

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Prayer Concerns

~**Chad Longley** had surgery on Monday for his achalasia. There were some unexpected complications with the surgery, so they adapted his treatment and did another surgery on Wednesday. That one was able to be completed and went well. He was set to have another procedure on his esophagus Thursday. They are learning about the dietary changes that will be necessary and ready to focus on recovery. They are very grateful for all your prayers.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson** as he deals with arm and nerve problems.

~**Melody Loveland** will have to do chemo for follicular cell lymphoma. The good news is that this is a slow-growing cancer and is Stage I. Please remember Melody in your prayers.

~**Paxton Horner** has avascular necrosis (deterioration of bone tissue) in the navicular bone in his foot. He is doing much better, and was able to switch from the scooter to a boot. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

~**Jackie Lee's** grandson, Logan Cornutt, is having to travel back and forth to MD Anderson in Houston for targeted radiation, chemo, and a strong steroid for his brain cancer. Please keep Logan and his family in your prayers.

~Continue to remember **Jim Hill's** sister-in-law Diana in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

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

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

Marriage Retreat



Registration envelopes are now available for Westgate's 2023 Marriage Retreat in Granbury, **January 27th – 29th**. Pick up an envelope in the short hall, fill out the information, seal your \$200 payment inside, and drop it in the lockbox on Brady's door. 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.

Christmas Candlelight Service

Next Sunday, Dec. 18th, please join us for the annual Christmas Candlelight Service at **6:00 p.m.** Remember to invite your friends and family to this beautiful night of worship.



Reminders

Just a few reminders as we approach Christmas and New Year's Day: We will have regular Wednesday night Bible classes this week, but we will not have evening services the next two Wednesdays after that (**12/21 and 12/28**). Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays this year. We will have a worship service only at **10:00 a.m.** (no classes) for both **December 25th** and **January 1st**.

Sermon Title: No One Likes a Know-It-All

Scripture: Luke 2: 41-52

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Address for Stephen Boyd

If you would like to send a card or letter to Stephen, please contact the office for his address.

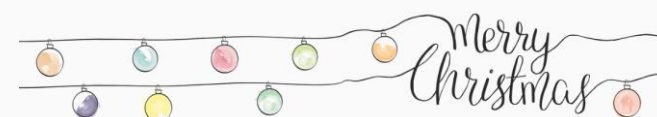
Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa provided fellowship and fun! Thank you to all the helping hands!



Thank You Note

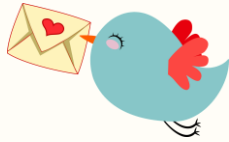
To whom it concerns,
Thank you for the
sweatsuit you put in
my pocket.
Nell





Happy Birthday:

Dec. 15th: Autumn Meeks



Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 17th: Randy & Julie Bibb,
Mark & Lydia Lyon



Our Calendar:

- Dec. 11th: Youth Group Christmas Party
- Dec. 18th: Christmas Candlelight Service **6:00 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.**
- Feb. 12th: Youth Group hosts Senior Valentine Lunch
- Feb. 15th: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Feb. 20th: Presidents Day

Christmas Program Pics



Children's Ministry News

- Acts 28 tells us that Paul is shipwrecked on an island and is gathering sticks to build a fire when a poisonous snake comes out of the sticks and bites Paul's hand. Because God is our protector, Paul is unharmed and shakes off the snake. Children discussed the importance of living our lives knowing that God watches over and protects us.
- New Summary Verse: *"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."* (Ephesians 6:10)
- Remember to pray for Westgate educators, our children, their teachers, and their schools.
- Many thanks to all who supported *A Night Like No Other*. Appreciation to Chandra for preparing the beautiful slides, to Luke for assistance with props and to Taylor, Emory, Layla, and Maeleigh for their all-around helping hands. Thank you to the pizza team of Cody Bob and Clair. Vince and Sharon are the best at PowerPoint and microphones, many thanks for their help. Appreciation to Alan and helpers for clearing and replacing furniture on stage. We could not have had this experience without supportive parents and loving church family, thank you to all! "May you feel the blessing and power of God in your heart and mind. And may you overflow with grace to others as God's grace flows over your every moment."



Thanks to Hayley for teaching 4th and 5th graders last week. Children dramatized Paul's shipwreck as they discussed the importance of encouragement.

Youth Ministry News

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

Come to the Christmas party tonight! Please meet at the church building at **5:30**. We will be back around **8:30**.

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

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

Andrew, Isabella, and Hannah enjoying the scenery 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.**

Church office: (325)692-2300
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Offering:
December 4th:
Contribution: \$5,308.82
eGive: \$3,200.00
Total: \$8,508.82
Budget: **\$6,341.00**
Be A Blessing: \$19.55

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

Nursery Duty:
Jackie Lee
Building Lock-up:
Dec.: Jon Cogburn
Jan.: Eric Gumm
Blessing Box
Counting:
Luke McFarlen,
Titus Powell