

## Prayer Concerns

~**Melody Loveland** is scheduled to have another knee surgery on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

~Continued Prayers for **Patsy Williamson** and her recovery from recent falls.

~**Jack Tarkenton** is dealing with several health concerns.

~**Barbara Carneiro's** grandfather and aunt will be released to go home very soon.

~Further tests on **Autumn Meeks'** grandfather show he does not actually have a blood cancer, but he has Thrombocytosis. Prayers of praise as he seems to be doing very well at this time.

~Continued prayers for **Brady Horner's** mom, Beth Horner. She needs to be infection free for 2 weeks before she can have a double knee replacement.

~Prayers for **Chester Lynd's** sister and her battle with cancer.

## Happy Birthday:

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: Adam Lott  
Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: Kelly MacDonald

## Our Calendar:

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: No Bible Classes**

**Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day**

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast w/Santa

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Claire Longley Bridal Shower

## Children's Ministry News

~**Oops, I made a mistake and submitted the wrong lesson info.** Last week children studied Psalm 25 with a focus on, God is our friend. This week, children will hear the story of Jonah with emphasis on the fact that God is all knowing. Wednesday PM lessons review the Sunday lesson as well as main points of previous lessons. We are asking the question, who is God? And through Bible examples are studying that God is real, our Creator, all powerful, faithful, kind and more. "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!** In November, we are praying for strength for our educators. Let's pray that God will strengthen and protect through challenges and trials. "But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you." 2 Thess. 3:3-5.

~**Last Sunday, children explored the qualities that make a good friend** and learned that God was a friend to David. Thanks to Hayley and Skyla for sending pictures of children learning to be friends with each other and discovering how God wants to be their friend.



## Youth Ministry News

Sunday morning class is back! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the youth house to explore the life and ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

**November 20th-22nd**--Our Fall Retreat is next weekend! 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 **TODAY**.



*Devo & Games last Sunday.*

## By the Numbers

**November 8<sup>th</sup>:**  
Contribution: \$4,517.00  
eGive: \$2,785.00  
Total: \$7,302.00  
Budget: **\$6,113.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$351.00

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 Lockup:

**November-** Manny Carneiro  
**December-** C.J. Chaney

# Westgate Church of Christ

**Sermon Title:** Table Etiquette with Jesus

**Scripture:** Luke 14: 7-11

*When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

## Making Thanksgiving Holy

The theme of this month's messages is *Feast*. We worship a God who invites us to feast. He wants us to enjoy table fellowship and consume what he has to offer. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we want to share a few ways to make this meal and season more holy.

**-Pray** at the end of the meal. This will give the prayer more time and thought. Ideally important things to pray about will come to light during the meal's conversation.

**-Share.** Have everyone share what they are most grateful for this year, a high point of the year, or how God has blessed them recently. This will also enrich the prayer at the end of the meal.

**-Help.** Often just a few people slave away for hours preparing the meal. Some of us don't even know what work went into it. We show reverence for our meal and those who prepared it by seeing and appreciating the real effort that went into it. If you just aren't wanted in the kitchen...do the dishes and cleanup. This is an important and humbling act of service.

**-Slow down.** We spend hours preparing the meal then 20 minutes eating. Eat in courses and give time to fellowship and enjoy the hard work of those who prepared.

**-Serve.** The best way to be grateful is not to say thanks, but to show it. Find a way to bless someone else on Thanksgiving Day; provide a meal for someone else, send encouraging notes, help with Mission Thanksgiving, or do a random act of kindness.

**-Read Scripture.** You don't have to have a Bible Study but reading scripture with extended family can be powerful (and it's rare that we do it). Try opening the meal up with a reading of Psalm 100 or another encouraging Scripture of thanksgiving.



## Spreading Blessings

We are thankful for our neighbors, the Abilene Police Department. We want APD to know that as they "Roll through Abilene", their neighbors at Westgate are praying for them. Please send different types of individually wrapped "rolls", such as tootsie rolls, cinnamon rolls, Fruit Roll Ups, etc. We plan to deliver before Thanksgiving so use your imagination and leave your "rolls" in the short hallway.

## Bridal Shower

There will be a Bridal Shower honoring Claire Longley and Reuben Howe at the home of Juanita Stovall (██████████), on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.

The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

