

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Love Grub Wednesday Night

Don't miss the **Nov. 15** Love Grub, as it promises to be one of the best ones yet! Join the crowd at **5:45 p.m. this Wednesday** for lasagna roll ups and some other types of pasta, salad, and – get ready for this – tiramisu and cheesecake bites for dessert! Please pitch in some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if possible. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available. Stay for Bible class, starting at **6:45 p.m.**



### Thanksgiving Meal Help

Sign-up sheets are now posted for those wanting to help with Thanksgiving meals. If you are going to be in town for Thanksgiving, please consider signing up! On the **day before Thanksgiving**, ingredients for the meals will be available to be picked up at the Carneiros' house. Each part needs to be cooked and taken back to the Carneiros' house by **Thanksgiving morning** for assembly and delivery. The exception to this is pies, which can be made ahead of time if desired. See Manny for details. If you know of anyone in the congregation who could use a cooked Thanksgiving dinner, or if you would like one, please let Brady or one of the elders or deacons know.



### Westgate Friendsgiving Potluck

**Next Sunday, Nov. 19**, everyone is invited to a potluck dinner after services. Please bring a main dish and side dish OR a main dish and dessert. Let's share our abundance as we give thanks for our Westgate friends and family.

**Sermon Title:** I'm Him

**Scripture:** Luke 10: 25-29

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

### Prayer Concerns

~On Friday, **Brenda Brown** had another surgery on her hip to clean out some possible infection. She expects to be in the hospital (Hendrick North) for a few days. Please pray for a successful surgery and swift recovery for Brenda.

~**Aubrey Hilligoss** remains in the hospital (UTSW Dallas). They were able to take her off the ventilator and remove the feeding tube. She is still receiving IV nutrition, but they are working in regular food and drink. She is still very weak. They really appreciate all the prayers.

~**Ann Nash (Perez)** is in Hendrick North (as of Friday) after having a procedure Thursday to open a blockage. Many prayers for Ann.

~Prayers of thanksgiving that **Deana Frazier** is feeling better.

~Continued prayers for **Chester Lynd**, still at Brightpointe doing rehab on his broken hip. Pray also for his son **Curtis**, battling cancer.

~Remember to pray for **Lainey Schumpert**. She will need to have a procedure in the next year or so due to the hole in her heart.

~Please remember **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt Julie Blasingame in your prayers. She is fighting pancreatic cancer.

~Please continue to pray that the situation for **Megeste & Jose Pierre** in Haiti improves.

~Lift up **Skyla Krause's** friend Matt Rogers in prayer. He was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoblastic leukemia and is undergoing treatment in Houston.

~Remember to pray for mom-to-be **Skyla Krause**.

### Those unable to join us:

~Ethel Gumm  
~Patsy Williamson

### Ongoing prayer concerns:

~Peggy Allen  
~Deana Frazier  
~Steve Henderson  
~Ron and Geraldine Hill  
~Nell Hopper  
~Bill Jackson  
~Melody Loveland  
~Chester Lynd  
~Johnny Newman  
~Dwight Painter  
~Jim Prather  
~Eric Robinson  
~Matt Rogers  
~Steve Smith  
~Jim and Joyce Waddell  
~Mickey Walker

### Missionaries:

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



### Breakfast with Santa Help Needed

Calling all elf wannabes! Breakfast with Santa is coming soon (**Saturday, Dec. 2**), and we need 5 volunteers to help. Please let Barbara Carneiro, Kari White, Heather Lott, or Clair Arche know if you can help this year.



Parents with children in the Christmas program: Remember practice **today at 4:00!**

### Save the Date

A date has been set for the baby shower for Skyla Krause. It will be on **Sunday, Dec. 10.**





### Happy Birthday:

Nov. 15: Adam Lott



### Happy Anniversary:

Nov. 12: David & Skylia Krause



### Our Calendar:

Nov. 12: Children's Program Practice 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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 services

Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 26: Children's Program Practice 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 29: Brown Bag Fellowship

Dec. 2: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 3: Church Christmas Party & Program 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 6: Love Grub 5:45 p.m., Ladies Christmas Cookie Devo 6:45 p.m.

Dec. 10: Baby Shower for Skylia Krause, Youth Devo 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 17: Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 20: Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec. 24: no Bible classes, worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 31: no Bible classes, worship @ 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

### Propaganda War – by Brady Horner

The fighting in Israel is devastating and sad. Most of us really don't understand the situation or the multifaceted reasons for the conflict (me included). It's not just about religion, but race, money, property, history, hate, power, and preserving culture. Hearing all the different takes on what is going on and seeing how the story unravels has been interesting and scary. Generally, it seems like most political conservatives are "team Israel" and liberals are "team Palestine". Depending on how I look at it, I can find both sides easy to sympathize with, but also easy to condemn. Both sides are waging a propaganda war over the media. As with all issues in the political realm, our culture really wants you to pick a side, you can never see both ways.

I understand sometimes you must do what is right, sometimes you can't be lukewarm, sometimes you need to put a stop to evil, sometimes you must pick a side and involve yourself. However, it's rarely that black and white, but we want it that way. When we paint complex scenarios in black and white it makes it easy to villainize certain parties, and lump in large swaths of people into one easy to prejudice group. There are people on both sides of the conflict in Israel committing horrible atrocities, and people on both sides that are victims on the sidelines. Painting complex situations into a "clear" picture of right and wrong distorts the truth at best but creates lies at worst.

I've felt the same way about some scripture and its interpretation. When we try to make a complex teaching simple and clear, we may do it a great injustice. We end up shortchanging an important truth. It's hard to avoid the comfort of "clarity", in politics and theology. But sometimes we must carefully live in a state of the unknown as we gather information, discuss with others, pray for guidance, and sometimes just wait for more truth to be unveiled. I know this isn't a catchall "answer" for all the problems in our world, but if we can learn to do this, we can have more unity, more open dialogue, and more understanding.



### Children's Ministry News

- In Matthew 5:3-12, Jesus begins his most famous sermon, the Sermon on the Mount, with the Beatitudes. In this section of His sermon, Jesus lists kinds of people who seem lowly or down-and-out and names the reward they are promised. Jesus flips everything upside down by demonstrating that those who seem to be struggling are actually blessed. Classes discussed ways we struggle and the ways God blesses those who struggle.
- New Summary Verse: "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16).
- We began practicing songs for the Christmas program on Wednesday. If your child is participating, please make sure their name is on the list in the hall. Program practice begins **today, 4 – 5:30**. Please sign your child in and leave a phone number in case a parent is needed. No practice on **Nov. 19**, enjoy Thanksgiving. We will meet again on **Nov. 26**.



*This fun-filled group finished their study of Psalm 119 discussing how God's Word is like a lamp leading us to make wise choices.*



### Youth Ministry News

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

We are looking forward to the Fall Retreat next weekend! We will have a time to reconnect with God and have fun with our Youth Group at Solid Rock Camp in Eastland, TX on **November 17th–19th**. Please be at Westgate at **5:30 on Friday**.

Join us for a youth devo at the Robinsons' house on **Sunday, December 10th!**

Please pray for all our students this school year!

*Mallory and Evan working hard running the fishing game for the younger kids. Thank you to all the youth group students who helped out at Trunk or Treat!*



**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:**  
November 5:  
Contribution: \$4,614.90  
eGive: \$4,010.00  
Total: \$8,624.90  
Budget: \$6,917.00  
Be A Blessing: \$25.99

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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:**  
Cathrine Clements  
**Building Lock-up:**  
Nov.: Matt Waldrip  
Dec.: Manny Carneiro  
**Blessing Box Counting:**  
Lane Winter  
Luke McFarlen