

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Welcome Wes Crawford

We are blessed to have a great guest speaker **today**. Dr. Wes Crawford is an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Theology at ACU. He received his BS in Bible and Ministry from LCU, MDiv from ACU, and MA and PhD from Vanderbilt University. According to Brady, Dr. Crawford is a brilliant and thoughtful professor and has also served many years in successful church ministry, along with being the ACU Church of Christ history expert. Please extend a warm welcome to him today.



### VBS Starts Today



It's finally here! Kids age 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to VBS this week. Friends, relatives, and neighbors are also welcome. **This morning from 9:00 – 9:45** will be the kickoff. Then **Monday – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** will be the meeting time. The youth group and other valiant volunteers will be assisting the children in various crafts, games, and activities with the theme *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*. Be sure to bring your children in this age range every night if you're able. Please see Jackie with any questions.

### VBS Workday This Afternoon

Even though VBS starts this morning, more work is involved to transform the fellowship hall into Babylon for the Monday – Wednesday evening sessions. If you're able to volunteer **today at 4 p.m.**, it would be greatly appreciated. The youth group is also encouraged to come lend a hand. Different jobs will be available, including decorating the Babylonian shops in the fellowship hall and draping sheets over the canopies. Thanks so much to everyone for making special memories for our Westgate kiddos.



### No Adult Bible Classes Wed. Night



Due to VBS, adult Bible classes will not meet **this Wednesday, June 7**. However, there is a service project opportunity. At **7:30 p.m.**, help will be needed to transform Babylon back to the fellowship hall. It'll be kind of like coming out of exile, only not as much drama (hopefully). This will also be a great opportunity to retrieve your loaned items.

**Sermon Title:** A View from the Bench

**Scripture:** II Corinthians 2: 14 – 17

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

### Prayer Concerns

~**Steve Smith** is recuperating at home after a bad fall and subsequent shoulder replacement surgery. Thanks for all your prayers.

~Remember **Eric Robinson** in your prayers concerning the nerve problems in his arm.

~Please pray for our Westgate children during VBS this week, that they apply Daniel's courage in captivity to their own situations.

~Continued prayers for **Chester Lynd's** son, Curtis. He was diagnosed with cancer and doctors are trying to determine if chemo can be used to treat it.

~Please lift up Gracie Tharp (mother of **Patty Galaway** and **Tammy Rose**) in prayer. She has ovarian cancer that has spread. Pray she feels loved and at peace.

~Ervin Spain, **Clarissa Pyeatt's** mom's husband, has decided to go on hospice and have peace and comfort in his final days. They appreciate your prayers.

~Keep praying for **Shelley Doremus's** dad, Jim Prather. He was diagnosed with congestive heart disease and is at home using oxygen as needed. He also has some kidney issues.

~Remember **Erin Cogburn's** mom Brenda Bricker in your prayers as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

~Please pray for our high school seniors as they take next steps: **Reese MacDonald, Percaya Langston,** and **Wyatt DeFoore.**

~Remember to pray for peace in Haiti and Ukraine.

### 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

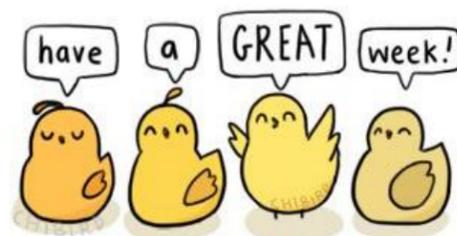
### Next Sunday

On **Sunday, June 11**, CJ Chaney will teach a combined adult Bible class in the auditorium. Then we will welcome a fantastic guest speaker for our worship service, Zach McCartney. Zach is the Hillcrest Church of Christ university minister. Zachary graduated from Texas A & M, has an MDiv from Lipscomb University, and has studied physical settings of the Hebrew Bible at Jerusalem University College. Please plan on attending if you're able.



### Summer Family Fun Nights

If you're a faithful follower of the Westgate yearly calendar, you know we usually have Family Fun Nights the first Wednesday night of each month in the summer. However, due to VBS, the first Family Fun Night will be **the second Wednesday of the month, June 14**. The plan is to have the Ice Cream Social that night at **6:45 p.m.** We will then be back on schedule for **July 5**, patriotic-themed cookie decorating, rounded out by something good (TBD) on **August 2**.





### Happy Birthday:

- June 4:** Vince Van Cleave, Steve Stovall
- June 5:** Kali Langston, Aerik Langston
- June 7:** Emily Gumm
- June 8:** Hunter Webb, Isabella Becerra
- June 9:** Ben Crockett, Noah Cogburn
- June 10:** John Paul Gumm



### Happy Anniversary:

- June 4:** Logan & Lauren Cole
- June 5:** James & Tammy Rose
- June 6:** Mickey & Ruth Walker
- June 7:** Jason & Cathrine Clements
- June 10:** Don & Melissa Bell, Jason & Anita Morton



### Our Calendar:

- June 4:** VBS 9 – 9:45 a.m.
- June 4:** VBS Workday 4 p.m.
- June 5 – 7:** VBS 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- June 7:** no adult Bible classes due to VBS, adults help with VBS cleanup 7:30 p.m.
- June 14:** Family Fun Night – Ice Cream Social
- June 18:** Father’s Day
- June 18 – 24:** Youth Group at Camp Pine Springs
- June 21:** Summer Series – Kurt Boyland 6:45 p.m.
- June 28:** Summer Series – Lance Parrish 6:45 p.m.
- July 4:** Independence Day
- July 5:** Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating

### From the Internet to the Real World – by Brady Horner

Everyone knows I’m not a big fan of phones and social media, but I’ve really been trying to rein that in. Not because I’m changing my mind, I just don’t want people to get annoyed and quit listening to me. But I just can’t help myself. I have seen a lot of toxic phone, social media, and internet behavior spill over into real world interactions. This technology allows us to block, ghost, and ignore people that bother us online. This power has caused many to X people out of their lives. Not only is this happening more often, but people are being applauded for it!

Rather than communicating to someone how they hurt us, we simply avoid them (ghosting). Instead of working through disputes, we drop the relationship (blocking). We don’t do the difficult and awkward parts of normal human interaction online (or when we do, it is in an extremely unhealthy manner), and now we don’t do it in the real world. We are losing our ability to resolve relationship issues. Surely the divorce rate is going to get even worse! Additionally, this is contributing to our inability to problem solve. Rather than work through and face problems, we block and ignore them.

Equally disturbing is that we are taught human relationships are disposable. As soon as you don’t like what a person says, does, or believes, you can drop them like they aren’t anything. We learn to treat people, not as humans created in God’s image with a complicated story, deep needs, and intricate feelings, but as symbols on a screen that we can swipe out of our lives. We treat institutions similarly. We are quick to leave churches when they do something we don’t like, quit patronizing businesses after one bad experience, and quit jobs after leadership makes a few frustrating changes. Multiple times Christ said that if you have an issue with a brother go to them, be reconciled to them. He calls us to be people of commitment and reconciliation. Let’s not allow technology and culture to change who Jesus calls us to be.



### Doug & Marge Reeves’ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Doug and Marge’s kids wrote asking that we take a moment to send a card or note to them to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was June 1. Excerpt from the card: “We would love to shower them with cards and personal notes celebrating this milestone and thanking them for their friendship and the impact they’ve had over the years. You are receiving this invitation because your friendship is important to Doug and Marge, and it would mean so much for them to hear from you for this special occasion.”

*If you would like Doug and Marge’s address, please contact the church office.*



### Children’s Ministry News

- Daniel was growing up in Judah when Babylon took over Jerusalem. King Nebuchadnezzar directed that the best young men should be taken for “training” in Babylon. Daniel knew that in spite of his new Babylonian name, he was still one of God’s chosen people, an Israelite, and so he must follow the laws of the one true God. Children began their study of Daniel’s courage in Babylon focusing on the fact that when things change, God is with us.
- VBS focus verse for today: “For God has said, “I will never fail you; I will never abandon you.” (Hebrews 13:5)
- Boys Leadership class will begin on **June 21** and will include those who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The group will lead worship on **August 20**. Thank you to Eric and his helpers.



*Hayley’s class began their study of the Ten Commandments with a discussion on idols. They put socks on over their shoes and noticed how funny it felt to do things out of order. The first commandment teaches us to put God first in everything we do.*



<b>VBS THIS WEEK:</b>	<b>Mon. 6/5</b> 6 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Tues. 6/6</b> 6 – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Babylon</b> <i>Daniel’s Courage in Captivity</i>
	<b>Sun. 6/4</b> 9 – 9:45 a.m.	<b>Wed. 6/7</b> 6 – 7:30 p.m.	



### Youth Ministry News

- Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for class.**
- We will have a VBS workday at **4 p.m. this afternoon.**
- Get ready to help with VBS! The youth group will help teach kids about Daniel’s courage in the Bible **June 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.**
- Join us for Breakfast Bible Study on **Tuesday at 9 a.m.** We will meet at Whataburger on E. Highway 80!
- Please pray for all our students to have a great and formative summer!

*Youth Group girls getting ready to go wakeboarding at our lake day last Tuesday!*

**Services at Westgate:** Sundays—Bible Class **9:00 a.m.**, Church office: 325-692-2300  
Worship **10:00 a.m.**, Wednesdays—Bible Class **6:45 p.m.** westgatecofc@gmail.com

**Offering:**  
**May 28:**  
Contribution: \$5,183.32  
eGive: \$2,380.00  
Total: \$7,563.32  
Budget: **\$6,917.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$12.55

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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

**Nursery Duty:**  
Hayley & Madeline Webb  
**Building Lock-up:**  
**June:** Manny Carneiro  
**July:** Jon Cogburn  
**Blessing Box Counting:**  
Lane Winter  
Luke McFarlen