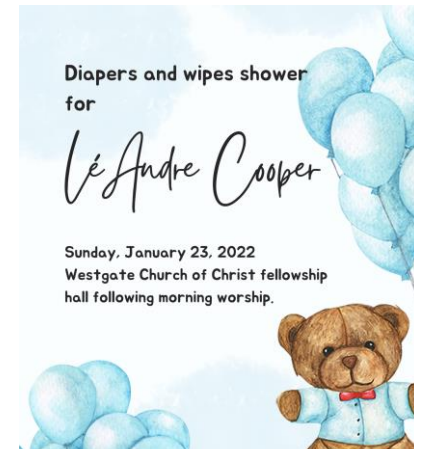


Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Baby Shower Next Sunday

After services next **Sunday, January 23rd**, please join us in showering new members Victoria and baby LéAndre with diapers and wipes. He needs SENSITIVE/SCENT-FREE diapers and wipes in size 2 or larger. Please consider also sharing your favorite children's book with LéAndre!



Contribution Letters

It's tax preparation time again. The office will be happy to provide anyone with a 2021 contribution letter upon request. The best way to request a letter is through email at westgatecofc@gmail.com.



Wednesday Night Start Time

Starting Wednesday night, **February 2nd**, Bible classes will be from **6:45 p.m.–7:30 p.m.** We'll also have a Love Grub at **5:45 p.m.** that evening.



Sermon Title: The Golden Boy

Scripture: Genesis 37: 2-11

This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Prayer Concerns

~**Marla Touchstone's** dad, Bob Tinius, passed away last Saturday and was laid to rest yesterday at West Freeway Church of Christ in Fort Worth. Our deepest sympathy to the Tinius and Touchstone family.

~**Stephan Touchstone's** brother Robert passed away Thursday after having complications from surgery. Please keep the Touchstone family in your prayers as they navigate two losses so close together.

~**Freddie Wallace** will be in Encompass for a few weeks. She fell at home and is okay, but needs to gain some strength. Prayers are appreciated.

~**Peggy Allen** is now at home doing better after having been in the hospital with Covid.

~Ervin Spain (**Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband) was scheduled to have surgery Friday to remove the tumor on his pancreas. Many prayers for him.

~Mike Cole (**Logan Cole's** dad) remains in the hospital with Covid, but is doing better. He is doing physical therapy and regaining strength and mobility. Please pray for Mike's recovery.

~Logan Cornutt (**Jackie Lee's** grandson) will undergo radiation for brain cancer soon. Many prayers for Logan and his family.

~Please pray for **Ashley Simon's** dad. He needs treatment at a research facility in San Antonio, but can't get in until March.

~Continued prayers for **Skyla Burd's** 94-year-old grandmother, Rosemary O'Neal, after a bad fall.

~Prayers for **Crystal Collier's** brother-in-law Monty Hale, who is undergoing daily treatments for prostate cancer.

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
- ~Bradi Williams
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Donna Scott
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Patsy Williamson
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

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



Widowhood Seminar

All are invited to the **Beyond the**

Valley Widowhood Seminar on January 28-30, 2022 at the 5th & Grape Church of Christ building. Guest speaker, Jeff Jenkins, will present lessons promoting hope and renewal in the midst of grief. Flyers and a sign-up sheet are available in the short hall. For questions, see Laura Ashlock.

**LADIES COMMITTEE
SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE
UP IN THE HALLWAY!**

Thank you note:

To our Westgate family,

We are truly touched by the outpouring of sympathy over the loss of Roger's dad. Your calls, cards and prayers were so uplifting during our time of grief. It is comforting to feel the support of our church family when tragedy strikes.

Thank you also for the donation made in Wayne's memory to New Mexico Christian Children's Home. He took such pride in supporting their work.

We love all of you and are so thankful to be a part of this loving, caring group of Christians.

Roger and Marja





Happy Birthday:

Jan. 18th: Leah Schumpert



Our Calendar:

Jan. 15th–17th:

Youth Group Mystery Trip

Jan. 17th: MLK Day

Jan. 28th–30th:

Marriage Retreat

Feb. 2nd: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Feb. 6th: Youth Group hosts Senior Valentine Lunch

Feb. 21st: Presidents Day

Feb. 25th–26th: Ladies' Retreat

Mar. 13th:

Daylight Saving Time begins

Mar. 14th–18th: Spring Break

Mar. 26th–27th:

All-Church Retreat

Apr. 15th: Good Friday

Apr. 17th: Easter Sunday

Apr. 24th: Brisket Burn/Youth Auction

May 22nd: Graduation Celebration

Little Brother Syndrome—by Brady Horner

It was nice to see Alabama lose the College Football National Championship. I won't pretend to be a Georgia fan, but I was starting to feel sorry for them. Alabama has had their number for a long time. The last time Georgia beat them was in 2007, and there have been many close, heartbreaking losses since. It was almost like they were Alabama's little brother that they beat up on, so it was good to see Georgia finally take them down. The Aggies have often been insultingly called U.T.'s little brother (same with Oklahoma State and OU). I'm not going to lie, in a lot of ways it feels true. Like a typical older brother, U.T. gets way more spotlight and attention. Additionally, they have historically performed better and had a larger enrollment...but not anymore. Like siblings in the Bible, they have a rivalry that can sometimes get ugly and feels bitter.

As a little brother, I am drawn to the preference the Bible shows to little brothers. It's everywhere: Abel over Cain, Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Ephraim over Manasseh, David over his brothers, and even in the story of the prodigal son. This doesn't mean God loves little brothers more, but He has a special place in his heart for the underdogs, the overlooked, and the "less important". Israel likely loved these stories of younger brothers because they fell into these categories! They were a tiny, weak, seemingly insignificant nation, that God chose as his beacon to save the world! They love the fact that God has often "chose the things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful". But what does it mean for us today?

We often put ourselves, like Israel, in the underdog/little brother category. When we are in that category it's a positive message that God values you too! If we are honest, we don't always fit there. It depends on which direction you are looking and who you are looking at. Sometimes I feel like I am lower income and economically behind, while at the same time, some people have come to my house and said "I didn't know you were rich!" When we are in the big brother, elite, powerful, affluent category with well put together lives, the message is different. Some of us need to hear "your social standing doesn't make you more valuable". Maybe we need to quit chasing these things. Or perhaps more importantly, maybe we need to better value the "little brothers" and "least of these" in our lives.



Family Retreat

Some new dates are on the church calendar, including **March 26th–27th** for the Family Retreat. Save the date! We haven't been able to do the retreat in a couple of years, so it will be exciting to get back to this fun tradition. Watch for details coming in the next few weeks.



Children's Ministry News

In Exodus 15:22-27, we read that after the Israelites escape Egypt, they travel in the desert for three days without finding water. When they finally find some, it tastes bitter. They complain and doubt God's plan, but God shows Moses a piece of wood to throw in the water. The wood makes the water good to drink! Even though they don't deserve God's goodness, God shows grace.

New Summary Verse: "The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love." (Psalm 103:8)

Please continue to pray for Westgate educators this week. "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Many thanks to Landry and Mom for volunteering in the nursery Wednesday night the 5th, and to Kipley and Mom for volunteering this past Wednesday night.

This creative group was given a clean sheet of paper to paint and reflect upon our creator God. The discussion during the project was relationship building and fun to hear. Lainey and Avery thought about what it would be like to be covered in boils during the plagues as the class discussed our powerful God.

Youth Ministry News

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

The Mystery Trip is this weekend! We will be returning **tomorrow at 5:00 p.m.** Please pray for safe travels and for God to do great things!

Please let me know if you plan to attend Camp Blessing as soon as possible. A \$50 deposit is required.

Please pray for our students as they begin a new school semester!



Chris Meeks loving his life as a youth sponsor.

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

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Offering

Jan. 9nd:
Contribution: \$2,988.63
eGive: \$5,138.00
Total: \$8,126.63
Budget: \$6,341.00
Be A Blessing: \$22.57

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903) email: pbhorner@gmail.com

Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983) email: sch16a@acu.edu

Children's Education Coordinator: Jackie Lee (325-518-4767)
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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:

Jan. Matt Waldrip
Feb. Don Bell