

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

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Love Grub This Wednesday

Let's kick off April right with some Raising Cane's chicken fingers and sides with Rice Krispies Treats for dessert. *Dessert ingredients will be available in the kitchen today if you can help.* Come one, come all to Love Grub **Wednesday, April 3, at 5:45 p.m.!** A donation to cover the cost of your meal is appreciated. Stay for Bible class at **6:45.**


All-Church Retreat Starts Saturday

Get ready for some fun and relaxation! The retreat is coming this weekend, **April 6 – 7.** If you told us you were coming but haven't paid yet, you can get an envelope from the table in the main hall, enclose your payment, and put it in the lockbox on Brady's office door. See the back of the bulletin for details, and ask Brady or Jill if you have any questions.



Flowering of the Cross

Today we will participate in the Flowering of the Cross tradition. We will cover a barren cross with beautiful flowers, which represents the resurrection and God's ability to bring beauty out of brokenness.



Next Sunday

Due to the All-Church Retreat, we will not have Bible classes **next Sunday.** There will be a regular worship service at **10:00 a.m.,** with song leader Steve Stovall and guest speaker Philip Palmer (Aubrey Hilligoss's dad). Please make plans to join us if you are in town!

Prayer Concerns

~Deana Frazier's laser eye surgery went very well. She had a really bad headache after it, but the doctor said that was to be expected. Please continue to pray for Deana.

~Steve Templeton has been dealing with a kidney stone for some time now. He is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday. Please pray for a successful surgery and quick recovery.

~James Fredrickson (Autumn Meeks's dad) was able to come off the ventilator last week and is doing much better. Thanks so much for your prayers!

~Kyler Burd (Skyla Krause's brother) has a debilitating back condition. He is hoping to have surgery in May. Please add him to your prayer list.

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

~Please continue to pray for healing and cure for **Randy Bibb's** brother, Steve Bibb.

~Remember **Nell Hopper's** brother-in-law Glenn Kemp in your prayers. He is sick and not doing well.

~Prayers are needed for **Taylor Roberts's** grandma Wanda Paulk. She has cancer that has spread and has moved to palliative care.

~Please pray for all those going on the upcoming All-Church Retreat.

~Continued prayers for **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt Julie Blasingame, battling pancreatic cancer.

~**Chester Lynd's** son Curtis has stage 2 colon cancer and is recovering from colon resection surgery at home.

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
- ~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 (in Dominican Republic currently)

All-Church Retreat Information

What Drives You? This year's All-Church Retreat will explore what motivates us. We will be challenged to identify areas in our lives that are driven by fear, guilt, and status. Then we will be encouraged to see how love can be the ultimate motivator. This will be a great weekend of worship, fun, sharing, and growth. We're looking forward to having you at the retreat. Watch for an email this week with more details.



Don't forget to bring lawn chairs!

Optional things to bring:

- Bible (digital or otherwise)
- twin bedding (if you have 2+ kids)
- bikes, scooters, outdoor toys
- lawn chairs
- sunscreen
- fishing equipment
- board games
- snack or dessert to share (They have towels, pillows, and queen-size bedding.)

Time:

Check-in: **11:00 a.m. — noon**
Saturday, April 6
Check-out: **1:00 p.m.**
Sunday, April 7

Place:

Big Country Baptist Assembly, Lueders (Please contact the church office for directions.)

Sermon Title: The Resurrection

Scripture: John 20: 1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.



Happy Birthday:

- Mar. 31: Trevor Meeks
- Apr. 1: Avery Williams
- Apr. 2: Anita Morton
- Apr. 4: Hayley Webb
- Apr. 6: Helen Moore



Happy Anniversary:

- Mar. 31: Jeremy & Rachael Lee



Our Calendar:

- Mar. 31: Easter, re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Apr. 3: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Apr. 6 – 7: All-Church Retreat
- Apr. 7: no Bible classes, regular worship services 10 a.m., 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: Baby Blessing, 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.
- May 5: re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- May 12: Mother's Day, re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- May 15: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 19: Graduation Celebration, re|engage 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- May 23: Clyde Graduation
- May 24: Wylie, Winters, Merkel, Jim Ned, & Eula Graduation
- May 24 – 25: AISD Graduation
- June 2 – 5: VBS

Count the Cost: Re|Engage – by Brady Horner

Last week's article explored the way discipleship often requires more time, commitment, energy, and sacrifice than we first imagine. Whenever my kids tell me about a kid giving them trouble at school my first question is "How big is this kid?" Because that will determine how I counsel them to proceed. You must weigh the challenge of the task and your own willingness/capabilities. Do you need to get physical and put the kid in his or her place, or do you need to negotiate, manipulate, or involve other parties?

This scenario is like the one Jesus gives in Luke 14: 31-33: **"Suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."** Jesus is saying you must be willing to go all in, to sacrifice, to hurt, even lose if necessary. He wants full commitment.

We are several weeks into re|engage now. I fear many didn't understand the commitment it would require, but I am proud that they (ok we) are toughing it out. It's a lot of study, difficult conversations, social time, and a major time commitment on multiple Sunday nights. Where there is big commitment there is big reward. The commitment required of re|engage makes the benefits richer and the program better. The more people put into re|engage the more their relationship will strengthen, new friendships will form, and they will see that we have a God who is still very active. A half commitment will result in poor results and will make it feel that re|engage "isn't worth it" (maybe you have felt this in half committed discipleship as well). One among many of my prayers for re|engage is that we learn the value of commitment to spiritual matters. We commit to a lot of worldly things that don't have the long-lasting, life-changing consequences that true discipleship does. I hope that re|engage shows us the benefit of commitment like this and helps us to reprioritize what we give our time, energy, and thought life over to.

Worship Volunteers

Remember to fill out the form connected to this QR code so those planning the worship services will have an updated list of servants. Thanks!



Children's Ministry News

Children paused their study of the Bible in a Year to celebrate the resurrection with an Easter lesson. Matthew 27:27–28:10 tells us that Jesus takes on the punishment for everyone's sins and dies on the cross. But three days later, He comes back to life! Jesus came back to life so we can live forever with Him. When we accept His gift of forgiveness, we will have eternal life with Him.



4th and 5th graders illustrated Proverbs 30. Please check out the mural in the hall and pat a few of the artists on the back.



Thank you to AJ for helping her mom teach this energetic group about Adam, Eve, a sly snake and making good choices.



Teachers are needed for 4th and 5th graders in April and May. The Grapple lessons embrace questions children may face as they transition to the youth group. The curriculum includes content and activities, please check out the sign-up sheet in the hall for topics, dates, and lesson plans.

Summary Verse for the Easter lesson: "God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him" (1 John 4:9).

4th and 5th grade ended their study of the wisdom of Proverbs on Wednesday. Many thanks to Kami for concluding the topic by inviting children to share a favorite Proverb. Please pray that our students continue to grow in wisdom as they prepare to make a difference in God's Kingdom.

Youth Ministry News

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

The Youth Auction and Brisket Burn fundraiser is **Sunday, April 28!** 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 Youth Group will also help at the set-up/workday before the Auction on **Saturday, April 27.**

Please let Clay know if you are planning to go to Camp Bandina!

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

Please pray for all our students this semester!



Kailyn getting ready for the High Jump at her track meet last week!

Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class 9:00 a.m.,
Worship 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m.

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Nursery Duty:
Lettie Morrow

Offering:
March 24:
Contribution: \$1,768.71
eGive: \$3,795.00
Total: \$5,563.71
Budget: \$7,169.00
Be A Blessing: \$22.03

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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

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

B. Box Counting:
Titus Powell
Beckett Williams