponed until August. When August was approaching I was not sure if anything normal was going to take place this year. Our classes concluded in May with everything offered online or streaming, was that what we had to look forward to in August?

Offering classes online provides information to the students and many institutes operate strictly via the internet. But students are denied the interaction and mentoring that is so important. Our board of directors and administration worked to develop a plan for opening classes in the Fall...

...It worked, everyone was cooperative and followed the Covid protocols and we kept the number of infections to a minimum. The students were given the option to attend classes online instead of in the classroom, and some chose to do so, but the majority wanted to be with one another. Everything went well enough that now the plan is to return to our "normal" class setting at the beginning of the second term (October 19th). Personally, I am thrilled we are going back to the classroom because I am scheduled to teach that term and prefer face to face.

The past 4 years, I have looked forward to organizing and attending the European Vision Workshop. The event was launched with a simple intent, we wanted to encourage and inform European ministry workers. Our hope was to meet in Rome, Italy and encourage our brothers and sisters who have suffered many setbacks due to the pandemic. I thought this would also be a great opportunity to hear many of the positive stories of new opportunities and outreach as a result of the virus. September 1st we decided to cancel the workshop because the borders were still not open and the resurgence of COVID-19 in many European nations. Just think of all the great stories we will hear in 2021.

We continue to lift you up in our daily prayers, asking our Lord to protect and heal those who are suffering. We ask you to do the same for our family. Please keep Kathy, Col. Jeremy Reeves and his family in your prayers. And pray for quick relief from the virus and the reopening of borders."

God bless each of you,
 Doug & Marge



Children's Ministry News

Children were taught on Wednesday, that God is all powerful! In 1 Kings 18:1-39, Elijah challenges the prophets of the idol Baal to a duel. Each will build an altar, lay a sacrifice on it, and ask their god to light the sacrifice on fire. The prophets of Baal dance and cry out to Baal, but their idol does not respond. Elijah douses his altar with water, and still God shows his mighty power by licking up the water with flames. The verse of focus for the next several lessons is "No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:39.

Remember to pray for Westgate educators! Pray that God fills our Westgate educators with joy this month. Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy..."

Sunday morning Bible classes for children will begin on Nov. 1. Social distancing is not possible due to classroom size, so masks are necessary and other precautions will be implemented. Children will be released in a staggered way to lessen interactions in the hall. Please thank adults who have agreed to teach these classes and continue to pray for willing hearts to teach and substitute.

How much power is needed to move a small car? Children explored power as we discussed the unlimited power of our God.



Youth Ministry News

Sunday, October 25th-- This evening the youth group will help out our children's ministry to create a Bible story themed adventure through the church building. The youth group has been asked to help set up, run, and tear down this event. They will need to be at church at 2 P.M. to help set up. The event is from 4-5:30 P.M.

November 20th-22nd--We are having a Fall Retreat! We will be going to Solid Rock camp in Eastland, TX to experience God and bond as a group. The retreat theme is "Between the Trees." The \$30 payment is due November 8th.

Sunday, November 1st--Sunday morning class will resume in the youth house at 9 A.M.

Please continue to pray for our students' academic, athletic, and spiritual success during this uncertain semester.



Youth group movie night at the Paramount.

By the Numbers

October 18th:
 Contribution: \$4,541.00
 eGive: \$2,650.00
 Total: \$7,191.00
 Budget: \$6,113.00
 Be A Blessing: \$3.00

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

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

Children's Education Coordinator: Jackie Lee (325-518-4767)

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

Building Lock-up:

October: Don Bell

November: Manny Carneiro