

Prayer Concerns

~Our beloved longtime member and former elder **Dwayne Hargesheimer** passed away last Sunday. He was laid to rest Friday. Our deepest sympathy to Louise and the family in the loss of this great Christian man.

~**Melody Loveland** update: The specialist said her cancer is stage I non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. This kind doesn't spread fast, and it's good they caught it early. However, she does have to do chemo. Remember to pray for Melody this week.

~**Chester Lynd** is having the battery in his pacemaker replaced Tuesday morning. Please pray this procedure goes smoothly.

~**Jim Hill** had a hospital stay a week and a half ago. Many prayers for Jim's recovery.

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

~Nancy Stewart (**Kathryn Boerio's** mom) was able to go home from the hospital. Continue to pray for her as she battles pancreatic cancer.

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

~**Chester Lynd's** niece in Michigan, Amber Galloway, has cancer and appreciates our prayers.

~Continue to pray for **Patsy Williamson** and **Donna Scott** (Patsy's daughter). Donna had surgery on her neck recently and Patsy had a cement procedure to mend a back fracture.

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

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

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Westgate Educators

Let's commit to pray for the many shining star educators at Westgate. In the hall there are bookmarks with the names of our educators. Please pick one up to remind you to pray for this hardworking servant throughout the school year.

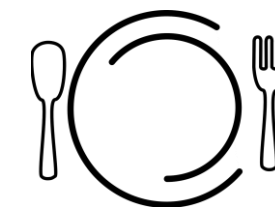
Sermon Series Speaker

Our last **Wednesday night** speaker for the summer is Wes Crawford. Wes is an ACU professor of Modern and American Church History. Dr. Crawford received his PhD and MA from Vanderbilt University in 2008, MDiv from Abilene Christian University in 2002, and BA from Lubbock Christian University in 1998. He and his wife Kim have four children. Come out at **6:45 p.m.** to hear this superb speaker.



Next Sunday

Our young men have been working Wednesday nights on leadership, and the culmination of this study is **Sunday, August 21st**. They will lead singing, share messages, read scripture, distribute communion (with help), count the contribution, and offer prayers. Be sure to be here next Sunday so you can encourage these young leaders.



Love Grubs Starting Back Soon

With the school year kicking off, Love Grubs are back on the horizon. Our fantastic fellowship leaders (the Powells and Carneiros) are planning on having two Love Grubs each month. The first one will be **Wednesday, Sept. 7th**. Watch for details soon.

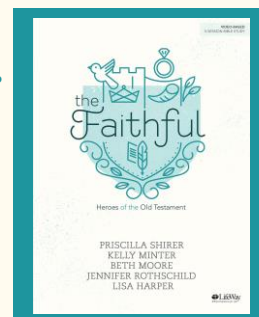
Upcoming Fellowships

We will have several opportunities to eat together and get to know each other better over the next few weeks. The first one is a Breakfast Fellowship on **Sunday, Sept. 4th**, at **9:00 a.m.** We won't have Bible classes that day. Then **Wednesday, Sept. 7th**, is the first Love Grub of the school year at **5:45 p.m.** On **Sunday, Sept. 11th**, we will have a Back-to-School Potluck following morning services. Details of these three events are coming soon.

Ladies Bible Class

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 soon!

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



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 **today**.



Sermon Title: Do you want to get well?

Scripture: John 5: 2-9

Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, **“Do you want to get well?”** “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

Then Jesus said to him, **“Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.



Happy Birthday:

Aug. 14th: Sharon Willerton
Aug. 15th: Joe McFarlen
Aug. 16th: Don Bell, Marla Touchstone, Chris Willerton
Aug. 17th: Hannah Loveland
Aug. 18th: Kenan Pyeatt
Aug. 20th: Abby Longley, Alan Hilligoss



Happy Anniversary:

Aug. 14th:
Ken & Sharla Van Cleave
Aug. 20th:
Steve & Laura Templeton



Our Calendar:

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
Sept. 4th: Breakfast Fellowship **9:00 a.m.**
Sept. 5th: Labor Day
Sept. 7th: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
Sept. 11th: Back to School Potluck

John vs. the Synoptics — by Brady Horner

Have you ever tried to read through the Gospels side by side and compare them? Okay, probably not because few people have time for things like this anymore, but it's interesting. You will discover that Matthew, Mark, and Luke are often very similar, even word for word similar. You will also find that John is very different. It's clear they are still talking about the same God, the same Jesus, but different stories, teachings, historical characters, and miracles. Most scholars believe that John was written after the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) and that he was familiar with at least some of them.

There are some interesting differences in John. Jesus never tells a parable in John, but it is the only gospel where he teaches with the "I Am" statements. In John the opponents are not identified as the Pharisees but more generalized as "the Jews", which some have argued has contributed to anti-Semitism. While Jesus's miracles in John are similar, the only two miracles it shares that match the other three Gospels are the feeding of the 5000 and the resurrection. We also get to hear from some different disciples in John. In the synoptics it seems mostly about Peter, James, and John; but in John we hear from Philip, Nathaniel, "doubting" Thomas, and the recurring character Nicodemus.

I've heard that our concept of Jesus, his behavior and character, comes more from John than the other gospels. Some think he is warmer in John than in the other gospels, but I'm not sure if I agree. If you are watching *The Chosen*, you may notice that a lot of it comes from John as opposed to the other gospels; I haven't done the math on this, but the John episodes in the show are very memorable to me. I like to think of John as filling in the blanks and sharing some of the neat stuff that the other gospels missed. The book closes saying, "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." So, I guess there are still some great stories that we won't know until we are with Jesus. Until then, I challenge you to pick up John and read. It's a great book and we will be using it as we walk through the "Breaking the Fourth Wall" series.

Fall Sunday AM Classes

Brady will teach in the fellowship hall **this Sunday and Aug. 21st and 28th**. On **Sunday, Sept. 4th**, we'll have a Breakfast Fellowship at **9:00 a.m.** (no classes). Starting **Sunday, Sept. 11th**, two adult Bible class options will be available. Brady will have class in the auditorium, and different teachers each week will talk about the parables in the fellowship hall.

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 5-10. 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 if you are able. Remember to pray for our community children and Bonham faculty this year.

Children's Ministry News

In Luke 13:10-17, Jesus sees a crippled woman in a synagogue on a Sabbath day. She's been unable to stand up straight for 18 years! Jesus heals her, even though the legalistic religious leaders don't approve. But Jesus values love over man-made rules.

New summary verse: **"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves."** (Philippians 2:3)

Remember to pick up a bookmark to pray for a Westgate educator. Send them a card or give them a pat on the back as a reminder that God is hearing from you on their behalf. Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Plan to join us next week as elementary boys lead worship. Special thanks to Eric Gumm and other men who assisted in guiding the boys during Wednesday classes this summer. Eight children will receive Bibles to mark the milestone of entering first grade. Blessings to each of them as they begin building skills to read and understand God's Word.

Children will promote on **August 28th** to reflect new grade levels in school. Not all children will change rooms, but summer quarter teachers will teach the new mixture of faces. Fall quarter begins on **Sept. 11th**. Please consider teaching from September to November, you will be blessed.



Joe and Isa used magnifying glasses to explore small details of God's creation. God values us as His creation and wants us to trust Him.

Youth Ministry News

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

Thank you for a great Bridging Week! We had so much fun hanging out and getting to know our newest youth group members!

We have been so honored by our graduates who we are sad to say goodbye to this week. Thank you so much for your leadership and commitment to this youth group!

Come check out the new and improved Youth House!

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



Thank you to the Chaney's for hosting Youth Class on Wednesday night! We had so much fun.



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:
August 7th:
 Contribution: \$6,009.00
 eGive: \$3,440.00
 Total: \$9,449.00
 Budget: **\$6,341.00**
 Be A Blessing: \$29.33

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Deacons: Don Bell, Manny Carneiro, CJ Chaney, **Jon Cogburn**, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

Nursery Duty: Maeleigh and Barbara Carneiro
Building Lock-up:
Aug.: Chris Meeks
Sept.: Matt Waldrip
Blessing Box
Counting: Beckett Williams, Lane Winter