

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Ladies Supper Tuesday Evening

Ladies and teenage girls—have you ever been told you look like a celebrity? Join us this **Tuesday, October 26th**, from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** as we eat yummy Hickory Street food and discuss the theme Identity Challenge. If you have a look-alike, bring a picture. You can even dress up like your celebrity for fun! Hope to see you there!



Trunk or Treat Tonight

It's finally here! Let's all come out tonight and fellowship with our neighborhood friends. If you are providing a trunk or helping in any other way, please come by **5:15 p.m.** so you will have time to eat a hot dog and we can get the trunks arranged.

WATS Day Next Sunday

October 31st schedule:

9:00 a.m. – breakfast in fellowship hall

10:00 a.m.– condensed worship service with singing, prayer, and communion

We have several large group projects for WATS that you can sign up for. If you are not involved in a smaller group project, please sign up for one of the following on the sign-up board across from the kitchen:

Global Samaritan, Christian Service Center, Lawn Mowing Team, or Branch Cutting Team. More information on these projects will be provided during morning worship.



Sermon Title: Spiritual Blindness

Scripture: John 9: 1-12

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

"Where is this man?" they asked him.

"I don't know," he said.

Prayer Concerns

~Condolences to the family of longtime member **Susan Tolle**. She passed away on October 12th. She leaves behind her daughter Micheline Simmering and son-in-law Jake and three grandchildren.

~Continue to pray for **Janice Hill** and her struggle with acute colitis, that her health and strength will improve daily.

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

~**Ashley Simon's** dad has been tentatively diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, which is a progressive disease that fills the air space of the lungs with scar tissue making it difficult and then impossible to breathe. They have indicated a lung transplant may be necessary in the future. Please keep him in your prayers.

~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 was in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, but he is now home. He has been diagnosed with progressive pulmonary fibrosis and a weak valve in his heart. He has been prescribed a strong medication that should keep him stable. Please pray that he gets his strength back so they can repair the valve.

~**Shelley Doremus's** coworker, a 4th grade teacher at Ortiz Elementary, recently lost her daughter in a car accident. 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

LOVE GRUB COMING
NOVEMBER 3RD



NOVEMBER CALENDARS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE SHORT HALL

Thank You Notes:

Westgate Church of Christ,

Beth and I so much appreciated the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement over the last two years as she worked to repair her knees.

I so much appreciated the green plant you sent for Beth's Celebration of Life. Thanks for your love and care during this difficult time. Continue to pray for me and our family as we grieve.

Bryan and the entire Horner Family

To my loving and wonderful Church family –

Thank you for all your prayers and cards over the last two years.

These thoughts of love have pulled my family through some tough times.

Again thank you for loving us.

Loveland Family





Happy Birthday:

Oct. 24th: Tim Tarkenton
Oct. 26th: Isabelle Carneiro
Oct. 30th: Eric Gumm,
 Becki Sutton



Our Calendar:

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 5:45 p.m.

Nov. 7th: Daylight Saving
 Time ends

Nov. 11th: Veterans Day

Nov. 19th-21st: Youth group
 Encounter LE

God's Timing – by Clay Howell

Wake up. Get ready. Eat breakfast. Commute. Work. Meetings. More work. More meetings. Lunch somewhere in there. Phone calls. Bad drivers. Loud kids. Chores to complete. Bedtime. Rinse and repeat. Sound familiar?

Our schedules are regimented and tightly maintained. Days blend into weeks, which turn into years. Time can seem to lose all meaning. Perhaps on occasion a bit of excitement enters our lives. A new job, a new kid, a vacation, or a graduation. Maybe even a worldwide pandemic. But human nature is adaptable, and eventually everything conforms with a routine. If we aren't careful, this routine begins to rule over all else in our lives. A conversation with a friend in need starts to look more like a distraction than a call to ministry. Even a daily prayer or focus on God becomes less and less of a priority. We just simply don't have the time.

We often hear the phrase "God's Timing." As in, God's timing is not our timing. He will show up when He's good and ready. God will deliver you from a messy relationship in His time. He will give you a promotion in His time. While I believe there is truth in this concept, this can actually be pretty discouraging. Does God not care about me right now? How long do I need to wait? How long can things go on like this?

The writer of Ecclesiastes laments the meaninglessness of time and of routine. He writes:

"What has been will be again,
 what has been done will be done again;
 there is nothing new under the sun."

Routines are helpful. But routines can be dangerous. They lull us into a false sense of security. Maybe most dangerous of all, they trick us into believing we hold every aspect of our lives perfectly in our own control. So what happens when our routines are broken? When a year like 2020 hits?

Our hope as Christians is that we worship a God who defies routine. Jesus didn't come to reaffirm our routine, he came to flip it upside down. Jesus healed Gentiles. Jesus flipped tables in the temple. Jesus made the last first, and the first last. How can Jesus break your routine? Set an alarm on your phone to remind you to pray throughout the day, or to read Scripture at certain times. Have the difficult conversation with a friend, even if it will make you late to your next appointment. Make some time this week to make sure your schedule conforms to God's will, not the other way around.

Children's Ministry News

Children's lesson this morning can be found in Matthew 7:13-14 and John 14:6. Jesus says there's a wide path that leads to hell but He's the only way to get to God's kingdom, heaven. Jesus is the only way, the truth, and the life!

Summary Verse: "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12

Please continue to 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

Thank you to Kami for helping in the nursery Wednesday night, and to Cathrine for volunteering for Oct. 27th. We need helpers for November. Please think about a night to assist and sign the clipboard in the hall. Many thanks!



Children used cups and balls with partners to practice our memory verse, treating others the way you want to be treated.

Youth Ministry News

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

Please join us this evening at **5:15 p.m.** to help out with Trunk or Treat! Text Clay if you plan to come but haven't signed up for a job yet. The theme for the youth group this year is Disney!

Mark your calendars for **November 19th-21st** to go to Encounter LE! Encounter is a youth conference at Lubbock Christian University. More info coming soon.

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



Trevor, Caleb, Addison, and Layla after the Craig Middle School Choir concert!

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

Offering

Oct. 17th:
 Contribution: \$2,065.87
 eGive: \$3,161.00
 Total: \$5,226.87
 Budget: \$6,076.00
 Be A Blessing: \$24.10

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



Westgate Golf Tournament

Matt and Adam are organizing a Westgate golf tournament. Please sign up on the clipboard across from the kitchen if you want to play. The date and time will be determined after they see the number interested. May the course be with you!