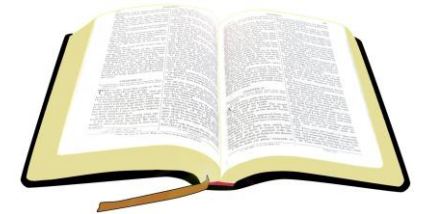


# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes

For the month of May, Cody Bob Williams will be teaching a class on Romans in the auditorium. Brady will continue teaching his class in the fellowship hall. During the summer, Brady will teach a combined class in the auditorium, with CJ or Eric filling in occasionally.



### Ladies Supper Coming Soon

On Tuesday, May 16 (not this Tuesday, but a week from Tuesday), we will have a special Ladies Supper. Holly Howell will teach everyone how to make the earrings that were so popular at the youth auction, and she will bring supplies so you can make your own that night. Please let Lauren or Holly know if you plan on attending and making earrings so they can get all the materials together. More details next week.

### Prayer Concerns

~Steve Smith fell on Monday and hurt his right shoulder. He had to have full shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday at Hendrick North. The surgery went well, but he has had a slight setback. His arm is extremely swollen and weeping blood and his lower lungs are deflated. He can't move to the rehab until some of these issues are addressed. They appreciate our prayers.

~Jim Prather, father of **Shelley Doremus**, was released from the hospital Wednesday. He has congestive heart disease. They gave him new meds and a portable oxygen device. Please keep him in your prayers.

~Keep **Dwight Painter** in your prayers as he recuperates at home after his fall.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson** concerning the nerves in his arm.

~**Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband Ervin had an oncologist appointment where two spots were discovered on his liver. He was scheduled to get a port on Tuesday and start IV chemo after that.

~Gracie Tharp (mother of **Tammy Rose** and **Patty Galaway**) continues to retain fluid, so she has been having fluid drained every week as an outpatient procedure. She did not start chemo Monday due to insurance issues, but they were planning to meet with the doctor about different chemo options. They are thankful for all your prayers.

~Continue to pray for a full recovery for Brenda Bricker (**Erin Cogburn's** mom).

### 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



### Welcome New Member

Michael Bryant

Please contact the church office if you would like Michael's contact info.

### Bonham Encouragement

Cinco de Mayo was the theme of the Bonham Elementary encouragement treat for May. Please continue to pray for Bonham staff, our Westgate educators, and especially our children as they work toward finishing the school year with excellence.



### Ladies Bible Class Summer Break

Ladies Bible Class is taking a break for the summer. The last class of the '22-'23 school year was the VBS workday last Tuesday. We will start back up in the fall when school starts, continuing the study book *Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life*. Hope everyone who is able can join us then.

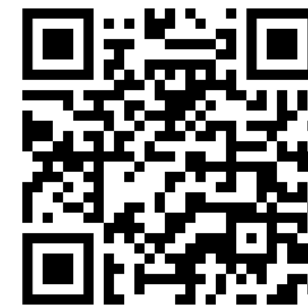


### Thank You Note

I would like to say thank you for the many prayers, cards, and calls for Julie Conly.  
Thanks for the hugs, prayers, cards, and calls for me.  
I don't know what I would do without you. You have shown so much love and encouragement since 2004.  
May God Bless You!  
Love you, Mollie

### Love Language Quiz

Follow this QR code to take the Love Language Quiz and discover how you give and receive love.



### VBS Needs

Remember you can help VBS by lending any of the following: (Sign up on the clipboards in the hall.)  
Pop-up canopy tent  
Baskets – all sizes  
Artificial plants  
Pots of growing herbs  
Molcajete – mortar and pestle for grinding grains  
Eggshells – put aside to dry out  
Babylon-looking throw rugs  
Solid color flat bedsheets

**Sermon Title:** Quality Time with Zacchaeus

**Scripture:** Luke 19: 1-10

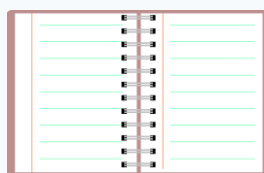
Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."





### Happy Birthday:

- May 7: Sherry Gumm
- May 8: Mallory Meeks
- May 11: Tammy Rose



### Our Calendar:

- May 13: ACS Graduation
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 16: Ladies Supper 6 p.m.
- 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: no adult Bible classes due to VBS
- June 14: Family Fun Night
- June 18: Father's Day
- June 19: Juneteenth
- June 18 – 24: Youth Group at Camp Pine Springs
- July 3 – 4: Church office closed for Independence Day
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- July 5: Family Fun Night
- July 10 – 15: Youth Group at Camp Beloved and Beyond
- July 22: Lueders Fun Day
- Aug. 2: Family Fun Night

### The Voice Paradox – by Brady Horner

Have you ever listened to a recording of your own voice and cringed? You aren't alone! This is a normal phenomenon called voice confrontation. Evidently, we perceive the sound of our own voices differently than others do. When we hear our own voice, we hear sound waves that travel through the air, but also through our own body (the sinuses and cranial cavity), so we perceive our voices as being fuller and lower. So, we are shocked or even disappointed when we hear our high and lacking voice on a recording. But there is more to it than that...

Interestingly there have been studies where people hear different voices and rate the attractiveness of what they hear. Unbeknownst to the study participants, their own voice is inserted into the wealth of other voices they listen to. Most participants rated their own voice as attractive! So, when we know it's our voice, we don't like it, but when we hear it anonymously it's not bad at all! Why is that? It could be that we are simply harder on ourselves than others, or more self-conscious. These studies suggest that we really don't like our voice (when we know it's ours) because it shows us that we have evaluated or perceived ourselves inaccurately. This makes us feel exposed and makes us worry about what else we have "got wrong" about ourselves. It's scary knowing that we can't accurately curate our image.

We all need this dose of reality sometimes. We need to be shown a mirror and see ourselves objectively. We need to realize we may be wrong about ourselves, perhaps we have given ourselves an overly flattering evaluation. We need to see our inconsistencies where our stated values don't add up with our lifestyle. We need humility to see that we have room for improvement. Or better, the humility to see that our personal image or "brand" isn't everything. Where can you go to see a mirror of yourself, to see who you really are? Friends and loved ones can provide feedback (sometimes whether you ask for it or not). It could be a healthy, and admittedly difficult task, to have them gently guide you in areas you need to work on. James 1 compares God's Word to a mirror. It shows us who we really are, who we are called to be, and sometimes even what we are missing. Looking in the mirror can be a painful process, but it leads to healing and transformation.



### Graduation Celebration 2 Weeks Away

Congratulations Class of 2023! Our high school seniors will be honored on **Sunday morning, May 21**, with a slideshow, potluck dinner, and display tables where you can put graduation gifts or cards. For the potluck dinner, the church will purchase fried chicken. Each family is asked to bring a couple of side dishes. No need to bring dessert, since cupcakes will be provided. The seniors this year are Wyatt DeFoore, Percaya Langston, and Reese MacDonald. We are so proud of you and will be praying you stay firmly grounded in your faith as you take on the world!



### Children's Ministry News

- Children's classes resume their study of the Lord's prayer today. Jesus models how to pray by saying "May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Later, as Jesus faces death, He prays a similar prayer, asking for God's will to be done even though it's not what He wants. Wanting God's will is an important part of prayer.
- Summary verse: "Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one." (Matthew 6:9-13)
- Thank you to Juanita for leading five weeks of study on the steps of salvation. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, plan to join Laura Templeton next Wednesday as she leads a Bible study exploring God's creativity. Thank you to Laura for her willingness to provide art experiences tied to Bible truths.
- Thanks to all who have signed up to contribute items or talent to VBS. If you can assist on one night only, please add your name with the night you are available. Our Babylon market needs many helping hands.



Thank you to the youth who assisted with combined classes last Sunday. The children enjoyed their eager smiles and helping hands.

### Youth Ministry News

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

Thank you all so much for all your hard work last weekend on the Youth Auction!

Join us for dinner in the youth house before class on **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Mark your calendars for Graduation Celebration on **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. We are so excited to honor our seniors during our worship service, and at the meal following.

Please continue to pray for all our students as they finish the school year!



Last Wednesday night we got the opportunity to connect with God in new ways through Breath Prayers!

**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:**  
**April 30:**  
 Contribution: \$3,614.28  
 eGive: \$2,838.00  
 Total: \$6,452.28  
 Budget: **\$6,917.00**  
 Be A Blessing: \$16.32

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

**Nursery Duty:** Kari White  
**Building Lock-up:** **May:** Matt Waldrip  
**June:** Manny Carneiro  
**Blessing Box Counting:** Issacc Carneiro, Lane Winter