

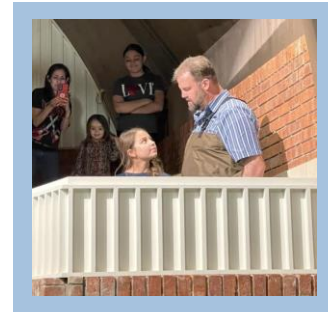
Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Bridal Shower Today

A bridal shower honoring Sydney Baker, bride-elect of Caleb Powell, will be held **this afternoon at 2:00** here at the church building. Sydney is registered at theknot.com, Amazon, and Target. All the Westgate ladies are invited to come celebrate Sydney and Caleb. Best wishes to the happy couple!



Welcome New Sister in Christ

We rejoice with the Bell family as Don and Melissa's daughter AJ was baptized last Sunday. We are so proud of her decision. Be sure to pray for AJ and remember to encourage her in her Christian walk.

Spring Break Breakfast Next Sunday

As anyone who's around schoolkids knows, Spring Break is in a week! **Next Sunday, March 10**, we are going to kick off the week with a special breakfast at **9:00 a.m.** Come enjoy all the breakfast favorites and catch up with your fellow Westgators. We will not have Bible classes next Sunday.



Love Grub This Wednesday

Get ready for the first Love Grub of March—it's a winner! On the menu **this Wednesday, March 6 at 5:45 p.m.:** chicken pot pie and mac and cheese, with pie for dessert. Dessert ingredients are available in the kitchen today if you would like to help by making a pie. Please donate some money to cover the cost of your meal that night if you're able.

Sermon Title: Cleansing the Temple

Scripture: John 2: 13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Prayer Concerns

~Our sincere sympathy to **Dorothy Emerson**. Her sister passed away in Missouri, and the memorial service was last week.

~**Chester Lynd's** son Curtis has been battling colon cancer with radiation and chemo. He now has surgery scheduled for this Tuesday (3/5). Please pray for a successful surgery and quick recovery.

~**Jackie Lee's** granddaughter Jaelynn delivered a healthy baby girl on Friday! According to Jackie, baby Wrenlee is perfect. Prayers for this new family of 3.

~**Chester Lynd** is still doing rehab at BrightPointe. He appreciates prayers, calls, and visits.

~Please keep **Leah Schumpert's** friend Kelly Mann in your prayers. She is battling breast cancer.

~Remember to pray for Steve Bibb (**Randy Bibb's** brother). He is dealing with acute myeloid leukemia.

~Russell Bennett (friend of **Larry and Melody Loveland**) is having trouble walking and breathing. Please remember to pray for him.

~Remember all those affected by the Texas Panhandle fires.

Those unable to join us:

- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Chester Lynd
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill
- ~Dwight Painter
- ~Bob Hoyle

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

Sunday AM Adult Bible Classes for March

Today, Brady's Holy Land class will continue in the fellowship hall, and Cody Bob is finishing his Romans class in the auditorium. **Next Sunday**, we will not have classes due to the Spring Break Breakfast. On **March 17, 24, and 31**, CJ Chaney will be teaching in the auditorium on a selection of topics from Leviticus, while Brady's class wraps up in the fellowship hall. Make plans to join us at **9:00 a.m. on Sundays!**



Please join us for a

Bridal Shower

in honor of
Sydney Baker

Bride Elect of Caleb Powell

Sunday, March 3 2pm - 4pm

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Easter Egg Hunt

Believe it or not, it's almost time for the Easter Egg Hunt, coming **Saturday, March 30**, at the Festival Gardens across from the zoo. If you're able, please pick up some plastic eggs and fill them with candy or other nonedible treats and place them in the bin in the short hall.

Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time starts **next Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m.!** Remember to set your clocks Saturday night so you'll be here on time for breakfast.



Directory Change

Please contact the office if you would like the Willertons' new home landline phone number.





Happy Birthday:

- Mar. 3:** Pat Smith, Patricia Yarbrough
- Mar. 4:** Percaya Langston
- Mar. 5:** Kinley Morton
- Mar. 7:** Kaleigh Tom, Doug McFarlen



Our Calendar:

- Mar. 3:** Bridal Shower for Caleb Powell and Sydney Baker **2 – 4 p.m.**, re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
- Mar. 6:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Mar. 10:** Daylight Saving Time begins, Spring Break Breakfast **9:00 a.m.** (no Bible classes), no re|engage due to Spring Break
- Mar. 12:** no Ladies Bible Class due to Spring Break
- Mar. 13:** no Wed. night services due to Spring Break
- Mar. 17:** re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
- Mar. 20:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Mar. 24:** re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
- Mar. 29:** Good Friday, Youth Group Lunch
- Mar. 30:** Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar. 31:** Easter, re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**, Youth Group Devo
- Apr. 3:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Apr. 6 – 7:** All-Church Retreat
- Apr. 7:** re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
- Apr. 14:** re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
- Apr. 17:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Apr. 21:** re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
- Apr. 28:** Brisket Burn/Youth Auction, re|engage **5:30 – 7 p.m.**
- May 1:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**

Holy Places—by Clay Howell

Last Sunday evening, we had a youth group devotional at the Jacob’s Dream statue on ACU’s campus. As part of this experience, I read the Bible story in Genesis 28 after which this art piece is modeled, and a few details at the start of the story caught my interest.

The passage states that Jacob was traveling from Beersheba to Harran, and that he stops for the night in “a certain place” only because the sun had set. We are told where he came from and where he is going, but not where he currently is. Of course, Jacob goes on to experience a wonderful glimpse of heaven and a promise from God that his descendants (the Israelites) would inherit that land. While the rest of the passage contains a fascinating narrative with powerful imagery, I am struck that God transformed an unnamed, obscure location to a holy place. Throughout the Bible, we read about certain holy places where God’s presence is felt strongly—Mount Horeb, the city of Jerusalem, Moses at the burning bush. Perhaps most importantly to the people of Israel, the temple of God and the Holy of Holies within its walls were the most holy places one could imagine. The very presence of God on earth dwelled within that room.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ can make all places and all people holy. Jesus tore the veil in the temple that represented the separation between God and His people. I love that our church tradition is careful not to treat any one place as holier than another. We say “auditorium” rather than “sanctuary.” We are quick to rightly point out that the church is the collection of people rather than building. However, we should be careful that we have not watered down the holiness of God. We may begin to believe that there is no such thing as a Holy Place. Instead, we should believe that all places are holy because all of God’s creation is holy.

In the Genesis 28 passage, Jacob awakes from his dream and gives his obscure location a name: Bethel, meaning ‘House of God.’ Let us remember that God’s dwelling place can be found wherever He is present; whether it be the church building or the mission field, or even the grocery store or in your car ride home with your family. Praise God for these holy places and holy moments.

Ladies’ Day Fun



Children’s Ministry News

- As we begin the spring quarter, fours and older begin a new curriculum, Digging into the Bible in a Year. Genesis tells us that in just six days, God made everything in the world. He made a perfect place to live, and then He made His most special creation—humans. God made us in His image to rule over His creation. God created us for a reason. After He made everything, God rested.
- New Summary Verse: **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”** (Genesis 1:1).
- Thank you to willing servants for teaching the winter quarter. Special thanks to Sherry, Juanita, Jill, Erin, Lettie, Cathrine, Connie, Hayley, Sydney, Caleb, Larry, and Melissa. Appreciate all volunteers who taught Wisdom from Proverbs.
- 4th and 5th graders will soon begin a new series called Grapple. These lessons embrace difficult questions children may face as they grow older and move to the youth group this fall. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the hall.



Children were taught about the wise and foolish man and the importance of building your life on the right foundation. A variety of foundations were used, so thankful Philip did not have to sneeze. Appreciation to Lauren for subbing in Larry’s 4th grade group.

Youth Ministry News

Join us on **Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.** for class! Please mark your calendars for the annual Brisket Burn and Youth Auction on **Sunday, April 28**. We want to make sure all our students can participate in this event!

It is time to start thinking about what kind of crafted item or service you would like to provide for the youth auction. Ask Clay if you need help coming up with ideas.

The deadline to register for summer camps is **Sunday, March 31**. Please let Clay know which camps you are attending by that date!

Beloved and Beyond—**July 9-13**
Camp Bandina—**July 21-27**

Please pray for our students to have a great semester!



Students praying at our devotional at Jacob's Dream last Sunday!

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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Nursery Duty:
Clair Arche & Vivi

Offering:
February 25:
Contribution: \$1,803.00
eGive: \$3,076.00
Total: \$4,879.00
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$18.66

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

Building Lock-up:
March: Adam Lott
April: Chris Meeks

B. Box Counting:
Titus Powell
Lane Winter