

## Prayer Concerns

~Remember **Eric Robinson** in your prayers. He is having problems with the nerves in his arm.

~The mother of **Patty Galaway** and **Tammy Rose**, Gracie Tharp, passed away on Tuesday, and the funeral service was Friday. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

~Our missionary in Haiti, **Megeste Pierre**, has asked for prayers: "Please, I'm requesting your prayers for my family. My wife is pregnant. According to tests, we're expecting twins. It's good news but stressful. Due to safety purposes, most doctors left Haiti. Hospitals are closed in many areas in the country. Therefore, we're thinking about the possibility of going to the Dominican Republic for the birth where there's a more reliable healthcare system. She's expecting to give birth in October if there isn't any complication."

~**Melody Loveland** is scheduled for cataract surgery on **Friday, June 16**. Please pray for her.

~Our youth group kids will be at Camp Pine Springs next Sunday through Saturday, **June 18 – 24**. Please start praying for the kids and Clay & Holly.

~Continued prayers for **Steve Smith**, recovering at home after a bad fall and shoulder replacement.

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

~Please remember to pray for **Chester Lynd's** son, Curtis. He has been diagnosed with cancer.

~Keep praying for **Kathryn Boerio's** mom, Nancy Stewart. Her CT had mixed results.

## 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

Westgatecofc.com

June 11, 2023

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests

### Guest Speaker Today

We are blessed to have a fantastic guest speaker today, 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. He previously served as an associate minister at A & M Church of Christ. Welcome Zach!



### Family Fun Night Wednesday

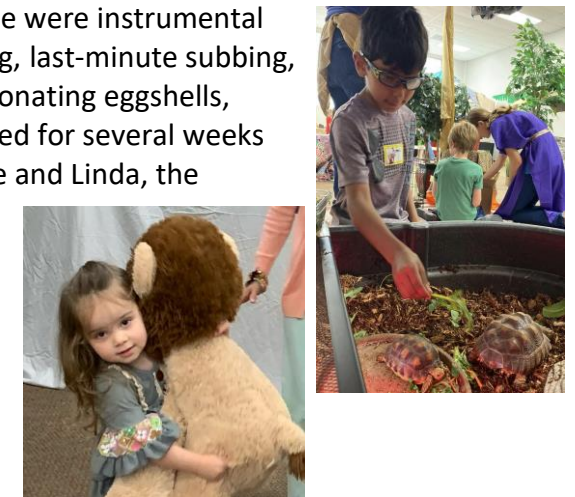
We are kicking off the summer right with our first Family Fun Night **this Wednesday, June 14, at 6:45 p.m.** Join us for fun, fellowship, and ice cream! That's right, it's time for the Ice Cream Social. Ice cream and toppings will be provided. You don't have to bring anything except yourself and your family! We will not have classes Wednesday night.



### VBS Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who had a part in VBS! So many people were instrumental in its success this year by planning, setting up, loaning items, teaching, last-minute subbing, bringing animals, registering, introducing kids to Babylonian foods, donating eggshells, cleaning up, and more. Shout-out to a few: the Lovelands, who worked for several weeks leading up to VBS; Brian as Ashpenaz with his Bible story crew; Janice and Linda, the Babylonian food court pros; plus Clay, Holly, and the youth group, who led the children with patience and joy.

If you donated items to VBS, those are ready to be picked up in the fellowship hall. Thanks!



**Sermon Title:** What's Wrong With the World

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2: 1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.







### Happy Birthday:

- June 11:** Maureen Cadjew
- June 12:** Lane Winter
- June 13:** Jon Cogburn
- June 16:** Sydney Monroe
- June 17:** Wyatt Cogburn



### Happy Anniversary:

- June 15:** Steve & Juanita Stovall, Steve & Pat Smith
- June 16:** Cody Bob & Bradi Williams



### Our Calendar:

- June 14:** Family Fun Night – Ice Cream Social **6:45 p.m.**
- 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 3 – 4:** church office closed for Independence Day
- July 4:** Independence Day
- July 5:** Family Fun Night – Cookie Decorating **6:45 p.m.**
- July 10 – 15:** Youth Group at Camp Beloved and Beyond
- July 12:** Summer Series – Scott Allen **6:45 p.m.**
- July 19:** Summer Series – Rodney Ashlock **6:45 p.m.**
- July 22:** Lueders Fun Day

### From the Internet to the Real World pt. 2 – by Brady Horner

This article series has been exploring the way phone and online behavior is spilling over into our real-world interactions. If you follow happenings in the sports world, you might notice an uptick in negative interactions between athletes and opposing fans: yelling, cursing, bigoted slurs, and even physical altercations. At first, I thought this has always been happening (I haven’t forgotten about the “Malice at the Palace”). I supposed, the media is just making a big deal of it now as we are giving athletes more of a voice and shining a light on equality issues. Now I’m convinced it actually is worse, fans are becoming real world “internet trolls”. It is learned behavior.

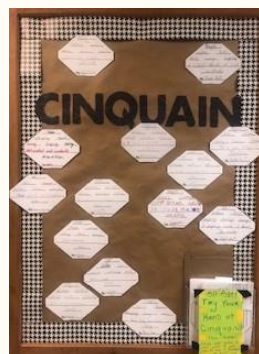
An internet troll is a person who posts comments aimed at hurting and upsetting others behind the safety of a screen. They feel power from getting an emotional response out of people and are completely safe from any repercussions since they are distant and anonymous. Sports trolls have the same luxury. These trolls can yell anything they want at athletes knowing that if the athlete responds he or she will be penalized. I’m not asking you to feel sorry for these rich “entitled” athletes. But we should be disgusted by the behavior of these equally entitled fans (who are likely to also be “rich” if they have seats close enough to be heard by the athletes).

Behind trolling is a sense of entitlement, and a sick sense of power from manipulating the emotions of others. It’s an abuse of power; a troll thinks because I can safely hurt, I should. A troll exercises power, without feeling the responsibility and consequences that come with it. Like last week’s article discussed, a troll can view people as less than human, just symbols on a screen. There are plenty of examples of real-world trolling: the vindictive student who knows parents will rescue them from a teacher’s discipline, the angry patron ranting at a fast-food worker, the bigot yelling racial slurs at a pedestrian as they drive by. Christ had power but chose not to exploit it; rather than using it for his own advantage, he gave it up or used it for others. How do you use your power? How do you treat those that you have power over? May we be shaped by Christ not culture.

### Write a Cinquain

Laura Templeton taught the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Wednesday night class for a few weeks. One of those nights, they wrote a cinquain poem. Check out some of them on the bulletin board in the hallway. You are invited to write your own cinquain to be displayed. Don’t worry, the instructions are stapled to the paper in case you’ve forgotten the structure. Here’s an example from one of the kids:

Jesus  
kind brave  
loving caring sharing  
He is very holy.  
Messiah



### Children’s Ministry News

- During VBS, children learned that Babylon worshipped all sizes and shapes of idols. Daniel stayed true to his one real God. This week, children will continue their study of the Ten Commandments. After finding and reading God’s law, King Josiah starts taking the worship of God seriously. He goes from place to place in Israel burning and smashing idols and altars. By the time he’s finished, any evidence of worshipping fake gods is gone! Josiah wanted his people to know that there’s only one real God.
- Summary Verse: “Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’” Matthew 22:37
- Eric’s summer leadership class will begin on **June 21** and will include boys who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The group will lead worship on **August 20**. Appreciation to Eric and his helpers.
- Here are a few VBS pictures but check out the bulletin board in the hall for more highlights. Please continue to pray for each participant as we follow Daniel’s example of courage to obey our one true God.



### Youth Ministry News

- Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m.** and **Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.** for class.
- Join us for Breakfast Bible Study on **Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** We will meet at the north side Chick-fil-A!
- Join us for another Mystery Thursday this week at **10:30!**
- We will leave for Pine Springs **next Sunday!** We will load up to leave at **9:00 a.m.**
- Please pray for all our students to have a great and formative summer!

*We have a lot of mini golf experts in the youth group!*

**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:**  
**June 4:**  
Contribution: \$12,571.70  
eGive: \$3,355.00  
Total: \$15,926.70  
Budget: **\$6,917.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$18.82

**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:**  
Bradi & Avery Williams  
**Building Lock-up:**  
**June:** Manny Carneiro  
**July:** Jon Cogburn  
**Blessing Box Counting:**  
Wyatt Cogburn  
Liam Meeks