

## **Prayer Concerns**

~Continued prayers for **Crystal Collier** and her back pain.

~**Gideon Hall, Matthew and Sarah Hall's** new baby boy, will have the first of a series of surgeries on June 14<sup>th</sup> on his cleft pallet. Please be in prayer for these new parents, baby Gideon, and the surgeons.

~Prayers for **Jim and Joyce Waddell** and health struggles.

~ Continue to keep **Linda Jones'** sister, Jan Jordan, in your prayers as she recovers from major surgery and goes through her cancer treatments.

~Prayers for **Autumn Meeks'** friend Mallory Mitchen. She is on the final stage of her breast cancer battle and scheduled for surgery on Monday. This surgery might be delayed now as she has been bitten by a spider. Doctors don't want to operate with any extra chances for infection to occur. Please pray that she will be well enough to have this final surgery so that Mallory can put an end to this chapter in her story.

~Diana Flanagan, **Kelly MacDonald's** mom, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has started treatment.

~**Nell Hopper's** sister is going through cancer treatments and her brother-in-law had his bladder removed. Please keep them in your prayers. A prayer of praise for Nell as she has been released by her oncologist and will not have to go back for any check-ups.

~Please be in prayer for Julie Conly, **Jerry Varnado's** daughter. The signet ring carcinoma is back and she started chemo again. Continued prayers through this round of treatments.

~Continued prayers for Beth Horner, **Brady's mom**, and her recovery from a recent surgery to replace her knees.

## **Blessing Box Prayer Requests**

~Brandon is asking prayers "That I stay on the right path."

~"Please pray for me, Barry ... To stay drug free, not be homeless, and to allow God to open doors and close evil gates."

## **Those unable to join us:**

~Laverne Horn  
~Ethel Gumm  
~Pat Suba

## **On-going prayer concerns:**

~Peggy Allen  
~Deana Frazier  
~Bill Jackson  
~Doris Wells  
~Nell Hopper  
~Dwight Painter  
~Lue Gray  
~Chester Lynd  
~Melody Loveland  
~Larry Loveland  
~Hope Hodges  
~Jerry Herttenberger  
~Bradi Williams  
~Steve Henderson  
~Donna Scott  
~Frances Welch  
~Steve Smith  
~Susan Tolle  
~Patsy Williamson

## **Missionaries:**

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

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# *Westgate Church of Christ*

## *Welcome Members and Guests*

## **Summer Series Begins**

Our first guest speaker will be here this Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. Here is the summer line-up.

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Keith Clark (Minister at Southern Hills Church of Christ)

June 16<sup>th</sup>: Wes Crawford (ACU Professor of Modern and American Church History)

June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Ian Nickerson (Minister at Minda Street Church of Christ)

June 30<sup>th</sup>: Jim Clark (Executive Director of the Christian Service Center)

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Family Fun Night- No Bible Classes

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Nathan Burrow (Minister at Hillcrest Church of Christ)

July 21<sup>st</sup>: Chris McCurly (Minister at Oldham Lane Church of Christ)

July 28<sup>th</sup>: TBA

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Jerry Taylor (ACU Professor of Bible, Missions and Ministry)

## **Fellowship Events**

The next family fellowship night will be at Adventure Cove on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 PM. This is considered an afterhours party so we will have the whole Adventure Cove waterpark rented out to our members only. If you are in town, we hope that you make plans to be at this event. More details to come, but mark your calendars now!

## **Abilene Brick Painting**

You read that headline right. That is an actual thing. Women and young ladies of Westgate, mark your calendars for Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm. There will be an opportunity to enjoy a night of fellowship and art. Here is an example of a painted Abilene brick. There are more examples at the "paintedwgrace" Instagram page. Check it out and more event details are to come.



## **Address Update**

The Schumperts have moved! You can find them at this new address...  
Wade, Leah, Lainey, Emmy, and Hannah Schumpert



## **Sermon Title:** Ehud

**Scripture:** Judges 3: 12-15

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and because they did this evil the Lord gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms. The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years. Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite...



## Happy Birthday:

**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Emily Gumm  
**June 8<sup>th</sup>:** Hunter Webb, Isabella Becerra  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Noah Cogburn  
**June 10<sup>th</sup>:** John Paul Gumm  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Maureen Cadjew  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>:** Lane Winter

## Happy Anniversary:

**June 6<sup>th</sup>:** Mickey & Ruth Walker  
**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Jason & Cathrine Clements  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Dwayne & Louise Hargesheimer  
**June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Jason & Anita Morton, Don & Melissa Bell

## Our Calendar:

**June 20<sup>th</sup>:** Father's Day

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Fellowship Event- Adventure Cove

June 28<sup>th</sup>- July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Youth Group Camp

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Independence Day

**July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Family Fun Night

**July 24<sup>th</sup>:** Fellowship Event- Water Day

July 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>: Camp Blessing

July 31<sup>st</sup>: Ladies Event

**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Family Fun Night

## A Response to Jen Hatmaker

Last Week, Jen Hatmaker, a Christian author and influencer, shared some upsetting thoughts on social media. I felt sympathy and upset mixed with a desire to push back. I won't paraphrase her thoughts well, so check out her comments on Instagram. Here is what I heard; Jen went through a heart wrenching divorce that made Church attendance difficult and painful. It was more than just the divorce, but it was the last straw. She is (temporarily?) leaving the Church, but not Jesus. She, like many, has problems with the "Church's" power, greed, and lies. I really appreciate her honesty. In many ways the Church is not what it is supposed to be. Its values are off, and it seems more interested in comfort and status quo than healing a broken world. However, when we say "the Church" it is often stereotypes and generalizations; it is not fair to judge the entire Church based on the behavior of some Christians. Still, I see this post, (and all the likes and positive comments it garnered) as a wakeup call to the Church. We need to be a place where it is safe to be broken. It should be more like an AA meeting than a museum for Holy, put together, people. We must empathetically acknowledge how hard it is for some to attend Church. I fear some (like Jen) quit attending Church during Covid, and realized it wasn't doing much for them, so why return? This challenges me as a Church leader to rethink what we are doing with our Worship/Bible Class time and find meaningful ways to be a Christ follower outside of those times. She really gives herself and others license to not attend Church services. She says that her "church" has become time with family, friends, and meditation outdoors; no need to meet God at a building. I agree, you can powerfully meet God in places other than a Church building. However, I fear this hyper individualistic trend of moving away from Church community is tragic. A lot of people seem to love Jesus but dislike his Church...you cannot really do that; it is a packaged deal. When you are baptized into Christ you are baptized into his Church, his community, his people. You cannot be a Christian in isolation or only commune with the Christians you like. We need the Church, we need accountability, we need relationships, we need corporate worship. Admittedly, it all may need reform, but don't leave! Be the change you want to see.

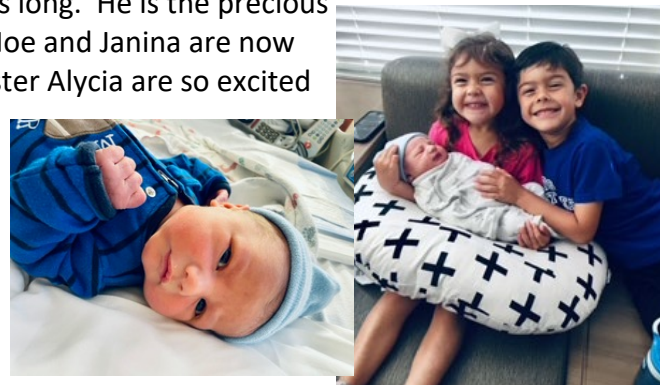
## Grief Class

Sharla Van Cleave is leading a book lead grief class on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The book is *Good Grief* by Granger E. Westberg. If you interested in joining this class it is not too late. Please let Sharla know you'll be attending as soon as possible (325-665-3057). Childcare will be provided as well.

## Espinoza Baby

Isaac Micah Espinoza was born on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:44 AM. He weighed 8lbs 7ozs and is 20.5 inches long. He is the precious bookend for the Espinoza Family. Noe and Janina are now home. Big brother Lucas and big sister Alycia are so excited and eager to help in any way they can. Please help with a meal and bless this new family of FIVE! You can access the meal train with this link.

<https://mealtrain.com/6nr80q>



## Children's Ministry News

**In Acts 27, Paul is on a boat ride...but not for fun.** He is a prisoner for talking about Jesus, and they are transporting him to Rome for a trial. All is going well until they encounter some strong winds, and then the storm keeps getting worse. Cargo is thrown overboard, and the ship crashes! But through all this, God protects them, making sure everyone gets to shore safely and no one dies. The story reminds us that we are protected by God.

**Summary Verse,** "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns" (Philippians 1:6).

**Thank you to the youth and the helping hands** who made our wilderness adventure a success. Children learned about tribes, plagues were explored, 10 commandments were discussed and more. Thanks to all who participated. Appreciation to Clay for his leadership with the youth. Thank you to the Lovelands' for their help preparing classrooms and activities. Also, a special thanks to the Ladies Bible class for doing the messy job of dividing clay into individual portions. Our focus was, God is with us, so trust God. Please pray that children remember and live these important words!

**Many thanks to Luke,** the quail wrangler for hatching quail for our Exodus adventure. Children were able to view quail chicks, quail eggs and think about how God supplied quail in the wilderness. Hess and Hattie caught a few to give us a closer look. Thank you to the McSherrys' for sharing their quail expertise.



## Youth Ministry News

Join us on Sundays at 9 A.M. and Wednesdays at 7 P.M. for class.

We are having a youth parent meeting after church next Sunday at 12. Feel free to grab lunch and bring it back.

Join us for a fun day at the lake in San Angelo tomorrow! Meet at the building at 8 A.M. and make sure you bring a lunch. We will be back at 5 P.M.

Starting this Tuesday, we are going to have a weekly breakfast Bible study at 9 A.M. Come enjoy food and fellowship, and learn more about God's word!

The summer calendar is available! Ask Clay if you need it, or pick one up by the youth bulletin board.



*Alejandro and Caleb play at the Sonic playground after the Family Fun Night Wednesday.*

## By the Numbers

**May 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Contribution: \$3,665.00  
 eGive: \$1,485.00  
 Total: \$5,150.00  
 Budget: \$6,076.00  
 Be A Blessing: \$6.00

**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:

**June:** Don Bell