

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Westgate Marriage Retreat

Sign-ups are open for Westgate's 2024 Marriage Retreat in Brownwood, **January 26 – 28**. The cost of \$225 per couple 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. Registration envelopes are available in the hall. Fill out the envelope, enclose your payment, and place in the lockbox on Brady's door. An option is available to just pay a \$100 deposit for now.

Baby Shower Today

A baby shower honoring Skyla Krause will be held **today from 2 to 4 p.m.** at the home of Hayley Webb. Skyla is registered at Amazon and Target. Hostesses are Barbara Carneiro, Bethany Powell, Erin Cogburn, Hayley Webb, Kami Winter, Leah Schumpert, and Sharon Van Cleave. Baby Boy Krause is going to be so loved!



Favorite Things Event Friday

Attention all women of Westgate: an exciting new event is coming **this Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.** at the home of Hayley Webb. Come enjoy a fun, casual gathering! Bring one wrapped gift containing a favorite item with a \$25 value to contribute to a gift exchange. Also, bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share!

Sermon Title: When Good News Feels Bad

Scripture: Luke 4: 22–30

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Prayer Concerns

~**Bill Jackson** is at Hendrick Hospice Care on Pine Street. They have stopped all treatments. Quick visits are fine. Please pray for Bill and family.

~**Bob Hoyle** is beginning to lose strength in his legs. Please add Bob to your prayer list.

~**Chester Lynd** is still at BrightPointe rehabbing his hip. He hopes to be out by Christmas. Continue to pray for Chester's recovery.

~**Brenda Brown's** condition has improved. The staples have been removed and she no longer needs the wound VAC. She will continue daily IV antibiotics until Christmas Day. She has PT 2 times a week, and is able to walk some daily with a cane. She thanks everyone for the prayers and encouragement.

~Continued prayers for **Aubrey Hilligoss**, recovering at home.

~**Lainey Schumpert's** procedure for the hole in her heart is scheduled for December 19. Please pray for Lainey and family.

~Please add Steve Bibb, **Randy Bibb's** brother, to your prayer list. Steve has been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. He is at Medical City Dallas Hospital. The initial treatment plan will last about 30 days. The Bibbs are soliciting prayers that this treatment will put the leukemia in remission.

~**Michael Bryant** has asked us to pray for Brauwyn Price, a 3-year-old Long ELC student who fell in a swimming pool and is in ICU.

~Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Caleb Powell's** friend Wes Schowengerdt. Wes passed away last Sunday, and the service was Saturday.

~Remember to keep praying for expectant mom **Skyla Krause** and **Baby Boy Krause** (and **David**, too!)

Those unable to join us:

- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Patsy Williamson
- ~Bill Jackson
- ~Chester Lynd
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill
- ~Dwight Painter

Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Peggy Allen
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Johnny Newman
- ~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

To the members of Westgate, We would all like to say thank you for the lovely Thanksgiving dinner that you brought Patsy Williamson. She didn't really understand where it came from but she loved the food and actually ate quite well. Getting her to eat more than a few tablespoons at a time is a problem now, but she ate it for several days and each time it was a new experience. It was delicious. Your kindness will be remembered. Also thank you for the cards that come in the mail. Patsy looks at them over and over again along with the bulletin. Please keep Patsy in your prayers. Thank you. God bless you all,

Ron Williamson, Sue Thorne, Donna & Jerry Scott

Sunday AM December Adult Bible Classes

The Other "Nativity" Stories
Brady Horner
auditorium

To Grow in Spirit
Clay Howell
fellowship hall

WOMEN OF WESTGATE
JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
Favorite things
DEC 15 | AT THE HOME OF HAYLEY WEBB | 7:00 P.M.
COME ENJOY A FUN, CASUAL GATHERING! BRING ONE WRAPPED GIFT, CONTAINING A FAVORITE ITEM OF A \$25 VALUE. TO CONTRIBUTE TO A GIFT EXCHANGE. ALSO, BRING A FAVORITE APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE!



Happy Birthday:

- Dec. 10: Lucas Pruitt
- Dec. 14: Lucas Espinoza
- Dec. 15: Autumn Meeks



Our Calendar:

- Dec. 10: Baby Shower for Skyla Krause 2 – 4 p.m., Youth Group Game Night 6 – 8 p.m.
- Dec. 15: Favorite Things event @ Hayley's house 7 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Christmas Candlelight Service 6 p.m.
- Dec. 20: Youth Grp. Christmas Party 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24: no Bible classes, worship @ 10 a.m.
- Dec. 27: no Bible classes, all-church devo @ 6:45 p.m.
- Dec. 31: no Bible classes, worship @ 10 a.m.
- Jan 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Jan. 9: Ladies Bible Class resumes 10 a.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
- Feb. 21: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Thank you to Kari and crew for a great job on Breakfast with Santa.

Children's Ministry News

- In Matthew 5:38-48, Jesus talks about how to treat our enemies. Even though most people think it's okay to hate their enemies, Jesus says to love our enemies and pray for people who persecute us. He also says not to work for revenge but instead be generous. The Sermon on the Mount teaches us that God helps us to love our enemies.
- New Summary Verse: "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matthew 6:34).
- Many thanks to all who helped with our *Love Came Down* Christmas program. The kids did an amazing job. Appreciation to Sharon and Vince, sound room pros, plus Kipley, Madeline, AJ, Lane, and Maeleigh for their helping hands. The Lovelands and Kelly helped with star decorations and Ladies Class sorted and bagged treats for participants. Thank you to parents for their support moving furniture, helping with costumes, picking up pizza and more. Also, appreciation for the kind words and beautiful flowers. There are a few extra books in the short hall, please pick one up to give to family or friends.

Christmas Candlelight Service Next Sunday

Make plans to be here **Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m.** for the Westgate Christmas Candlelight Service if you're able. Remember to invite your friends and family to this special night of worship.



Thank You Note

Thanks so much for the food – ham and turkey and pie and all the trimmings.
Love,
Dwight & Daw

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, Dec. 12, will be the last Ladies Bible Class meeting of the semester. Class will resume at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9**. In addition to studying *Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life* (and laughing a lot), the ladies work on service projects. Week before last, candy was sorted and bagged for the Christmas program. Last week, several ladies provided baked goods to Bonham Elem. staff as part of their 12 Days of Christmas celebration. Another project will close out the semester on Tuesday. We would love for you to join us in 2024. Visit with Clair Arche if you have any questions. Babysitting is provided.



Studying Amos makes you hungry!

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 **tonight from 6 – 8!** Dinner will be provided.

Please also join us for the Youth Group Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 20th**. We will meet at Westgate at **5:30**, and we will be back around **8:30**.

We will have no youth class on **Sunday the 24th, Wednesday the 27th, or Sunday the 31st**.

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



Lucy, Emory, and Layla practicing to be sideline reporters when they grow up.

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:
December 3:
Contribution: \$5,355.00
eGive: \$2,895.00
Total: \$8,250.00
Budget: \$6,917.00
Be A Blessing: \$34.56

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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:
Jackie Lee

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

B. Box Counting:
Issacc Carneiro
Luke McFarlen