

Prayer Concerns

~Prayers for **Chester Lynd** and family after the recent passing of Chester's sister. Chester will be traveling north for the funeral.

~**Clifford Smith** has made some positive progress in his recovery this past week, however, he is still on a ventilator. Continued prayers for his progress and healing.

~**Melody Loveland** is now at home. Continued prayers for her full recovery.

~Prayers for **Natalie Boyd** and her recovery from a recent surgery. Specific prayers for comfort and healing.

~Continued Prayers for **Patsy Williamson's** health.

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

~Prayers for **Holly Howell's** father, Keith Elmore. He fell off a ladder recently and has several broken ribs.

~Prayers for **Sherry Hursts** father, George. He had an appointment with the neurosurgeon and the tumor on his brain is benign and will not require surgery. However, it was discovered that this tumor is not the cause of his health issues after all. Continued prayers through more tests and for answers to be found.

~Prayers for **Brady Horner's** mom, Beth Horner. Her double knee replacement surgery was cancelled with no rescheduled day yet. Continued prayers specifically for health through this extended wait and for patience as well.

~**Noe & Janina Espinoza** are expecting their 3rd child in June 2021.

Happy Birthday:

Dec. 20th: Kailyn Clements, Troy MacDonald, Lydia Lyon

Dec. 21st: AJ Bell

Dec. 23rd: Steve Henderson

Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 20th: Al & Jan Cogburn

Our Calendar:

Dec. 23rd: No Bible Classes

Dec. 25th: Christmas

Dec. 27th: No Bible Classes- Worship Only

Dec. 30th: No Bible Classes

Jan. 3rd: Bible Classes Resume

Jan. 10th: New Year Potluck

Jan. 18th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Doug & Marge Reeves Update

*This is just an excerpt from their holiday letter. To read the whole letter please contact the office.

Dear Family,

We want to take a moment and look back at the past year, our family and ministry for 2020. What an unusual year it has been – some good, some not so good and one very hard event.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & look forward to a Happy 2021!

Love, Doug & Marge

By the Numbers

December 13th:

Contribution: \$2,775.00

eGive: \$1,800.00

Total: \$4,575.00

Budget: **\$6,113.00**

Be A Blessing: \$1.00

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:

December- C.J. Chaney

January- Jon Cogburn

Westgate Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Why are we so favored?

Scripture: Luke 1: 39-45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Care Pack for Kids & Bonham Elementary

Westgate has served multiple times with Care Pack for Kids; a program that provides food to students on weekends and holidays. This is the second year we have volunteered to supply Care Pack for Kids the funds to feed students from our neighboring school, Bonham Elementary. The total cost to sponsor a student for the entire school year is \$120. However, there are options to donate monthly or a one-time donation of your choosing. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student through this program. Envelopes are now available in the back of the auditorium. Please return them to the locked mailbox on Brady's office door.

Bible Classes

Just a reminder that Bible classes are set to resume on Sunday, January 3rd. Please keep an eye out for any updates as this return date is subject to change based on the Covid-19 case totals.

Children's Ministry News

Thanks to all who signed Christmas cards for our neighbors at Willow Springs. The cards plus chocolate kisses were delivered last week. Please continue to pray Romans 15:13 for residents. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope."

Janice sends a special thanks to children who helped decorate encouragement cards for our seniors. Each card was a work of art, thank you for your skills and willingness.

Remember to pray for Westgate educators. For the remainder of

December, please continue to pray for grace and peace for all our teachers.

2 Peter 1:2, "May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."

Thank you to children who helped with the reading of the *Miracle in the Manger* at the Candlelight Service Wednesday night. Extras of this small book are in the short hall. Feel free to take one to share with family and friends.

