

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Family Fun Night – Snow Cones

The last Family Fun Night of the summer will be **this Wednesday (8/2) at 6:45 p.m.** What better way to beat the heat than with snow cones? Make plans to be here to enjoy the fun fellowship and savor the long days of summer. We will not have Bible classes that night.



Baby Shower Today

The baby shower honoring Paige DeFoore (Jim & Kelly MacDonald's daughter) is **today from 2 – 3:30 p.m.** at the Gumm's residence. You may bring your gift unwrapped and it will be displayed.



Young Men Lead Worship

Three weeks from today, **Sunday, August 20**, our young men will lead the morning worship service and our incoming 1st graders will be presented with new Bibles. You won't want to miss it, as it promises to be an uplifting time for all! If you have an incoming 1st grader, be sure to get with Jackie or Melissa so they can make sure everyone in that group gets a Bible and the name to be imprinted is spelled correctly.

Educator Appreciation

Westgate has A LOT of members who are educators! From librarians to homeschool teachers to university professors to calculus teachers to principals, if you want to learn something, they've got you covered. We would like to honor all the wonderful Westgate educators on **Sunday, August 13**. If you have changed schools or careers, let the office know by emailing westgatecofc@gmail.com. And thanks for your dedication!

Sermon Title: How to Be Good

Scripture: Luke 6: 43 – 45

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

Prayer Concerns

~Longtime member **Lue Gray** passed away, and her funeral was held Wednesday at Elmwood Funeral Home. Our sincere sympathy to her son John and his wife Jane and all of her family.

~**Erin Cogburn's** mom, Brenda Bricker, is scheduled to have her second knee replacement surgery tomorrow. Please pray she has a successful surgery and smooth recovery.

~Please be in prayer for **Caleb Powell's** friend, Wes Schowengerdt. Wes's cancer has spread to his abdomen and lymph nodes.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson** and his nerve issues.

~Please keep **Chester Lynd's** son Curtis in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with cancer and will be treated with chemotherapy.

~Please pray for expectant mothers, including **Felipe and Ashley Becerra's** daughter Dalila, **Jim and Kelly MacDonald's** daughter Paige, **Chad and Abby Longley's** daughter Claire, and **Anthony and Jill Tate's** daughter Melanie.

~Remember to pray for frequent visitor **Kelly O'Kelley**. She had a wreck that injured her leg and kneecap.

~Prayers for peace and comfort for **Megeste and Jose Pierre** after Jose's miscarriage.

~Lift Julie Blasingame up in prayer. She was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. She is a frequent visitor and **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt.

~Please start praying for a good school year for our Westgate kids and educators.

Those unable to join us:

~Laverne Horn
~Ethel Gumm

Ongoing prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen
~Deana Frazier
~Steve Henderson
~Ron and Geraldine Hill
~Nell Hopper
~Bill Jackson
~Melody Loveland
~Chester Lynd
~Dwight Painter
~Jim Prather
~Donna Scott
~Steve Smith
~Jim and Joyce Waddell
~Mickey Walker
~Patsy Williamson

Missionaries:

~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX
~Megeste & Jose Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Change of Address

Luke & Amanda McSherry, Hattie & Hess

Please contact the church office (westgatecofc@gmail.com) if you would like their new address.

Promotion Sunday

It's almost that time of year again. One month from today, **Sunday, August 27**, the children will promote to the next Bible class.

Incoming 6th graders will traipse over to the youth house. Special thanks to all the Bible Class teachers!

COMING SOON...



Oh Baby!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BABY SHOWER

IN HONOR OF

Paige DeFoore

JULY 30, 2023 • 2 - 3:30 PM

HOME OF ERIC AND SHERRY GUMM

registered at amazon and walmart

PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFT

UNWRAPPED,

IT WILL BE DISPLAYED

FOR ALL TO SEE.

THAT WAY WE'LL HAVE MORE

TIME TO SOCIALIZE

AND CHAT WITH THE

MOM-TO-BE!



amazon walmart





Happy Birthday:

July 30: Erin Cogburn

July 31: Kayla Crockett

Aug. 1: Jeremy Lee,
Laura Templeton

Aug. 2: Luke Morrow

Aug. 3: Heather Lott

Aug. 4: Cathrine Clements,
Teresa Buckley



Happy Anniversary:

Aug. 2: Brady & Briana Horner

Aug. 4: Aaron & Kami Winter



Our Calendar:

July 30: Paige DeFoore baby shower **2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Aug. 2: Family Fun Night – snow cones **6:45 p.m.**

Aug. 5: Texas Rangers game

Aug. 6: youth group and parent devo @ MacDonalds' house

Aug. 6 – 11: youth group Bridging Week

Aug. 7: Merkel ISD First Day of School

Aug. 9: Summer Series – Carson Reed **6:45 p.m.**

Aug. 10: ACS First Day of School

Aug. 16: Summer Series – Robert Baugh **6:45 p.m.**

AISSD, Wylie, Jim Ned First Day of School

Aug. 17: Clyde CISD First Day of School

Aug. 20: Boys Lead Worship/1st grade Bibles

Aug. 27: Bible Class Promotion

Sept. 4: Labor Day

Uber Car Confessions: The “Indian” Call Center Guy – by Brady Horner

In Sydney we had an Uber driver from Pakistan take us on what I thought would be an unpleasant ride. When we got in, he had a call on speaker, and we sat there in awkward silence listening to his conversation with someone in Urdu. Once off the phone we had such a nice visit that I almost thought about asking him if he wanted to hang out later! Turns out his call was a friend from Pakistan asking him for money. Like many other Uber driver immigrants in Australia, his money was being sent back home to take care of family and friends. He thought Australians were lazy! He said they put in minimal work hours and want to play all the time. He worked all the time, and never had extra money for luxuries. My guess is a lot of immigrants could say that about us here. While not all of us have everything handed to us, most had some kind of grounding that made our start at work life easier, and we typically only have ourselves to take care of. I can understand how challenging it would be for an immigrant to come to a new foreign country and start from scratch while also having to send money home.

As I visited with him and decided I liked him, I was very amused when he told me he used to work for a call center in Pakistan! He was that annoying “Indian” person that we always get frustrated with when we have a tech issue! He said they were not even really part of the company that you are calling. He felt they were hired to take verbal abuse from angry customers. During breaks the employees all get together to laugh and compare horrible things said to them! I’m glad they laughed it off because it convicted me. When I had to make those calls, I would quickly get impatient and rude to these people I deemed unhelpful (admittedly there were, it was clear there is little knowledge or training given). However, seeing the guy at the other end of the phone reminded me that they are real people with lives, families, emotions, and might even be likable! My new friend gave me a lot of empathy for a demographic different from me, but also much more alike than I thought. Perhaps I should lean more heavily into the wisdom of Proverbs 18: 2, “Fools have no interest in understanding, they only want to air their own opinion.” When I stop jumping to my own conclusions and just listen, I can really gain an understanding of people that builds friendship rather than walls.

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

- OFF! bug spray
- sunscreen

Westgate is collecting these items for a few weeks. You can leave your donations in the basket in the short hall.

Children’s Ministry News

- In the ten commandments, God commands His people not to want other people’s stuff. Joseph’s brothers are jealous because their dad likes Joseph best and gives Joseph a fancy coat. Plus, Joseph brags about dreams in which his brothers bow to him. Children discussed coveting and jealousy in today’s lesson.
- 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)
Additional memory work: John 3:16 and Exodus 20:7.
- Elementary boys will lead worship on **August 20**. Children entering first grade will receive a Bible during that service. Please contact me if you have a first grader or are aware of a child who is entering first grade this year; we want to include everyone.
- Sixth grade send-off will be **August 23** during Wed. PM class time. We will honor our 6th graders before they begin their new adventures in the youth group.



A special thanks to Melissa for taking on my responsibilities the last month or so. Appreciation to teachers and subs who supported her. I feel so blessed to be able to take a break knowing our children’s classes are in capable hands.

Youth Ministry News

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

Please join us for Breakfast Bible Study from **9 – 10 a.m. on Tuesday!**

We are excited for another Mystery Thursday this week!

Please put the week of **August 6th – 11th** on your calendar for our annual Bridging Week to welcome in our new 6th graders and say goodbye to our graduates!

Join us at the MacDonalds’ house on **Sunday, August 6th**, for our Family Devo to kick off the new school year!

Please pray for all our students to have a great and formative summer!



The youth group enjoying volleyball after church on Wednesday night!

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
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Offering:
July 23:
Contribution: \$2,727.39
eGive: \$3,010.00
Total: \$5,737.39
Budget: **\$6,917.00**
Be A Blessing: \$31.63

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:
Linda Jones

Building Lock-up:
July: Jon Cogburn
Aug.: Eric Gumm

Blessing Box Counting:
Lane Colburn
Liam Meeks