

Prayer Concerns

~**Dave Smith** has been admitted to Hendrick for an unknown lesion on his liver, and the family is asking for our prayers, but requests no visitors at this time. Please pray for answers and healing.

~**Ken Van Cleave** is recovering from his stroke at Encompass, Room 104. Continue to remember him in prayer.

~Continued prayers for **Aubrey Hilligoss** and her recovery from a stroke. She is out of the hospital.

~Please remember to pray for **Eric Robinson**. He is having arm and nerve issues.

~**Nell Hopper** has osteoporosis in her leg and is not able to get around very well. Please continue to pray for her.

~Pray for **Lydia Lyon** as she recuperates from knee and hip surgery following a serious car accident.

~**Dwight Painter** has asked for prayers for his son-in-law in Fredericksburg, Kevin Booth, who broke his foot and ankle and had to have surgery to put in screws and plates.

~Remember **Jackie Lee's** grandson Logan Cornutt in your prayers as he battles side effects from the clinical trials he is going through.

~Please pray for all those of our number affected by the fires in Taylor County.

Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn
~Ethel Gumm

Ongoing prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen
~Deana Frazier
~Bill Jackson
~Nell Hopper
~Dwight Painter
~Lue Gray
~Chester Lynd
~Melody Loveland
~Steve Henderson
~Donna Scott
~Steve Smith
~Patsy Williamson
~Jim and Joyce Waddell
~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

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

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Graduation Celebration



Emily Gumm



Caleb Powell



Shelby Rose



Timothy Tarkenton

We are celebrating our Class of '22 high school seniors today! Join us after services for a potluck dinner and be sure to congratulate these happy students. Remember to pray they stay firmly grounded in their Christian faith as they take on the world.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

Our summer series has a great lineup of guest speakers. Come be blessed by their knowledge of ministry and God's word! Here are the ones scheduled for June:

- June 8th:** Kevin Huddleston (Director of Ministries at Arms of Hope)
- June 15th:** Chris McCurley (Minister at Oldham Lane Church of Christ)
- June 22nd:** Doug Reeves (Dean of International Studies at Sunset International Bible Institute)
- June 29th:** Robert Baugh (Spiritual Life Minister at Cherokee Home for Children)

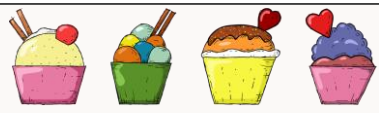


New Sister in Christ

Layla Horner was baptized last Sunday! We are so proud of her decision. The next time you see Layla, be sure to give her a hug and an encouraging word.



LET'S HAVE A GOOD WEEK!



Happy Birthday:

May 23rd: Hattie McSherry, Shelley Doremus
May 26th: Janina Espinoza, Amanda McSherry
May 27th: Alejandro Becerra



Happy Anniversary:

May 24th: Kenan & Clarissa Pyeatt, Anthony & Jill Tate
May 26th: Larry & Janice Hill
May 28th: Troy & Misty Tom



Our Calendar:

May 22nd: Graduation Celebration
May 26th: Clyde Graduation
May 27th: WISD Graduation
May 27th-28th: AISD Graduations
May 30th: Memorial Day
June 1st: Family Fun Night – Cajun Cones **6:45 p.m.**
June 2nd: Family Life Center End of School Party **6-8 p.m.**
June 5th: Bridal Shower for Stefani Stovall **2:00 p.m.**
June 12th: Bridal Shower for Paige MacDonald **2:00 p.m.**
June 18th: VBS at Festival Gardens **10:00 a.m. – noon**
June 19th: Father’s Day
July 6th: Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating **6:45 p.m.**
July 30th: Adventure Cove

Questioning Authority – by Brady Horner

Early in my youth ministry I discovered a generational gap in understanding. An adult youth ministry volunteer joined us on a trip and expected these wholesome Christian kids to be obedient little angels. This adult was immediately thrown for a loop and crisis ensued. I told her some of these kids won’t just do what you say because you said it, you must earn their respect, you don’t just get it because you are an adult authority. She was shocked and offended! I get that, there should still be a respect for elders and authority, but you should also be respectful to those you have authority over. I should say, this was not at Westgate, all our students are obedient little angels.

This may be an unfair overgeneralization because everyone is different, but it is becoming clearer that younger generations do not just obey leadership because it is the authority. Generation X started it, but now it has been taken to a whole new level. There is a major authority issue in our school system, just ask our teachers. Some generations (perhaps the older ones) assume authority was earned for a reason and thus trust it. Perhaps the authority had the right training, worked hard, or was elected or assigned to that position. The internet has allowed many to circumnavigate these traditional means of gaining authority. Rather than going through college or working their way up the ladder, people can become “influencers” through social media and YouTube. This general distrust of authority coupled with new ways of circumnavigating it may contribute to the dismantling of our most basic institutions.

I keep saying it, but I just don’t know what the answer is. I am glad we don’t just “follow orders”, we shouldn’t blindly trust worldly authorities. However, hyper individualism has made us weary of any authority that doesn’t tell us what we want to hear, so we follow blind guides online. Not all “authorities” are bad, even online, but we must be very careful who we follow. As far as Church authority goes (which is often questioned) I am most willing to trust authorities that genuinely love and care for those they guide. Or perhaps better, an authority that is self-sacrificial, that is doing what is best for those in their care, not doing what gets them money, clicks, or votes. I’m not saying we should blindly follow that authority, but perhaps be more willing to humbly listen or open to doing things differently than we ourselves would. As God’s people, let’s be and follow a loving, self-sacrificial authority.

Upcoming Fun Events

We have some exciting fellowship events coming up for the summer:

June 1st – Family Fun Night – Cajun Cones

June 2nd – End of School Party – Family Life Center

July 6th – Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating

July 30th – Adventure Cove

August 3rd – Family Fun Night – Ice Cream Social

Children’s Ministry News

In Daniel 1, Daniel and his friends are working in the king’s palace while in exile. God gives them wisdom to handle a tough situation when the palace food they’re served goes against God’s plan for them. God is wise, and He helps us make wise choices.

During this last week of school, please pray that our educators keep smiling and keep encouraging students: “Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.” I Chronicles 16:11.



Children worked together to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem with a discussion of Nehemiah and God’s faithfulness. Building was intense, cooperation was evident, and smiles were prolific.



Is your calendar marked? Field Day VBS is less than a month away. Families are invited to attend and cheer during *Growing Strong in God’s Truths* on **June 18th, 10:00 a.m. – noon.**

School is almost over/Summer is almost here Celebration on Wednesday PM. Kids will enjoy root beer floats (no caffeine, but lots of sugar) and watch a short video. Plan to join us and celebrate a year of learning behind us and a summer of fun ahead.

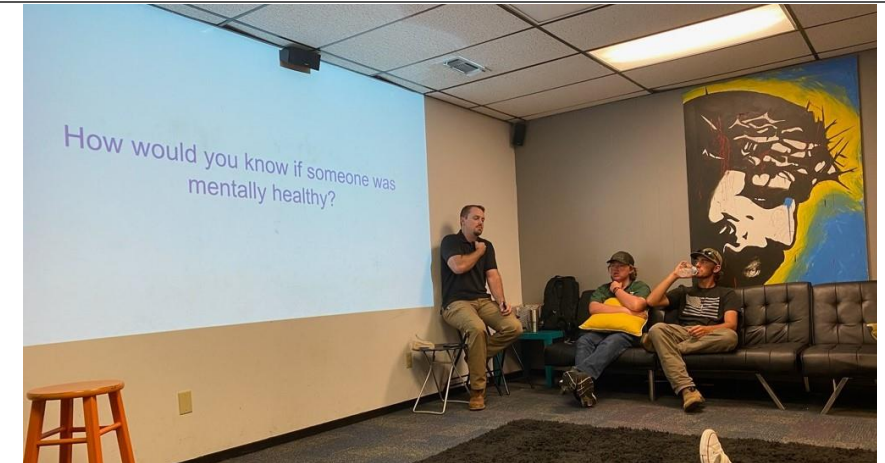
Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.** for class.

Join us after service this morning to honor our graduating seniors! They will have decorated tables set up in the parlor, and we will have a potluck meal following worship.

We will have dinner in the youth house this **Wednesday, May 25th!**

Please pray for our students as they work hard to finish this semester!



We were honored to have Jon speak to the youth group last Wednesday about the importance of mental health!

Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class **9:00 a.m.**, Worship **10:00 a.m.**
Wednesdays—Bible Class **6:45 p.m.**

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Offering

May 15th:
Contribution: \$1,859.27
eGive: \$3,385.00
Total: \$5,244.27
Budget: **\$6,341.00**
Be A Blessing: \$21.05

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

Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983)
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Children’s Education Coordinator: Jackie Lee (325-518-4767)
email: lee-jacqueline@sbcglobal.net

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

Nursery Duty:

Crystal & Piper Robinson

Building Lock-up:

May: Jon Cogburn
June: Eric Gumm