

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



WATS Day

WATS Day is just two weeks away on **October 31st**! Various projects are planned, including helping Global Samaritan, assisting Christian Service Center, working in neighborhood yards, making freezer meals, and others. Don't worry, these are designed to take 2-3 hours, so you'll be finished in plenty of time for afternoon and evening plans.

Please scan the QR code for WATS info and to take a two-question survey that will help us plan an effective WATS day.



Sunday Breakfast Oct. 31st

In order to fuel up for WATS Day, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall at **9:00 a.m. October 31st** for a Sunday Breakfast. If you've been to one of these before, you know how tasty they are. Don't miss out!

Trunk or Treat Next Sunday

All are invited to come up to the building **Sunday, October 24th** from **6-8 p.m.** for Trunk or Treat! If you are willing and able to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, please come early so you will have time to eat a hot dog and so we can arrange the cars. We're still collecting candy and Little Debbie-type snacks in the short hall. Thanks!

Sermon Title: The Compassion of Jesus
Scripture: Matthew 9: 35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Prayer Concerns

~Longtime Westgate member **Susan Tolle** passed away Tuesday night. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Tolle family.

~Our sincere sympathy to the **Turnage** family in the loss of **Gayle Ann's** mom, Nell Gee. The funeral was Thursday.

~Continue to pray for **Janice Hill** and her struggle with acute colitis. She has had some better days lately. Her doctor has recommended mostly staying at home due to her weakened immune system.

~**Steve Smith** is still waiting to be scheduled for surgery. He has had all the tests they wanted and now will meet with a surgeon to schedule a time. Please pray for comfort and healing for him.

~Please pray for **Freddie Wallace's** brother, Jack Hare, who is fighting cancer and also just lost his wife.

~Prayers for Jan Jordan, sister of **Linda Jones**. She is still taking chemo and the doctor says it is helping. However, she is having more weakness after her treatments.

~**Roger Swart's** dad has had pneumonia for several weeks. Please pray for strength and healing for Wayne Swart.

~Brenda Bricker (**Erin Cogburn's** mom) is continuing to heal from three fractured ribs. Prayers that the breaks remain stable and her pain is manageable.

~Prayers of thanks that **Daisy Woodrow**, daughter of former members **Matthew and Paige**, is home from the hospital.

~**Shelley Doremus's** coworker, a 4th grade teacher at Ortiz Elementary, found out that her daughter passed away in a car accident Wednesday night. Please lift up the teacher and her family.

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
- ~Patsy Williamson
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

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



Grocery Ideas for the Blessing Box

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| ramen noodles | granola bars | baby food |
| macaroni and cheese microwaveable cups | peanut butter crackers | baby formula |
| individual microwaveable pasta meals (Chef Boyardee) | fruit cups | toothpaste |
| Vienna sausages | applesauce cups | toothbrushes |
| tuna cans (pop-top cans or packets) | pudding cups (non-refrigerated) | deodorant |
| | | bath soap |



Happy Birthday:

- Oct. 17th: Skyla Burd
- Oct. 18th: Beckett Williams, Kevin Pruitt
- Oct. 19th: Jerry Varnado
- Oct. 20th: Kile Morrow
- Oct. 21st: Wade Schumpert, Patsy Williamson
- Oct. 23rd: Manny Carneiro



Our Calendar:

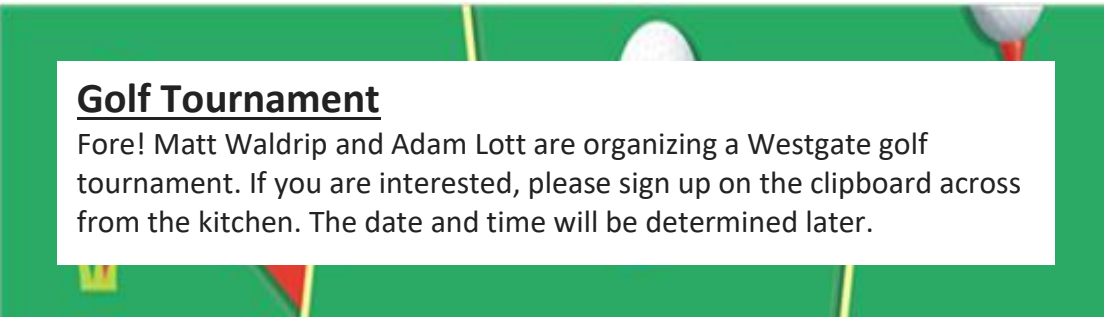
- Oct. 20th: Youth Group meal
- Oct. 24th: Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 26th: Ladies Supper 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 31st: Breakfast 9:00 a.m. (no classes), WATS Day
- Nov. 3rd: Love Grub
- Nov. 7th: Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 11th: Veterans Day
- Nov. 24th: no classes
- Nov. 25th: Thanksgiving Day

The Lost People – by Brady Horner

Growing up my family moved around a lot. By the time I was in high school I had lived in San Angelo, College Station, Austin, El Paso, and Carrollton. On more than one occasion I remember returning to visit an old town and knocking on the door of an old friend’s house only to see a stranger answer the door (a weird feeling). The friend moved...and it’s the early 90’s, all they had was a landline so I didn’t know their new number, I couldn’t just look them up on Facebook, I couldn’t even use the phonebook because I didn’t know what town they were in! The friend was literally lost from my life. Tracking down old friends back then required some serious detective work. You had to ask neighbors, contact old employers, or seek out former Church homes for information on where they went. Before social media, if you weren’t careful, it was easy for people to be lost from your life forever.

As much as I rant over the ills of social media, I have to say this; I love how it has kept me connected with so many special people throughout all the stages of my life. There are pretty much no “lost people” in my life now. My childhood best friend from El Paso lives in Denver and reached out when my mom passed. I can watch my middle school best friend from College Station raise kids and “like” their pictures. Former students from Pryor have become constants in big moments in my life. I’m blessed with an overwhelming amount of connection and relationships.

I am very grateful for the friends and loved ones in my life currently and from the past. I’m grateful for the meaning and connection I still find in relationships spread hundreds of miles apart. One of the biggest perks to being a Christian is the awesome and intimate relationships we establish. Recently I have been reminded of so many of those. In Philippians 1:3 Paul tells them, “Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.” What a loving message. Make sure you let those people from long ago know how much they mean to you.



Golf Tournament

Fore! Matt Waldrip and Adam Lott are organizing a Westgate golf tournament. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard across from the kitchen. The date and time will be determined later.

Ladies Supper

We will have a Ladies Supper **Tuesday, October 26th, from 6-8 p.m.** with food from Hickory Street! It will be for ladies and teenage girls. The theme is Identity Challenge. Have you ever been told you look like a celebrity? Bring a picture of your look-alike. Babysitting will be provided.



Children’s Ministry News



Hannah enjoyed her cotton candy at the fellowship on Oct. 3. Thanks to all who attended. Plan to participate in Trunk or Treat on Oct. 24th to get your own sweet treat.

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 sign up to help with the infants to threes on Wednesday night. Thank you for choosing a Wednesday to supervise these young ones. Your help is appreciated.



Partners focused on encouraging their friends rather than criticizing, remembering that God is judge, not us.

Youth Ministry News

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

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

Please join us on **October 24th** to help out with Trunk or Treat. The theme for the youth group this year is Disney!

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

Caleb Powell taking control at game night 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. 10th:
Contribution: \$6,275.06
eGive: \$4,783.00
Total: \$11,058.06
Budget: **\$6,076.00**
Be A Blessing: \$31.80

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