

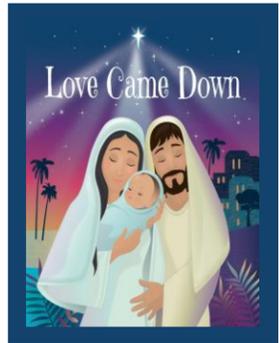
# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Christmas Program and Chili Supper Tonight

Tonight's the night! Come on out at **6:00 p.m.**, drop off your chili and/or fixings in the kitchen, and make your way to the auditorium for the children's Christmas program, *Love Came Down*. After the program, everyone is invited to stick around for the potluck chili supper in the fellowship hall. Please join us for this fun and festive event to support our sweet kiddos and kick off the holiday season.



### Love Grub This Wednesday



We will have one Love Grub in the month of December, let's make it count! Please join us this **Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m.** for fajitas. Don't miss out, you know it'll be great! Dessert ingredients for cupcakes are available to be picked up in the kitchen **today**. Please donate some money Wednesday night to cover the cost of your meal if you're able.

### Westgate Marriage Retreat

Mark your calendars for Westgate's 2024 Marriage Retreat in Brownwood, **January 26 – 28**. The cost of **\$225** covers a two-night hotel stay, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, entertainment, and some great content from guest speaker Lantz Howard. You will be on your own for Saturday's date night and other free time expenses. Because we feel it is so important to invest in marriages, Westgate has financed a large portion of the trip cost in hopes of allowing as many to attend as possible. Registration envelopes are available in the short hall.

### Sermon Title: Hometown Hero

**Scripture:** Luke 4: 14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

### Prayer Concerns

~Longtime member **Bill Jackson** has been moved to Hendrick Hospice. Please be in prayer for Bill and his family.

~**Aubrey Hilligoss** has finally been released from the hospital after 35 days. She has a long road to recovery, but they are very happy to be home. Check your email for Meal Train information if you would like to help them with meals. Please continue to pray for Aubrey's recovery.

~**Brenda Brown** is now able to take IV treatments at home through home health, so she is out of the hospital. Please pray that the infection that occurred after her hip surgery will clear up completely.

~**Chester Lynd** is back at BrightPointe after spending a few days in the hospital last week.

~**Lainey Schumpert's** heart procedure is scheduled for December 19. Please be in prayer for her.

~Tedenne Cook, **Anita Morton's** mom, was scheduled to have surgery last Wednesday in Dumas for a torn rotator cuff and bicep tear. She will be in rehab for quite a while. Please pray for a full recovery for Tedenne.

~**Taylor Roberts's** mom Tracy took a hard fall and has an L1 fracture. Many prayers for her.

~Please pray for **Caleb Powell's** friend Wes Schowengerdt and family. Wes has abdominal cancer, and his health is declining.

~Please remember those who have lost loved ones this year and are having an especially hard time facing the holidays without them.

### 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

### Thank You Note

Thank you so very much for your prayers, concern, and cards – before, during, and after my surgery. God bless all of you now and forever — Love you, Ann Nash Perez



### New Address

Logan & Lauren Cole  
*Please contact the office if you would like the Cole's new address.*

### Christmas Candlelight Service

A newish tradition that has become beloved by the Westgate family is the Christmas Candlelight Service. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.** for this beautiful night of worship.





### Happy Birthday:

Dec. 3: Marja Swart



### Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 6: Doug & Chandra McFarlen



### Our Calendar:

Dec. 3: Church Christmas Party & Children's Program & Chili Supper 6 p.m.

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

Dec. 10: Baby Shower for Skyla Krause 2 – 4 p.m., Youth Group Game Night

Dec. 17: Christmas Candlelight Service 6 p.m.

Dec. 20: Youth Group Christmas Party

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

Dec. 27: all-church devo 6:45 p.m. (no Bible classes)

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

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

Jan. 13 – 15: Youth Group Mystery Trip

Jan. 15: MLK Day

Jan. 17: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 26 – 28: Marriage Retreat

Jan. 31: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.

Feb. 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Feb. 11: Youth host Senior Valentine Luncheon, Youth Group Super Bowl Party

Feb. 19: Presidents Day

### Baby Shower Next Sunday

Sunday, December 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., a baby shower honoring Skyla Krause will be held in the home of Hayley Webb. Skyla is registered at Amazon and Target. We are so excited to welcome Baby Boy Krause in January!



### Sunday AM December Adult Bible Classes

#### To Grow in Spirit – Clay Howell – fellowship hall

In this class, we will discuss what Spiritual growth and development looks like from childhood to all stages of adult life. Join us as we explore ways in which we can stay rooted in our Father's love, follow the model of Christ, and let the work of the Spirit transform us.

#### The Other "Nativity" Stories—Brady Horner – auditorium

In the Christmas season we celebrate the incarnation and Jesus's birth. The Nativity Story we tell is a combination of components from Matthew and Luke, just a fraction of the origin stories of Jesus. The Sunday morning class in the auditorium will look at how the gospels choose to introduce Jesus and the importance of John the Baptist's nativity story.

### Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 3: Christmas Program & Party 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 17: Christmas Candlelight Service 6 p.m.

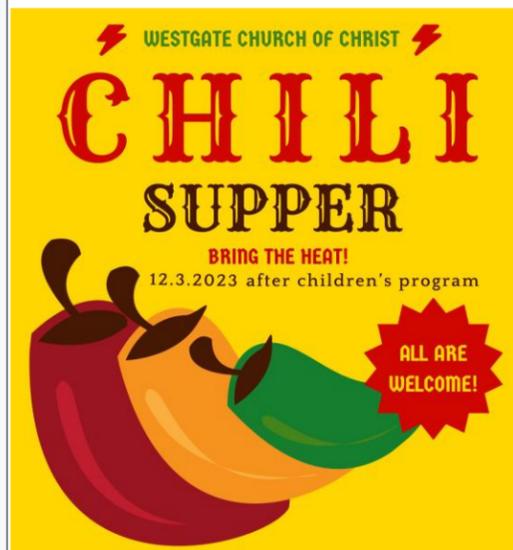
Sunday, December 24: no Bible classes, worship service at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 27: all-church devo (no Bible classes) 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 31: no Bible classes, worship service at 10 a.m.

### Thank You Note

I want to say "Thank You" all for the wonderful meal you shared with Ron and I. We appreciate all of you! In Christian love and prayers, Geraldine and Ron Hill



In studying the Beatitudes, this class made angry faces as they discussed Jesus's teachings on controlling anger.

### Youth Ministry News

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

Join us for a game night in the youth house on Sunday, December 10th!

Please also join us for the Youth Group Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20th.

Please pray for our students as they finish up the semester!

The youth group circled up to play a game on our Fall Retreat



### Children's Ministry News

➤ In Matthew 5:33-37, Jesus takes the complexity out of making vows or promises. Often we add qualifiers to our promises, such as "I swear by heaven!" or "I really mean it." But Jesus makes promises much simpler: If you always do what you say, then yes or no is all you need to say.

➤ 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).

➤ Thank you to all who taught our Westgate children last quarter. Please give a pat on the back to Sherry Gumm, Jill Tate, Juanita Stovall, Lettie Morrow, Erin Cogburn, Sharon Van Cleave, Connie McSherry, Hayley Webb, Jon Cogburn, and Larry Loveland. Express your appreciation to each of these loving servants.

➤ Christmas program practice today at 4:00. If your child took a costume, please bring it with you. If no costume, children can wear Christmas casual clothing. A parent volunteer will help children put them on after pizza. We are excited to share Love Came Down at 6:00 Sunday evening.

➤ Many thanks to Chandra, Kipley, Madeline, and Lane Colburn for their help at practice last week. All extra hands are appreciated.

**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 westgatecofc@gmail.com

**Offering:**  
November 26:  
Contribution: \$1,771.03  
eGive: \$1,995.00  
Total: \$3,766.03  
Budget: \$6,917.00  
Be A Blessing: \$15.94

**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:** Emory & Kami Winter

**Building Lock-up:**  
Dec.: Manny Carneiro  
Jan.: Jon Cogburn

**B. Box Counting:**  
Lane Winter  
Lane Colburn