

Prayer Concerns

~**Lainey Schumpert** had an echocardiogram that showed a heart issue. She had an appointment with a pediatric cardiologist Friday in Lubbock. Please pray for Lainey and the Schumpert family.

~**Kipley Sutton** had hip surgery Thursday at Scottish Rite in Dallas. The surgery went well, and she was scheduled to be released Friday. Please pray for a smooth recovery.

~Gracie Tharp, mother of **Patty Galaway and Tammy Rose**, has been in the hospital. Test results show she has ovarian cancer that has spread. Doctors are planning to start a mild chemo soon. They would appreciate our prayers.

~**Erin Bricker's** mom, Brenda Bricker, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery tomorrow, April 17. Please add her to your prayer list.

~**Dwight Painter** was released from Encompass Rehab Center and is at home recuperating.

~**Chester Lynd's** pacemaker procedure went well. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

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

~Continued prayers for **Megeste Pierre** and the situation in Haiti. See the inside of the bulletin for specific prayer requests from Megeste.

~Julie Conly (**Jerry Varnado's** daughter) is now at home under hospice care. Many prayers for Julie and family.

~**Kathryn Boerio's** mother's pancreatic tumor was smaller and her lymph nodes were clear on her latest scan. Keep praying for Nancy Stewart.

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

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Westgate Church of Christ Welcome Members and Guests

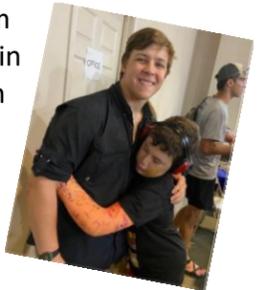
Love Grub This Wednesday

Don't miss the **April 19** Love Grub, with the return of an all-time favorite, Breakfast for Dinner! Join the crowd at **5:45 p.m. this Wednesday** for bacon, eggs, and all your other morning meal favorites. Please pitch in some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if possible. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available.



Brisket Burn & Youth Auction

Sunday, April 30 is our annual Brisket Burn and Youth Auction. This event helps send our youth group students to summer camp. Members of the youth group are set to attend two different camps this summer. At Camp Pine Springs, students are challenged to do new things and work together, and they always enjoy worshipping with Christian teens from other churches. Camp Beloved and Beyond is the youth mission trip in the summer. During this camp, students are paired one-on-one with a camper with special needs. They serve this camper all day every day by helping with activities, mealtimes, and any other needs. During these camp experiences, the students grow in knowledge of Jesus's love and teachings.



Join us for a brisket lunch with all the fixings and a fun and friendly auction. More details will be in the bulletin next week, but mark your calendar and plan to attend this event after worship services **in two weeks**. Invite your family and friends as well!

Sermon Title: No One Man Should Have All That Power

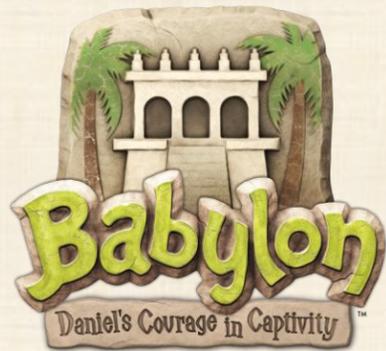
Scripture: John 6: 1-15

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.



VBS

June 4 - 7



Graduation Celebration

It won't be long until we celebrate our high school graduates on **Sunday, May 21!** We'll have a slideshow and meal and then shower them with graduation gifts. The seniors this year are Wyatt DeFoore and Reese MacDonald. Congratulations Class of 2023!

Stephen Boyd Address

Remember those overseas protecting our country, including Westgate member Stephen Boyd. If you get a chance to drop him a note, I'm sure it would be appreciated. If you would like his address, please contact the church office at westgatecofc@gmail.com. Thanks!





Happy Birthday:

- Apr. 16:** Rebecca Boerio
- Apr. 17:** Noah Pruitt, Aubrey Hilligoss
- Apr. 18:** Flint Davis
- Apr. 19:** Deana Frazier
- Apr. 20:** Chandra McFarlen, Patty Galaway
- Apr. 21:** Kymber Pyeatt, Addison Lee
- Apr. 22:** James White, Cody Williams



Our Calendar:

- Apr. 19:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 23:** Youth Devo
- Apr. 30:** Brisket Burn/Youth Auction after services
- May 3:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 14:** Mother's Day
- May 17:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 21:** Graduation Celebration during and after services
- May 25:** Clyde ISD Graduation
- May 26:** Wylie ISD Graduation
- May 26 – 27:** Abilene ISD Graduations
- May 29:** Memorial Day
- June 4 – 7:** VBS
- June 7:** Family Fun Night
- June 18:** Father's Day
- June 18 – 24:** Youth Group at Camp Pine Springs
- July 3 – 4:** church office closed for Independence Day
- July 5:** Family Fun Night
- July 10 – 15:** Youth Group at Camp Beloved and Beyond

CFC Newsletter (part 2) –

by Megeste Pierre

The 2022-2023 school year is a nightmare. We were supposed to start classes in September, it moved to October and then January due to ongoing fuel shortage and gangs' violent activities where nobody is safe to travel the streets. The situation is worsening every day without any sign of improvement. Everyone is praying for a foreign military intervention for the country to breathe a fresh air. However, we did our best to teach our students online via WhatsApp. We also send them packages with homework and lesson plans weekly. We started in-person classes on January 9th where 38 children came to class from our 67 registered for the school year. We had to stop in-person classes after two weeks due to rivalry militias' fight. The children are eager to come to school but each day they come to class could be their last one. However, we are doing our best to train and empower our future generation for Christ.



God continues to answer our prayers. The construction is near to completion. We are done with electricity, welding, and ceramic. Our next project will be painting, finish plumbing, and the outside walling. We are making great progress and are thankful for everyone's support. The building will serve as office for the ministry as well as housing for Megeste for a year. The construction is a great blessing to the ministry. We could not do it without your support.

While serving in Haiti is not the easiest thing but we are doing our best to share the love of God in words and in deeds. The challenges are many to count but we would not be able to make it this far without your prayers and support. Therefore, we want you to know that we are thankful for your continuing partnership.

Finally, Megeste got married on December 24th, 2022, to Josette (Jose). Please, they are asking you to keep them in your prayers for their journey together.

Please contact the church office if you would like Megeste's email address.

Children's Ministry News

- This is the last week of our study on the fruit of the Spirit. In Matthew 26-27, Jesus is hung on a cross. Although He has the power to come down from the cross, and people taunt Him to prove that He's really God by getting Himself down, Jesus shows self-control and stays on the cross. Classes today reviewed all the fruit with a focus on self-control.
- Summary 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)
- Juanita's Bible Boot Camp will continue this Wednesday. Classes will discuss salvation scriptures through May 3. Encourage children by assisting them with the weekly memory work. Please thank Juanita for teaching our children, both Sunday and Wednesday.



Many thanks for all the egg donations for the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. The weather was beautiful, there were eggs in abundance, and lots of eager hunters. Annie was a successful first-time egg finder. Appreciation to the youth group who hid the eggs, and to all who attended.



Youth Ministry News

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

Auction items are due **today!** See Clay if you have any questions about items or services you are providing for the event.

Join us for a youth devo at the Williams' house on **Sunday, April 23rd!**

In addition to the Auction and Brisket Burn on **Sunday, April 30th**, make sure you have also marked your calendars for a work day on **Saturday the 29th**. You will be assigned a time slot in the morning or afternoon to help set up!



Paxton showing off his Frisbee skills at ACU last Sunday night!

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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Offering:

April 9:
Contribution: \$3,495.19
eGive: \$4,938.00
Total: \$8,433.19
Budget: **\$6,917.00**
Be A Blessing: \$37.83

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:

Alison Colburn

Building Lock-up:

April: Chris Meeks
May: Matt Waldrip

Blessing Box

Counting:
Wyatt Cogburn
Liam Meeks