

Prayer Concerns

~**Brenda Brown** is scheduled to have total hip replacement surgery tomorrow (Monday, 10/9). She hopes to go home from the hospital the next day. Prayers are appreciated.

~The eye surgery for **Mickey Walker** went well, and he is recovering at home. Please pray that his eyesight improves.

~**Deana Frazier** had knee replacement surgery week before last. She had several complications, but she is feeling somewhat better and was released from the hospital Wednesday.

~Continued prayers for **Randy Bibb**.

~Please remember **Chester Lynd's** son Curtis in your prayers as he battles Stage 2 colon cancer.

~Johnny Newman, longtime friend and former co-worker of **Steve Henderson** could use our prayers. He is recovering from heart surgery, and doctors found a mass in his throat that may be cancerous.

~Keep praying for Matt Rogers, **Skyla Krause's** friend. He is undergoing treatment for leukemia in Houston. He is 34 and he and his wife have 2 small children.

~Please remember **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt and frequent Westgate visitor Julie Blasingame in your prayers as she deals with pancreatic cancer.

~Please pray for these expectant moms:

Paige (MacDonald) DeFoore
Claire (Longley) Howe
Skyla Krause

Those unable to join us:
~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
~Eric Robinson
~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

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October 8, 2023

Westgate Church of Christ Welcome Members and Guests

Sip-n-See/Diaper Shower

Join us for a Sip-n-See/Diaper Shower honoring Dalila (Becerra) Rodriguez and baby boy Luca De Jesus Cruz Rodriguez in the parlor during Love Grub on **Wednesday, October 18**. Diapers (size 1 or 2) and books are greatly appreciated!



Ladies Supper Tuesday

Ladies, please make plans to join us on **Tuesday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m.** for a fun Ladies Supper. The hosts plan to provide food for charcuterie boards with a fall theme: "Come Fall-ow Up with the Westgate Ladies!" You don't have to bring anything; everything will be provided. Hope you can make it!

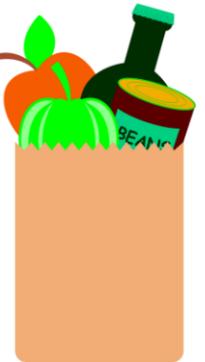
Blessing Box Volunteer

If you've been waiting patiently for an opportunity to do some tangible good in the world, here's your big chance! A spot has opened up to stock the Blessing Box on **Mondays**. If you (or you and a friend splitting it) are interested in filling it, please let Steve Templeton know. He can also give you more information if you're undecided.



CarePack for Kids

Westgate has reserved 30 spots for CarePack for Kids on **Tuesday, October 17, 6-7 p.m.** Please sign up on the clipboard in the hall if you would like to help pack meals for kids in need. Love & Care Ministries provides the groceries for the bags. Families are welcome.



WATS Day in Two Weeks

Plans are well underway for We Are the Sermon Day, coming up **Sunday, October 22**. Breakfast will be served at **9:00 a.m.**, followed by an abbreviated worship service at **10:00 a.m.**, after which volunteers will go out into the community and work on previously arranged projects. If you're in town and able to help, this is a great opportunity to show the love of Jesus to others. If you have an idea for a project, please let Brady or one of the elders or deacons know. Watch for more information in your bulletin next week.



Trunk or Treat Tidbits

It won't be long until it's time to welcome all the Barbies and mutant ninja turtles from the neighborhood (and Westgate) to our south parking lot for Trunk or Treat shenanigans. Thanks to all who have brought candy! We could use a lot more if you haven't brought any yet. And instead of having to make cupcakes for the cakewalk, you can bring Little Debbie-type treats – how easy is that? If you signed up to provide a trunk, please bring some candy to start, and then we can replenish it as the night goes on. Special thanks to Clay and the youth group for volunteering to do the games and snacks.



Paul's Second Missionary Journey Map



Sermon Title: Adventures in Philippi

Scripture: Acts 16: 11-15

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.



Happy Birthday:

Oct. 12: Parker Lee

Oct. 14: Clay Howell



Our Calendar:

Oct. 8: Youth Devo @ the Crockett's house

Oct. 9: Columbus Day, youth group lunch

Oct. 10: Ladies Supper 6 p.m.

Oct. 17: CarePack for Kids 6 p.m.

Oct. 18: Love Grub, Sip-n-See/Diaper Shower for Dalila Rodriguez & Luca 5:45 p.m.

Oct. 22: Breakfast and WATS Day (no Bible classes)

Oct. 29: Trunk or Treat 6 p.m.

Nov. 1: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Nov. 5: Daylight Saving Time ends (fall back), Emily Gumm bridal shower

Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Nov. 15: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Nov. 17 – 19: youth group Fall Retreat at Solid Rock Camp

Nov. 19: Church Friendsgiving Potluck after services

Nov. 22: no Bible classes

Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 26: Children's Program Practice

Nov. 29: Brown Bag Fellowship

Dec. 2: Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 3: Church Christmas Party & Program

Dec. 6: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Dec. 17: Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 20: Youth Christmas Party

The Hoarder in All of Us — by Brady Horner

In 2009 a show called *Hoarders* came out on A&E. It tells the story of different people hoarding and walks through their intervention process. Honestly, I've never seen a single episode, but I have been to the home of a real hoarder. You could barely walk in it, there was nowhere to sit, junk in the yard, in the storage sheds, and even in the car. There is no way this person even knew what all they had or didn't have. It was at this point that I realized the difference between people we casually call hoarders (who just have lots of junk) and people who have a real disorder that requires intervention. As I looked around the house I wondered, how do you let something like this happen? I realized that some of the deeper issues of hoarding are issues in all of us.

One cause of hoarding is a desire to feel safe and secure. A hoarder feels like these items will provide them with security or can be exchanged for money down the road. These items protect them in some way. We all have a need for security and protection, but this is an example of that need getting out of control (likely due to a past trauma). My insecurity over my personal and family safety is manifested in other ways: stress over money, worry, and saving. I have a similar issue, but the symptoms are manifested differently.

Are there any ways that you struggle with security and protection? Are you worried about finances and your future? Or are you more worried about personal physical safety? In what ways are your security concerns manifested? Are you overly controlling? Overly protective? A worrier? It's so much easier said than done, but the Bible repeatedly tells us to trust in God, don't be afraid, and don't worry. Part of coping with this is being able to release the worry (hoarders have a hard time releasing) and trust in God. Perhaps we can all take the baby step of admitting one security fear that is irrational and very unlikely to happen (maybe it's accidental death or a major money loss), then pray to place that in God's hands. Then we can slowly move to bigger things. I believe we will all be much happier and feel much freer when we can learn to entrust God with our protection rather than ourselves.

YOUTH DEVO TONIGHT

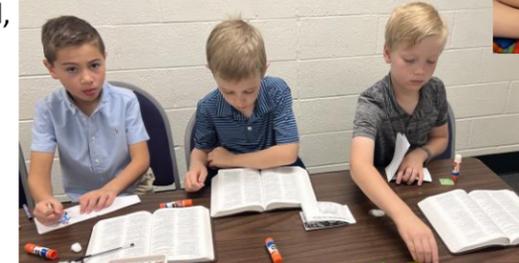
THE CROCKETT'S HOUSE
6-8 PM
DINNER PROVIDED

Children's Ministry News

- Children complete their 4th lesson on Psalm 23 this morning. The end of David's song describes how God is like our shepherd. He celebrates God's blessings in his life, proclaiming that his cup overflows with blessings. Those blessings include God's goodness and unfailing love pursuing him. The lesson uses Ruth as an example of God's abundant provisions, such as food, family, and a place in the lineage of Jesus.
- Summary Verse for the next few weeks: "The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need" (Psalm 23:1). Several of our children are working on memorizing the entire 23rd Psalm, thanks to Melissa for her weekly encouragement.
- Thank you to Kari and David for teaching last Wednesday. 4th and 5th graders will explore the meaning of another song with Becki this week.
- Our theme for the cakewalk for Trunk or Treat will be the Beatitudes. Please pick up some Little Debbie-type treats to use for prizes as we reinforce these important truths.



Children's bulletins are tied to the weekly lesson, remind your child to pick one up.



Hayley's class was "led beside still waters" in their bare feet. They discussed the dark valleys as they explored the light God brings to our lives. The pics of children reading their Bibles are a joy, thanks to Hayley for encouraging Bible use.



Youth Ministry News

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

Join us at the Crockett's house **tonight from 6-8** for a Youth Devo! Dinner will be provided.

We will also have lunch together **tomorrow**. Please meet at Westgate at **11:30** and bring money to eat Fuzzy's! We'll be back at **1:00**.

Trunk or Treat is **Sunday, October 29!** The youth group will help run games, hand out snacks, and give out candy!

Please pray for all our students this school year!

Ask Trevor about his quarterback skills and about his fantasy football team.

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:
October 1:
Contribution: \$5,822.09
eGive: \$2,530.00
Total: \$8,352.09
Budget: \$6,917.00
Be A Blessing: \$19.02

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

Nursery Duty:
Lettie Morrow

Building Lock-up:
Oct.: Chris Meeks
Nov.: Matt Waldrip

Blessing Box Counting:
Luke McFarlen
Beckett Williams