

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Picture Day

Steve Templeton is set up in a west hall classroom to take directory wall pictures. If you don't have a picture up there, or your family has changed, or you would just like a new picture, he will be happy to take your picture after services **today or next Sunday**.

Blessing Box Volunteer Opportunity

The Blessing Box out in front of the building facing Pioneer Drive is like a small food pantry. Daily volunteers from Westgate fill it with nonperishable goods for those who need a little extra help feeding their families. We have an opening for stocking the Blessing Box on **Mondays**. If you (or you and a friend splitting it) are interested, please talk to Steve Templeton.



Ladies Retreat Day

Saturday, March 4, is the tentative date for the Ladies Retreat Day. Be sure to RSVP **today** so the planners can ensure that the attendance will be large enough to allow for the best experience for everyone involved. You can respond to the email or talk to Hayley, Aubrey, Teresa, or Becki. Watch for more details next week.

Sermon Title: Isaac and Rebekah

Scripture: Genesis 25: 21-28

Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

The Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger."

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Prayer Concerns

~Our sympathy to **Steve Henderson** and his family. His mother, Mary Jean Henderson, passed away Friday, February 10th. Graveside services were Thursday at Elmwood Memorial Park.

~We also extend condolences to the Langston family. **Jenni Langston's** grandmother passed away, and the funeral was yesterday.

~Please remember **Eric Robinson** in your prayers as he struggles with nerve issues in his arm.

~Continued prayers for strength and healing for **Chad Longley**.

~Please keep **Hannah Loveland** in your prayers.

~**Megeste Pierre** has asked that we pray for him and his ministry in Haiti.

~Prayers of thanks that Trudie Fetterman (**Erin Cogburn's** aunt), who was in ICU with Covid pneumonia, is better and was able to go home from the hospital.

~**Jackie Lee** would appreciate prayers for her grandson Logan and the Cornutt family.

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

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

~Please pray for our Westgate children and the teachers and staff at their schools.

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

Senior Valentine Luncheon





Happy Birthday:

- Feb. 19:** Hays Arche
- Feb. 21:** Gaité Howell, Paige Howell
- Feb. 22:** Brady Morton
- Feb. 23:** Crystal Collier



Our Calendar:

- Feb. 19:** Picture Day
- Feb. 20:** Presidents Day
- Feb. 26:** Picture Day
- Mar. 1:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Mar. 12:** Daylight Saving Time begins
- Mar. 15:** Game and Movie Night
- Mar. 29:** Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 1 – 2:** Family Retreat in Leuders
- Apr. 5:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 8:** Easter Egg Hunt at Festival Gardens
- Apr. 9:** Easter Sunday
- Apr. 19:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 30:** Brisket Burn/Youth Auction after services
- May 14:** Mother's Day
- May 21:** Graduation Celebration
- May 29:** Memorial Day
- May 31:** Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
- June 4 – 7:** VBS

The Honor of Service – by Brady Horner

The Churches of Christ take the doctrine of the “Priesthood of all believers” (from 1 Peter 2:9) to the extreme. We have no ordination process other than baptism. We are technically all “priests”, in that we can have direct access to God, and we are Christ’s ambassadors on earth. Consequently, there is no seminary or rubric for preacher training. I love this accessibility of ministry, however it has caused some problems and made us miss some great opportunities. Also, let’s face it, it is unevenly applied based on gender. Most ministers/pastors that go to seminary agree to some standard of code for ministers. The Churches of Christ don’t have this, although in my time in ministry I have learned that we have some unwritten ones.

One general rule in codes for ministers/pastors is that they should not charge for ministerial services like weddings, funerals, or administering the sacraments. In theory the minister’s host congregation should provide them with a living wage so they do not need to charge for such things. It is not wrong to take payment when people insist (especially when travel is required), but it is typically frowned upon to have an up-front fee. The idea is that ministry is a loving, pastoral service, not a transactional one. The payment conversation often comes up at weddings and funerals, but it is really just a nice honor to get to officiate them.

Another part of the “don’t charge” guideline is to keep us from the “What’s in it for me?” thinking. Unfortunately, we as western consumers have been programmed to think this way. It has recently been brought to my attention that it is hard to get speakers at ACS chapel. I’m sure there are several reasons for that, but as soon as I heard that, I (perhaps selfishly and pessimistically) thought it’s because there is little in it for the speakers. There is little opportunity for networking or prestige in a room full of students. There is little opportunity to grow your church as most kids there already attend, and there is no monetary payout. But what a shame, because it is a great opportunity to impact kids. Even when churches serve or participate in outreach we are tempted to ask “What is the payout?” or “How are we benefiting from this?” to see if it is worth it. Service is an honor and is blessing God! It doesn’t matter if we get a payout! May we all as ministers take advantage of opportunities to serve and bless others expecting no reward in turn, other than that of getting to serve an awesome God.

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How long could you sing “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in my Heart” with your hand in ice? Piper and Kinley worked on an ice challenge as their class discussed how God can help us through hard times by filling us with His joy.



Cathrine and Connie’s class used blowers during a discussion on joy, one of the fruits of the Spirit. Many thanks to these teachers as they lead our children to understand God’s truths.

Children’s Ministry News

- ❖ Children studied peace today with a story in the life of Isaac. He has conflicts with various people over water rights. Instead of fighting, Isaac leaves each situation to find new water. In the end, he is able to find water and make a peace treaty.
- ❖ Bible Verse: “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” (Galatians 5:22-23)
- ❖ Kami will be teaching Bullies of the Bible this week with a discussion on a tall bully called Goliath. Thank you to Kami and others who are guiding this study.



Youth Ministry News

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

Please register for Pine Springs as soon as you can if you want to go! Spots are limited. Ask Clay if you have any questions.

We are having a youth devotional on **Sunday, Feb. 26th!** Stay tuned for more details.

Join us for a movie night in the youth house on **Sunday, March 5th!**

Please pray for our students to have a great semester.

The lovely ladies of the Westgate Youth Group posing at the Valentine Lunch!

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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Nursery Duty:
 Becki and Kipley Sutton

Offering:
February 12th:
 Contribution: \$2,234.28
 eGive: \$3,981.00
 Total: \$6,215.28
 Budget: \$6,917.00
 Be A Blessing: \$18.74

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Elders: Randy Bibb, Jim MacDonald, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom

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

Building Lock-up:

Feb.: Eric Gumm

March: Adam Lott

Blessing Box

Counting:

Lane Colburn,
 Liam Meeks