

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Westgate's 60th Anniversary

The people of Westgate first met August 12, 1962, in the Abilene Garden Club location. That means this Friday is our 60th anniversary. "May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him." (Psalm 67:7)



Westgate Educators

August is in full swing, and we want to honor the Westgate educators in our midst. We will recognize these dedicated servants **next Sunday, August 14th**. Remember to pray for all our educators as they embark on the challenge of a new school year.

Bonham Elementary Support

Westgate wants to support our neighbors at Bonham Elementary. We are collecting socks, underwear, and pull-on type clothing for children ages 5 through about 3rd grade. Also needed are individually packaged snacks for use during tutorials, such as cheese crackers, goldfish, pretzels, etc. Please pick up a few items to add to the box in the short hall. Remember to pray for our community children and Bonham faculty for a productive school year.



Prayer Concerns

~**Dwayne Hargesheimer** is not doing well. He fell at home Thursday night and then went to sleep. The next morning (Friday), he was unresponsive. He was taken to the ER and then later transferred to a hospice room. Louise and his son and daughter are there with him. They request no visitors at this time. Prayers are appreciated.

~**Jim Hill** was admitted to the hospital last Sunday with an infection. He was released Wednesday. Many prayers for Jim's recovery.

~**Eric Robinson** is having troubles with the nerves in his arm. Please pray for him.

~**Melody Loveland** has a lump on her neck that doctors are going to biopsy. Please pray for good results.

~Remember Julie Conly, daughter of **Jerry Varnado**, in your prayers. She is starting on radiation therapy for her cancer after disappointing PET scan results.

~The PET scan for Nancy Stewart (**Kathryn Boerio's** mom) showed cancer in the pancreas. She has started chemo. Please pray for Nancy.

~**Jim Hill's** sister-in-law Diana has breast cancer and welcomes our prayers.

~Logan Cornutt, grandson of **Jackie Lee**, had tests run in Houston, but is home now. Pray for Logan and his family.

~Continue to keep Jan Jordan, sister of **Linda Jones**, in your prayers. She is battling cancer.

~Continued prayers for **Chester Lynd's** recovery.

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

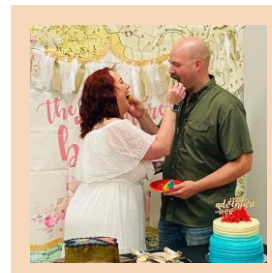
Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX
- ~Megeste Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Gift Card for the Boyds



Congratulations to Stephen and Randi Boyd! They got married on July 24th. We are collecting money to give the newlyweds a gift card to help start them on their marriage journey. Those who wish to contribute to the gift card can give money to Lettie Morrow or Jill Tate by **August 14th**.



Summer Series Speaker



Our speaker this Wednesday night is Nathan Burrow. He has been the preaching minister at Hillcrest Church of Christ since 2016. Nathan and his wife Heather have four children and a daughter-in-law. He is currently working toward a Doctorate in Ministry through ACU. Come on out at **6:45 Wednesday evening** to hear this excellent speaker.

Sunday, August 21st

Young Men Lead Worship and 1st Grade Bible Presentation



New Address

Please contact the office if you would like Gabe and Jessica Fisher's new address.

Sunday, August 28th

Promotion Sunday



Sermon Title: What are you looking for?

Scripture: John 1: 35-39

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.



Happy Birthday:

- Aug. 7th: Ronald Hill
- Aug. 8th: Mark Brown, Louise Hargesheimer
- Aug. 11th: Tori Rose
- Aug. 12th: Caleb Powell, Rodney Ashlock, Dwayne Hargesheimer
- Aug. 13th: Christie Pruitt



Happy Anniversary:

- Aug. 12th: Eric & Sherry Gumm
- Aug. 13th: Felipe & Ashley Becerra



Our Calendar:

- Aug. 7th: Youth Family Devo 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 10th: Summer Series – Nathan Burrow 6:45 p.m.
- Aug. 11th: ACS 1st day of school
- Aug. 14th: Celebrate Westgate Educators
- Aug. 17th: Summer Series – Wes Crawford 6:45 p.m. Abilene, Wylie, Clyde, Merkel, Jim Ned 1st day of school
- Aug. 21st: Boys lead worship/ 1st grade Bible presentation
- Aug. 23rd: Ladies Bible Class resumes
- Aug. 28th: Promotion Sunday

Where is the Love? — by Brady Horner

Last week a lot of people were up in arms about the addition of a “teen sex education book” to the Abilene Public Library. I did my research (saw the most shocking pages, read about the authors, and read reviews) and it’s pretty shocking. It has lots of vulgar drawings and encourages pornography use, sexting, any form of sex with anyone, and one-night stands. Honestly, had middle school Brady seen this book, I would have checked it out for some good laughs with friends. At first, I thought it was just written for shock value, you know, to get small town West Texas people worked up (you may be surprised to hear that the authors are from Portland). But upon reading the reviews, there are actually people using this book to educate their kids! The whole ordeal brings up some interesting issues in our society.

In the reviews of the book, people kept using the term “sex-positive”. The idea being that any form of consensual sexual activity is good, healthy, and should be encouraged. It seems to be an extreme pendulum swing from what some of us were taught. No one said “sex is bad” but perhaps subliminally we did. For many, the topic of sex is so taboo and awkward that it doesn’t get discussed at all. Thus, kids are getting their sex education in unhealthy places, like peers, the internet, and weirdos in Portland with strange agendas. So, one lesson here is, you need to talk with your kids about sex, and unfortunately, probably earlier than you want to.

We need to let them know that sex is good or “positive”, in its proper place. We need space to talk about taboo/intimate human issues like sex. The book leaves out any talk of love! Sex is a very intimate, sacred, connecting act that should not be engaged in with random people. I have a recently divorced friend who went and lived out what this book and much of our culture preaches about sex, “If it feels good do it”. He said there is something very empty in sex without love...I wouldn’t know. What this book preaches is actually very sad. It would have us chasing around the next hedonistic pleasure or “high”, when what we are really all craving is deep human relationships filled with intimacy and love. I’m beginning to see a theme in the human experience: when something seems twisted, wrong, or unhealthy, it’s usually because love is what is missing (see 1 Corinthians 13).

Ladies Bible Class Starting Back Soon

Ladies Bible Class meets **Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.** during the school year. All ladies are welcome. Ladies Bible Class will resume on **Tuesday, August 23rd**, with the study of Esther (starting on p. 76 in *The Faithful* study book). This is a great time to jump in if you’ve been wondering about attending. Looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks!



Please let Clair Arche know if you have any questions or if you would like for her to order you a study book.

Children’s Ministry News

- In Mark 7:31-37, people bring a deaf man to Jesus to be healed. Jesus puts his fingers in the man’s ears, then spits on his fingers and touches the man’s tongue. Then Jesus sighs and says, “Be opened!” and the man can hear and speak! Jesus is all powerful, so we expect great things from Him.
- Summary Verse: “For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does.” (Psalm 33:4)
- Elementary boys will lead worship on **August 21st**. Many thanks to Eric Gumm and other men who have worked this summer to challenge boys to grow in leadership skills. First graders will receive Bibles; please help make sure that no one is missed. Contact me if you think of someone we may have overlooked.
- Children will celebrate the end of summer on **Wednesday, August 24th**. Upcoming 6th graders will be honored as we celebrate their growth to the youth group. Plan to join us in the fellowship hall for activities and treats.



Special thanks to Melissa for coordinating Bible classes this summer and for teaching children on Wednesday nights. Appreciation for a job well done. Prayers are with her and all Westgate educators for a successful school year.



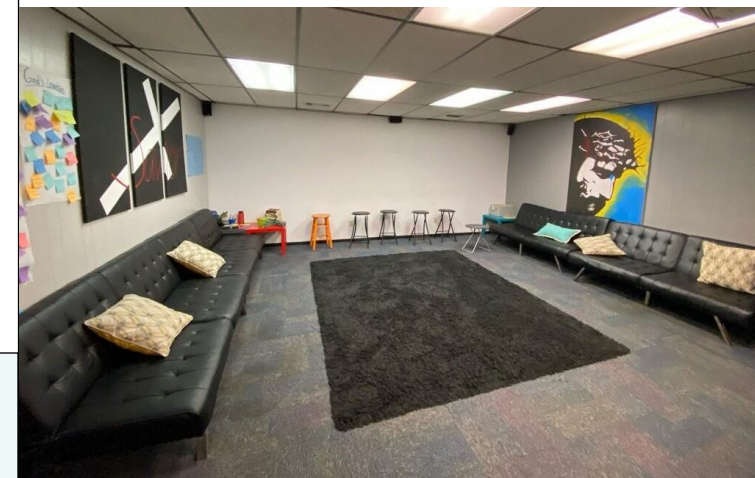
Youth Ministry News

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

It’s Bridging Week! Join us **Monday through Friday** for fun events to welcome our new 6th graders, including board game night, mini-golf, roller skating, soccer, and more!

The annual Youth Family Devo is **tonight from 7-8:30!** Come to the MacDonald’s house to celebrate our graduates and our new 6th graders! Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit outside.

Please pray for our students to grow closer to God and to one another as we finish up the summer!



Who thinks the youth house needs an update??

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

Church office: (325)692-2300 westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering:
July 31st:
 Contribution: \$2,745.00
 eGive: \$2,975.00
 Total: \$5,720.00
 Budget: \$6,341.00
 Be A Blessing: \$13.92

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com
Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu
Children’s Education Coordinator: Jackie Lee (325-518-4767) 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: Lettie Morrow
Building Lock-up:
Aug.: Chris Meeks
Sept.: Matt Waldrip
Blessing Box
Counting: Liam Meeks, Luke Morrow