

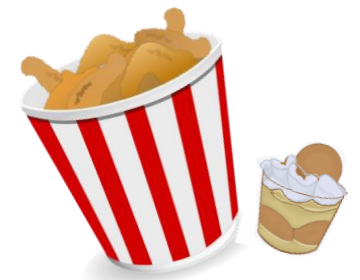
Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



CarePack for Kids

If you signed up to help with CarePack for Kids, we will meet at **4126 N. 1st** from **6-7 p.m. this Tuesday evening (10/4)**. Please be right on time or a little early. Thanks to everyone who volunteered!



Love Grub

This Wednesday, we'll have the first Love Grub of the month at **5:45 p.m.** On the menu is fried chicken and sides, with banana pudding for dessert. Ingredients for banana pudding are available to be picked up in the kitchen **today** for those who want to help by making dessert. Please contribute a few dollars to cover the cost of your meal on Wednesday night if you are able.

Operation: Stockshow

We are so proud of Caleb Powell for starting *Operation: Stockshow*, an organization that exists "to provide a Christ-centered environment for youth in the special needs community with opportunities to become involved in the agriculture industry, specifically through stock shows." Use the QR code to learn more about this ministry and support it by clicking "donate now" and buying a shirt.



WATS Coming Soon

It's only three weeks until We Are the Sermon (WATS) Day. We will start the day with a churchwide breakfast at **9:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall and then have prayers and a short communion service at **10:00 a.m.** in the auditorium. Following this, we will participate in previously organized service projects in the community. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks about how to get involved and pray that we glorify God through our service to others.

Sermon Title: Where Missions Begin

Scripture: Acts 13: 1-3

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Prayer Concerns

~**Chester Lynd's** surgery Wednesday to fix his broken hip went well. They put 3 screws in. If all goes well, his shoulder should not require surgery. He was moved to rehab Thursday. Please continue praying for Chester and his family.

~**Eric Robinson** had an MRI last Tuesday and treatments Thursday and Friday. He really appreciates all the prayers.

~Continue to pray for **Melody Loveland** as she faces non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Surgery to remove the knot on the side of her throat is scheduled for October 10th. They will test it to determine if there is any other type of cancer involved.

~Remember to keep praying for the pain to decrease for teenager **Kali Langston** (Jenni Langston's daughter).

~**Paxton Horner** has avascular necrosis (deterioration of bone tissue) in the navicular bone in his foot. It has to be non-weight bearing until it heals. The doctor is pleased with his progress, but please pray for quick and proper healing.

~**Hannah Loveland's** test results were good. She was low on a couple of vitamins, but once she gets those in her system and reduces her stress, she should be fine. Thanks for your prayers.

~**Nell Hopper's** sister Annie fell and is in the hospital with a brain bleed. Please pray for her.

~**Kathryn Boerio** has asked for prayers for her parents, Myron and Nancy Stewart. Nancy has surgery scheduled for Oct. 10th, and Myron has interstitial lung disease, A-fib, and CHF. He has a doctor appointment Oct. 3rd to discuss test results.

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
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill

Missionaries:

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

Opportunities Available

Remember to sign up to help with the two Love Grubs in October. Sign-up sheets are also posted for Sunday morning and Wednesday night nursery duty help.



Trunk or Treat

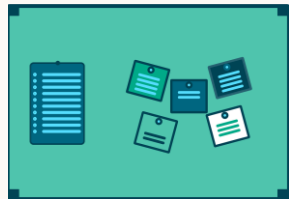
One way to reach out to others is through our annual Trunk or Treat. Please make plans to come up to the building from **6-8 p.m. Sunday, October 30th**, for the rewarding task of handing out treats to children from our church and neighborhood. If you are able to bring a sack of candy beforehand, place it in the bin in the short hall. Also, individually wrapped treats will be given to participants of the cakewalk again this year instead of cupcakes. Please pick up a box of Little Debbie's or Twinkies or something similar if you are able. Many thanks!





Happy Birthday:

- Oct. 3rd: Hannah Meeks
- Oct. 4th: Reese MacDonald
- Oct. 5th: Chris Meeks
- Oct. 6th: Adalyn Arche
- Oct. 7th: Mackenzie Stotts, Haley Lee, Jan Cogburn



Our Calendar:

- Oct. 4th: CarePack for Kids 6-7 p.m.
- Oct. 5th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 10th: Columbus Day
- Oct. 19th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 23rd: Breakfast and WATS Day
- Oct. 30th: Trunk or Treat, Missions Contribution, Baby Blessing
- Nov. 2nd: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 6th: Bridal Shower for Skyla Burd, Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 11th: Veterans Day
- Nov. 13th: Fishing Derby
- Nov. 16th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 18th – 20th: Youth Retreat – Solid Rock Camp
- Nov. 23rd: No class, Thanksgiving Meal prep

Is It Just a Game? – by Brady Horner

Earlier this month, just outside of Dallas, a little league football coach was killed by another coach. It was over an officiating dispute during a preseason game. I hate that my first thought was, “I’m not surprised, some sports parents are crazy,” when in reality, it is a horribly tragic event. It’s just a game, it’s not that important. I love sports, but we are putting too much time, value, and weight into sports and winning. Kids are finding too much of their identity in winning. Even worse, parents are finding their identity in living through their kids (and thus putting added pressure on their kids to perform).

I’ve rarely cared about winning or losing. That makes me sound like a “loser” and maybe that is fair enough. I grew up with a brother who was six years older than me, he beat me at everything. So, I learned to find my value as a person somewhere else. Isn’t that one of the reasons we care so much about winning? Too often we define ourselves and our value by winning or losing. Instead of saying, “I lost the game,” we give ourselves a title, “I am a loser.” Are we really defining ourselves and assigning our value as a people based on a game? When we do that a simple child’s game becomes something beyond just fun competition, but a battle for worth as humans. How unhealthy! We don’t just want to play well, have fun, and win, we want to convince ourselves and others we are good and valuable. When we have that mindset, it becomes more than just a game.

What are you defining yourself by? Where do you think your worth comes from? For some it’s winning, for others it’s the ability to make money and provide, and for others it’s being liked or popular. Unconditional love and grace are similar. They both say, “I love you, I will care for you, I will forgive you, even when you don’t deserve it, even when you haven’t earned it.” They both say, “Those things that you think make you valuable don’t. I love you just because you are you.” We all want to perform in some way to convince ourselves we are worthy, but a much better route is to live our lives from God’s love knowing we are valuable. Then we can enjoy life (and sports) doing our best without defining ourselves as “winners” or “losers”. We can again enjoy the game (and life), for the love of the game.

Christian Homes Fundraiser

Please join Christian Homes for dinner on **Tuesday evening, October 25th**, at the Taylor County Expo Center. David Scotten, whose adoption story is chronicled in the movie *Lifemark*, will be our guest speaker along with a special video message from Kirk Cameron. For speaker and ticket information, scan the QR code or visit www.christianhomes.com/2022-fall-dinner.



Children’s Ministry News

In John 15:1-17, Jesus describes His relationship with us using a plant metaphor. He says He is the vine and we’re the branches. As we remain attached to Him, like branches are attached to a tree, His love grows in us, and we produce good fruit! Classes today discussed that Jesus is the vine, and we grow in His love.

New summary verse for the next several weeks: “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.

For apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

Please keep Westgate educators and all Bonham staff in your prayers. Psalm 60:12: “With God’s help we will do mighty things, for He will trample down our foes.”

Names of middle and high schools that our youth attend were added to the hallway bulletin board this week. Check out the board and remember Westgate offspring and their schools in your prayers.

Please choose a Wednesday to volunteer with birth to threes in the nursery. The signup sheet is in the hall. Your help is appreciated.

Children learned that Jesus washed His disciples’ feet and discussed how to serve others. Shaving cream on fingerprint paper helped kids brainstorm many ways we can use our serving hands.



Youth Ministry News

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

Come check out the new and improved Youth House!

Make sure to attend Wednesday night class as we vote on Trunk or Treat themes!

Please pray for our students this school year!

We were so blessed to experience worship with several Abilene churches at a devo at Hillcrest Church of Christ last Sunday night!



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:
September 25th:
 Contribution: \$1,707.00
 eGive: \$3,140.00
 Total: \$4,847.00
 Budget: \$6,341.00
 Be A Blessing: \$37.70

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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

Nursery Duty: Kami & Emory Winter
Building Lock-up:
Oct.: Don Bell
Nov.: Manny Carneiro
Blessing Box
Counting: Wyatt Cogburn, Liam Meeks