

**Prayer Concerns**

~**Jim Hill** has been in the hospital a few days with pneumonia. Please pray for a full recovery for Jim.

~Our sympathy to **Brady Horner** and his family. Brady's grandmother passed away and was laid to rest last Monday.

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

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

~Please add **Hannah Loveland** to your prayer list.

~**Megeste Pierre** is dealing with political unrest and gang violence in Haiti. (See the inside of the bulletin for his update.) Don't forget to pray for his mission work there.

~Logan Cornutt (grandson of **Jackie Lee**) had surgery last Tuesday. Doctors in Houston were able to put a shunt in to relieve some pressure on his brain. He is home now.

~Please continue to pray for **Kathryn Boerio's** mom and dad, Myron and Nancy Stewart.

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

~Please pray for the homeless people that Manny Carneiro and others are trying to reach through Abilene Hope Haven.

~The All-Church Retreat is coming up soon. Please begin praying for a successful retreat.

**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



**Game and Movie Night**

This week is Spring Break for most schools. On **Wednesday night (3/15)**, we will have a special "Game and Movie Night" themed Love Grub from **5:45 to 8:00**. Party foods like hot dogs, nachos, and popcorn will be served. Bring your favorite game and come join the fun! A movie will be available in the parlor for the kids. We will not have Bible classes that evening.

**All-Church Retreat**

The theme of this year's All-Church Retreat is "The Mirror." One of the hardest things to do is self-examine, to look in the mirror and objectively see who we really are. But this is where real transformation happens. The two Sunday messages leading up to the retreat will explore this, then we will unpack it with intergenerational activities on the retreat. One of the best ways to truly see yourself is through relationships with others. Please plan to come out and learn about yourself, others, and God on **April 1 – 2**.

**Retreat Registration**

The retreat will be at Big Country Baptist Assembly, a retreat center in Leuders, about 35 minutes north of Abilene. Some of the registration envelopes say Butman, pay no attention to that. 😊 The cost is \$20 for each person 5+, with no family paying over \$80. The deadline to register is **next Sunday, March 19**. Please fill out an envelope even if you're not spending the night so we can get an accurate meal count. It's going to be a great time, don't miss out!



**Ladies Bible Class**

Ladies Bible Class is taking a short break for Spring Break this week. We will start back up on **Tuesday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m.** with a new study book on Amos. We'll start with the video, so no homework yet! Clair will pass out the new books on the 21<sup>st</sup> as well. This is a great time to jump in if you've been wondering about attending.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

"Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin' down the bunny trail..." Believe it or not, it's almost time for the Easter Egg Hunt! We are asking everyone with children participating in the hunt to contribute a dozen plastic filled Easter eggs. You can fill the eggs with candy or other non-edible treats. Members who don't have children participating in the hunt, but are still wanting to contribute, are encouraged to do so. There is a labeled bin in the short hall where you can drop off those filled eggs. The Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 8**, at the Festival Gardens across from the zoo. More details on the hunt to come.



**Nehemiah Class**

Eric Gumm is teaching a new adult Bible class in the auditorium on Sunday mornings in March and April. *Nehemiah: Standing up for What is Right* will explore Nehemiah's calling to lead and serve and what it says to us today.



**VBS**

Save the date for VBS, coming **June 4 – 7**. Watch for details and begin praying for friends and neighbors to invite. It's about Daniel – I'm not lyin'.

**Sermon Title:** Satisfied

**Scripture:** John 6:47-58

"Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."





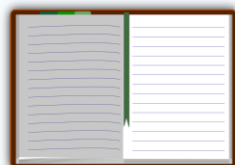
### Happy Birthday:

- Mar. 13: John Powell
- Mar. 14: Sharlotte Smith
- Mar. 17: Sharla Van Cleave
- Mar. 18: Brian Doremus



### Happy Anniversary:

- Mar. 12: Eric & Crystal Robinson
- Mar. 14: Vince & Sharon Van Cleave
- Mar. 15: CJ & Michelle Chaney



### Our Calendar:

- Mar. 12: Daylight Saving Time begins
- Mar. 13 – 17: Spring Break
- Mar. 15: Game and Movie Night 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17: Youth Group lunch 11:30 – 1:00
- Mar. 26: Youth Group devo @ the Chaney's house
- Mar. 29: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 1 – 2: All-Church Retreat
- 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

### CFC Newsletter (part 1) — by Megeste Pierre

In John 1:46 Nathanael asks Philip, can anything good come from Nazareth? These days it doesn't seem like anything good can come from Haiti. The headlines are sad, they usually refer to people being killed by gang members, schools and churches are forced to shut down. The roads are controlled by gangs, people are fleeing their homes with no hopes. Inflation is going through the roof. We have an ongoing fuel shortage. Our gas station no longer sells fuel but people on the streets who charge over \$20.00 for a gallon of gasoline.

Through all the chaos, the Corail Cesselesse Church of Christ continues to preach the gospel. The obstacles are too many to count but God is still working in our favor.

Preaching the Gospel in Haiti is inevitable. A country devastated by natural disaster, political unrest, and constant gang violence. Relying on God is the only thing that has not failed. The ministry is dedicated to help find peace and hope in the Lord to overcome this hopelessness situation. The church is slowly growing, the Lord added five people to the congregation last year.



The necessity in Haiti is too much sometimes to comprehend. People are dying and can't go to hospitals because they cannot afford it and those who are able to go cannot find doctors because the indescribable level of kidnapping runs away many out of the country including our doctors. Serving in Haiti is a high-level risk for the past couple years. Nevertheless, CFC wants to remain the hands and feet of Christ to serve in every aspect possible. We have a starving nation for spiritual growth as well as for food. Toward the end of 2022 we fed over 100 families by providing them with rice, beans, spaghetti, and oil. Our food pantry is a small gesture to assist people in our community, especially at the church and the school. It may not make sense but eating a meal a day for most families in Haiti is like a miracle. While we might not have much to offer but we provide them with at least four meals. Words are not enough to express the appreciation in the face of those who receive a care package from us. We are not only touching lives spiritually but physically.



### Hope Haven Collection

Manny Carneiro is working with the homeless population through Hope Haven and has identified these needs:

- OFF bug spray
- individual snacks, like fruit snacks or protein bars

You can leave these in the box in the church office.

### Children's Ministry News

- In Luke 10, Jesus tells a story known today as the parable of the good Samaritan. In it, He shares about a man who showed goodness by stopping to help an injured man, even when the religious leaders wouldn't stop to help. The fruit of the Spirit discussed in classes today is goodness.
- 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)
- Thank you to Becki for teaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders last Wednesday. Clair and Adam will teach the group after Spring Break. Appreciation to all.
- There will be no Wednesday PM classes for children this week, make plans to join the family fellowship.



Kayla and Clair substituted in the twos and threes classroom with this precious group last Sunday. Many thanks to both for their willingness to volunteer. The children enjoyed their teaching as well, check out those smiles.



### Youth Ministry News

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

Please register for Camp Beloved and Beyond as soon as you can if you want to go! Ask Clay if you have any questions.

It's time to start thinking about the items and services you want to provide for the Youth Auction!

Join us for lunch **this Friday from 11:30 to 1:00**. Please let Clay know if you plan to be there. We will meet at Westgate.

We are having a youth devotional at the Chaney's house on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Have a great Spring Break!

Layla, Hannah, Emory, and Morgan attempting to stand up.

**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  
westgatecofc@gmail.com

**Offering:**  
March 5<sup>th</sup>:  
Contribution: \$5,254.91  
eGive: \$3,855.00  
Total: \$9,109.91  
Budget: \$6,917.00  
Be A Blessing: \$28.25

**Lead Minister:** Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com  
**Youth Minister:** Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu  
**Children's Education Coordinator:** Jackie Lee (325-518-4767)  
lee-jacqueline@sbcglobal.net  
**Elders:** Randy Bibb, Jim MacDonald, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom  
**Deacons:** Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

**Nursery Duty:**  
Cathrine Clements

**Building Lock-up:**  
March: Adam Lott  
April: Chris Meeks

**Blessing Box**  
**Counting:**  
Titus Powell  
Lane Winter