

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests

### WATS Day Coming October 31<sup>st</sup>

If you've never heard of WATS, it stands for "we are the sermon". We will start the day with a churchwide breakfast at **9:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall and then have singing and a communion service at **10:00 a.m.** in the auditorium. Following this, we will participate in previously organized service projects in the community. We have some activities lined up already, but if you have an idea for a project or a neighbor who could use some help, let us know (westgatecofc@gmail.com or 325-692-2300). Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks about how to get involved and pray that we glorify God through our service to others.



### Trunk or Treat

Another way to reach out to others is through our annual Trunk or Treat. Please make plans to come up to the building from **6-8 p.m. Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**, for the rewarding task of handing out treats to little princesses and superheroes from our church and our neighborhood. If you are able to bring a sack of candy beforehand, place it in the bin in the short hall. Also, individually wrapped treats will be given to participants of the cakewalk this year instead of cupcakes. Please pick up a box of Little Debbie's or Twinkies or something similar if you are able. Many thanks for your donations!

### Prayer Concerns

~Our heartfelt sympathy to **Freddie Wallace**. Her sister-in-law, Susan Hare, passed away on Thursday. Freddie's brother, Jack Hare, is fighting cancer and could also use our fervent prayers.

~Please pray for the **Loveland** family as they have suffered another loss. Dorothy Minor (Melody's adoptive mother) passed away in Alabama.

~Continued prayers for **Chester Lynd**. He is now out of the hospital and taking antibiotics for his infection.

~Please remember **Roger Swart's** father, Wayne Swart, in your prayers. He has had pneumonia for 6 weeks and is currently at home.

~Continue to keep **Matthew, Paige, and Daisy Woodrow** in your prayers as they navigate the ups and downs of Daisy's illness and recovery. Pray for patience and rest for the parents and comfort and healing for 2-year-old Daisy.

~**Melissa Bell's** brother, Michael Martinez, is healing well. The doctors won't do his follow-up surgery until Covid numbers go down, so please pray that happens soon.

~Lisa Vicinaiz (**Melissa Bell's** friend) could use our prayers as she has been put on a waiting list for a lung transplant.

~Please remember Julie Conly, **Jerry Varnado's** daughter, in your prayers as she battles signet ring cell carcinoma.

~Prayers for **Nell Hopper's** sister and brother-in-law Claudia and Glenn, who both have cancer.

~Continued prayers for Brenda Bricker (**Erin Cogburn's** mom) that her breaks remain stable as she heals.

### Those unable to join us:

- ~Laverne Horn
- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Pat Suba

### Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Peggy Allen
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Bill Jackson
- ~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
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker

### Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves- Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX

### Thank You Notes



We appreciate your love and kindness. Doris loved all her church family. Billy and Lesa and Brad Wells

Thank you very much for blessing Bonham Elementary with the underwear and socks for the clinic. We will surely use them. I appreciate you thinking of our students. Janice Weiss, RN



### Christian Homes Dinner Postponed

Due to the recent spike in cases of Covid Delta in Taylor County, Christian Homes has decided to **POSTPONE the Fall Dinner scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> with Dave & Jenny Marrs.** They are sorry to have to make this tough call, but feel it is in the best interest of all concerned given the circumstances. They plan to reschedule at a later date, hopefully late this year or in January, 2022.



**Sermon Title:** Look Past Yourself

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.





### Happy Birthday:

- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: Dave Smith
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>: Parker Lee
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: Clay Howell
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Miah Dennis, Bradi Williams
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Jack Tarkenton



### Our Calendar:

- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group dinner & board game night
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: Columbus Day
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group meal
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>: Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>: WATS Day
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Saving Time ends

### Facebook Apocalypse – by Brady Horner

Last Monday was a bad day for Facebook, or a good day, depending on how you think about it. The stock was slumping after whistleblower, Frances Haugen, outed them the night before (over a bunch of stuff that some annoying youth minister had been saying for years). Later that morning Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp all went down. My first thought was the hacker group “Anonymous” took it down, or maybe Facebook purposefully went down to destroy evidence, or better yet, maybe Jesus was going to return! I dreamed of what an awesome world it would be if social media died. We would all go outside and play, we would hold hands, sing Kumbaya, and live at peace. Then reality struck, I knew no matter what, this won’t be forever. Even if Facebook went down for good, something else more sinister would just take its place. Hopefully those five hours were good for the world...and not just Twitter.

Frances Haugen proved what most of us already knew. Facebook spreads hate, division, incites violence, and (specifically via its subsidiary Instagram) contributes to teenage girls’ negative body image and suicidal thoughts. It turns out Facebook has conducted its own studies and knows this is the case, but is choosing to do nothing because, well, money. Just the other day I clicked a link to a “news article” with a title claiming something so outrageous and offensive that I had to click it to see if the author was really making such an outlandish claim. Turns out he was, and according to the comments everyone was as outraged as I was. Then I realized the author didn’t write the article to push his political agenda, he probably didn’t even believe what he was saying, he wrote it to make people like me mad and get my click...he won.

Haugen showed us that Facebook knows anger and outrage get more clicks than other emotions. The more negative comments an article gets the more traffic it gets, so push those wild politically charged articles. I used to think Facebook was simply showing us the ugly division that has always been present in our world. Now I see that it really is making it exponentially worse. Facebook gives us a “safe” place to be hateful and not listen to real people as we are purposefully fed extreme content that angers and divides. We are being manipulated. Our political views are being manipulated. May God open the eyes of His Church to see beyond what we are being fed and transcend the division in our world.

### Excerpt from Doug Reeves’ Newsletter



The 11<sup>th</sup> of August, I arrived in Accra, Ghana and our meetings began the next morning. The directors from our partner schools in Nigeria, Cameroon, Liberia and Ghana were already in Accra to meet with me and Dan Goodyear. I began the meeting by stressing the importance of their input and participation. Several of the men thanked me and Sunset for having the confidence and respect to seek their advice. Over the next three days we ate together, met together and prayed together with a common goal, to

increase the number and quality of gospel messengers. We explored new ways to offer the quality training necessary to be a faithful messenger. Then we discussed various ways to equip our graduates and help them support and sustain their families. Our meeting in Ghana is just the first step in a 10-year project to double the number of gospel messengers in Africa. The next step will be a similar meeting in Eastern Africa.

God bless each of you,  
Doug and Marge



### Children’s Ministry News

**In Matthew 7:7-11, Jesus says to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking in prayer.** When we pray, God will give us good gifts, just as a father gives good gifts to provide for his children. Our focus in Bible classes today is that God hears our prayers.

**Summary Verse for the next few weeks:** “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” Matthew 6:34



**For the month of October, please pray for our Westgate educators.** “Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.” Proverbs 9:9.



**Please check out the signup sheet in the hallway** to help with the infants to threes on Wednesday night. Treat yourself to 45 minutes of fun with these precious sweeties; find a date and sign your name.

**Wednesday PM classes made worried faces and tried to complete the task of passing balloons.** Life is difficult when you are worried or feeling heavy, living with joy comes when you trust God and do not worry about tomorrow.



### Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m.** and **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** for class.

Join us tonight from **6-8 p.m.** for dinner and a board game night!

On **Wednesday, October 20th**, we will eat dinner in the youth house before class!

Stay tuned for more information about Trunk or Treat (**10/24**).

Please pray for our students to have a great school year!

*Kailyn Clements getting ready for a blind obstacle course in class last Sunday*

**Services at Westgate:** Sundays—Bible Class **9:00 a.m.**, Worship **10:00 a.m.**  
Wednesdays—Bible Class **7:00 p.m.**

### Offering

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
Contribution: \$2,990.11  
eGive: \$2,985.00  
Total: \$5,975.11  
Budget: **\$6,076.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$14.05

**Lead 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:

**Oct.** Eric Gumm

**Nov.** Adam Lott