

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Bridal Shower Today

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to come honor Skyla Burd and David Krause with a bridal shower at the home of Juanita Stovall at **2:00 p.m. today**. Skyla and David are registered at Amazon and Target. Best wishes to these two as they start married life together soon.



### Fishing Derby Next Sunday



**Who:** All families with children ages birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
**What:** Lunch and fishing  
**When:** Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.  
**Where:** MacDonald's house—Text Kelly (325-668-8250) if you need directions. Google does not send you to the right place.

**Other Details:** Plenty of fishing spots will be available. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on, bug spray, and fishing equipment if you have any. **Lunch will be provided.** Fishing is optional; if your child is too young to fish or doesn't want to fish, come out anyway and enjoy the nice fall day (hopefully!). And remember boys and gills, when you fin-ish and come down from your perch, you betta of-fish-ally tell the MacDonalds thanks for the oppor-tuna-ty!

### Congratulations



Westgate's own Larry Loveland recently retired from UPS after working there 40½ years. It is clear from all the cards, pictures, and posts from his customers in Albany that he has made quite an impression on the whole community with his servant-hearted kindness. We wish Larry the best in his future endeavors.

### Veterans Day

This Friday is Veterans Day. As we enter this season of thankfulness, thinking of our veterans comes naturally. Thanks to all those at Westgate who have served. Your sacrifices to keep us safe and free do not go unnoticed.



### Prayer Concerns

~Please keep praying for **Eric Robinson** as he copes with arm and nerve issues.

~Please continue to pray for proper healing for **Paxton Horner's** foot. He has to rest it for another month.

~**Chester Lynd** was in the hospital with a blocked artery in his neck, but he is home now. They are hoping to treat it with medication instead of surgery. Many prayers for Chester.

~**Mickey Walker's** son-in-law's mother, Judy Eisenberg, has been placed in hospice care in San Antonio. Please pray for Judy and her family.

~Continued prayers for **Melody Loveland** as she awaits chemotherapy for follicular cell lymphoma.

~Logan Cornutt, grandson of **Jackie Lee**, is scheduled for surgery on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> to remove another brain tumor. Remember Logan and family in prayer, especially on Friday.

~**Chad Longley's** father, Kenneth Longley, is making progress. Please pray for strength and comfort for Chad's mom and the Longley family as they provide needed support.

~**Melody Loveland's** brother, Timmy Primm, is dealing with high blood pressure and blood sugar issues. Please pray for him.

~Keep **Megeste Pierre** and the political and economic situation in Haiti in your prayers.

~Remember 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
- ~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

### Trunk or Treat Fun



**Sermon Title:** Overflowing with Thankfulness

**Scripture:** Colossians 2: 6-7

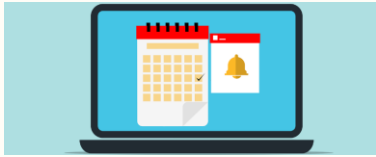
So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.





### Happy Birthday:

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Luke McFarlen, Trevor Sutton  
**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Emmy Schumpert, Paige MacDonald, Dwight Painter



### Our Calendar:

**Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>:** Bridal Shower for Skyla Burd **2:00 p.m.**, Daylight Saving Time ends  
**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Veterans Day  
**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Fishing Derby **1-3 p.m.**  
**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**  
**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Retreat – Solid Rock Camp  
**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** No services  
**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Day  
**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Brown Bag Fellowship **5:45 p.m.**  
**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Breakfast with Santa  
**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Church Christmas Program & Party **6:00 p.m.**  
**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**, Ladies Christmas Cookie Devo **6:45 p.m.**  
**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Group Christmas Party  
**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Candlelight Service  
**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>:** No services  
**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Day (no Bible classes, worship @ **10:00 a.m.**)

### The Gratitude Gender Gap – by Brady Horner

I've been thinking and praying a lot about this *Overflow* series and the transformative power of living and receiving life as a gift with gratitude. In the back of my mind, I've had this strange prejudice that it might be too "girly" and that men might check out. I realize that I've subliminally thought that women emphasize and express gratitude much more than men. What a weird thing to think!? However, I've done some research and it looks like it is true; women are generally more grateful than men, or they at least show it more.

A 2012 survey of 2000 Americans found that "Women are more likely than men to express gratitude on a regular basis (52 percent women/44 percent men), feel that they have much in life to be thankful for (64 percent women/50 percent of men), and express gratitude to a wider variety of people." A separate study found that women post much more often about gratitude on social media than men. While there is definitely a gender issue, one study found that it is an American issue as well. Here it was discovered that German men generally view gratitude as a higher virtue than American men.

My guess is that in America, men are expected to be strong, autonomous, and fully self-sufficient (going back to the Manifest Destiny pioneer days). Thus gratitude, that admits someone helped me, or part of my success was given, not earned, sounds like weakness. For some, gratitude may reflect dependency and weakness. Let's be honest, there is a pride in us that keeps us from experiencing gratitude (something men may be more susceptible to, but women aren't completely above). Admittedly, the gratitude could be present, but not expressed; men aren't known for being great at expressing feelings. So this points us to two things we must do in our journey toward becoming people overflowing with gratitude. One, we must humble ourselves and admit we need and require help, we are not completely self-made, much of what we have was received, not earned. Second, we must learn to not simply feel gratitude, but express it in meaningful ways.

### Thank You Note

Dear Westgate family,  
Thank you for your prayers, cards, and concern for me after my fall.  
God's blessings to everyone,  
Anita Cox



### Children's Ministry News

Peter has a vision of animals coming down from the sky in Acts 10: 9-43. Although these specific animals were previously forbidden as food, God tells him to eat the animals. Later, Peter talks to a Gentile named Cornelius and realizes that his vision demonstrated that God doesn't show favoritism but welcomes anyone from any place.

Summary Verse for the next several weeks: "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name goes all the glory for Your unfailing love and faithfulness." (Psalm 115:1)

Many thanks for all the Little Debbie-type pastries and candy



contributions for Trunk or Treat. Westgate offered our community a safe and fun alternative for trick or treating, thank you to all for your participation. Special thanks to Lettie and Erin for all their work.

Plans for the children's program, *A Night Like No Other*, are underway. If your child would like to participate, please sign up soon so parts can be assigned.

On Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Bonham Elementary was reminded that Westgate is praying for them. Thank you to WATS helping hands for preparing these bags for a snack encouragement. Please continue to pray for Bonham staff.



Cathrine and Connie's class talked about Jesus's power as they moved their small boats with straws.

### Youth Ministry News

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

Fall Retreat! We are going to Solid Rock Camp in Eastland, TX on **November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**. The retreat theme is "Rhythm." Make sure you pay \$30 in order to attend ASAP if you have not already done so.

Join us for a youth devo at the Horner's house **tonight from 6–8 p.m.** Dinner will be provided.

Please pray for our students this school year!



We had such a blast serving food and organizing games at Trunk or Treat!

**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  
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**Offering:**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
Contribution: \$1,503.00  
eGive: \$3,110.00  
Total: \$4,613.00  
Budget: **\$6,341.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$34.98

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

**Nursery Duty:**  
Kari White  
**Building Lock-up:**  
**Nov.:** Manny Carneiro  
**Dec.:** CJ Chaney  
**Blessing Box**  
**Counting:**  
Lane Winter,  
Issacc Carneiro