

Prayer Concerns

~**Chad Longley** is awaiting surgery for achalasia, tentatively scheduled for tomorrow. This surgery will just be the start of a long process. Please pray for Chad and his family at this extremely difficult time.

~**Chester Lynd** is improving daily and getting around a lot better. Continue to pray for proper healing for his shoulder.

~Keep **Eric Robinson** in your prayers. He is having trouble with the nerves in his arm.

~**Paxton Horner** received good news at his doctor's appointment. His foot is healing nicely, so he was able to switch from the scooter to a boot. Please keep praying for Paxton.

~Continued prayers for **Shelby Rose**. She has to take breathing treatments 3 times a day through the winter.

~Please lift up **Melody Loveland's** brother, Timmy Primm, in prayer. He has high blood pressure and blood sugar issues.

~**Jackie Lee's** grandson, Logan Cornutt, is receiving radiation treatments and chemo in Houston. Please pray fervently for Logan and his family.

~Please continue to pray for **Kathryn Boerio's** mom and dad, Myron and Nancy Stewart. Myron has interstitial lung disease and A-fib, and Nancy is fighting pancreatic cancer.

~Julie Conly, **Jerry Varnado's** daughter, could use our prayers as she battles cancer.

~Please remember those who have lost loved ones this year and are having an especially hard time facing the holidays without them.

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

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Christmas Program and Party Tonight

Tonight's the night! Come on out at **6:00 p.m.**, drop off your chili and/or fixings in the kitchen, and make your way to the auditorium for the children's Christmas program, *A Night like No Other*. After the program, everyone is invited to stick around for the potluck chili supper in the fellowship hall. Please join us for this fun and festive event to support our sweet kiddos and kick off the holiday season.



Love Grub

We will have one Love Grub in the month of December, let's make it count! Come on out this **Wednesday the 7th at 5:45 p.m.** for various soups and trimmings. Don't miss out, you know it'll be great! Please donate some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if you're able.



Cookies, Cocoa, Crafts, Community

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to the parlor at **6:45 p.m. on Wed., December 7th**, for a Christmas Cookie Devo. Cookies and cocoa will be provided, along with a craft to make. This new event promises to be a fun time for all! See Clair or Heather for more information.



Sunday AM Combined Adult Bible Class

On Sunday mornings in December, starting **today**, Brady will teach a combined adult Bible class in the fellowship hall. He will focus on the top five challenges facing families and the church, and then we will explore what gives us hope for the future.



Sermon Title: The Waiting is the Hardest Part

Scripture: Romans 8: 14-17

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Thank You Notes

Thanks for the wonderful meal you served for the older folks and shut-ins in the congregation. It is nice when you reach the ripe old age when it is an act of faith to buy green bananas to know that someone remembered you. Mickey and Ruth Walker

Thank you so much for the special Thanksgiving dinner that you brought to me. Everything was delicious. Patsy Williamson

Steve Henderson was able to share the Thanksgiving cooked meal with a needy family and they were immensely blessed. Thank you!



Happy Birthday:

Dec. 10th: Lucas Pruitt



Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 6th: Doug & Chandra McFarlen



Our Calendar:

Dec. 4th: Christmas program practice 4 – 6 p.m., Westgate Christmas Program & Party 6 p.m.

Dec. 7th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m., Ladies' Christmas Cookie Devo 6:45 p.m.

Dec. 11th: Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec. 18th: Christmas Candlelight Service 6 p.m.

Dec. 21st: No services

Dec. 25th: Christmas Day (no Bible classes, worship @ 10:00 a.m.)

Dec. 28th: No services

Jan. 1st: New Year's Day (no Bible classes, worship @ 10:00 a.m.)

Jan. 4th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 14th – 16th: Youth Group Mystery Trip

Jan. 16th: MLK Day

Jan. 18th: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 27th – 29th: Marriage Retreat

Feb. 1st: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Reaching Full Potential – by Brady Horner

Every now and then I have this really cool dream where I discover a new section or room in my house. It is usually something hidden that I discover and am shocked that I have had access to this place all along. I am filled with wonder and excitement as I explore these new tunnels, man caves, lake access, and all sorts of other weird things that are physically impossible to have at my house! I always wake up from these dreams feeling energized and excited. I did some vast and scholarly google research on the meaning of this dream and some suggest that this dream means you have discovered something new about yourself! Maybe you found out about an ability you have, a way you think that is very different, or an interest that was always there you just finally tapped into. So, if you ever have one of these dreams, stop and think "What new thing have I learned about myself in the past few days?"

A couple of months back I had one of these dreams, but instead of my house, it was at the Westgate building. I was filled with excitement as I discovered this whole new untapped area of the building that we could use for weddings, ministry outreach to our community, and a fun space for kids. Again, I woke up feeling energized and excited. This was one of those dreams that just feels like it has a deeper meaning. At first, I thought "Did I learn something new about Westgate?", which is very possible. But, in this case, I think it was helping me to see that Westgate has hidden and powerful untapped potential.

Westgate is a church I love, and is doing a lot of good things, but I believe it still has more it could be doing. I hate to sound like a coach that is never satisfied, but those coaches aren't satisfied because they want their players to reach their full potential. I don't know what Westgate's untapped potential looks like; maybe it's gifted people not using their gifts, maybe it is outreach opportunities right at our fingertips that we haven't engaged, maybe there are tons of people who need and want a church just like Westgate but haven't found us yet, maybe there is some transformative move we can make and just haven't yet. Whatever this untapped potential is, it's my prayer that we find it and claim it.



Marriage Retreat

Mark your calendars for Westgate's 2023 Marriage Retreat in Granbury, January 27-29th. The cost of \$200 covers a two-night hotel stay, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, entertainment, and some great content from our own Marriage and Family Therapist Jonathan Cogburn. You will be on your own for Saturday's date night and other free-time expenses. Because we feel it is so important to invest in marriages, Westgate has financed a large portion of the trip cost in hopes of allowing as many to attend as possible.



Larry's class of 4th and 5th graders did something surprising. They worked on an object lesson to balance a can and, unlike Eutychus who fell from a window, the cans did not fall. See their success! Thank you to Larry for guiding this eager-to-learn group.

Youth Ministry News

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

Mark your calendars for a Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 11th!**

We are having a Mystery Trip **January 14th - 16th!**

Please pray for our students as they finish up the fall semester!

Children's Ministry News

- In Acts 27, Paul is being transported as a prisoner on a ship when a violent storm threatens to sink the ship. But God encourages Paul, letting him know that no one on the ship will die when the ship wrecks. Paul passes on that encouragement, and everyone gets safely to shore. God encourages us, and the focus of today's lesson is that God wants us to encourage others.
- New Summary Verse: "A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." (Ephesians 6:10)
- Many thanks for the Bonham donations. Remember to pray for Westgate educators, our children, their teachers, and their schools.
- Christmas program practice today at 4:00. Children will share pizza about 5:00 and watch a short video while we prepare for the program that starts at 6:00. Plan to join us for the fun!



Kali praying at a prayer station at the Fall Retreat!

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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Nursery Duty: Rachael & Addison Lee

Building Lock-up:

Dec.: Jon Cogburn
Jan.: Eric Gumm

B. Box Counting: Lane Winter, Issacc Carneiro

Offering:
November 27th:
Contribution: \$3,660.20
eGive: \$4,035.00
Total: \$7,695.20
Budget: \$6,341.00
Be A Blessing: \$19.16

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