

**Prayer Concerns**

~**Layla Horner** has a torn ACL. She has an appointment this Wednesday with an orthopedic surgeon to determine next steps. Please add Layla to your prayer list.

~Please continue to pray for **Ariael Lynd** in the loss of her grandpa Chester.

~**Skyla Krause's** brother, Kyler Burd, had back surgery recently and is recovering at home. Many prayers for Kyler's recovery.

~Continue to pray for **Autumn Meeks's** dad, James Fredrickson. He is out of the hospital and recuperating at home.

~Please remember **Eric Robinson** in your prayers this week.

~Please continue to pray for **Amanda McSherry** and her father as he navigates the passing of his wife.

~Wanda Paulk (**Taylor Roberts's** grandma) has cancer that has spread and has been moved to palliative care.

~Continued prayers for **Randy Bibb's** brother, Steve Bibb. He is battling acute myeloid leukemia.

~Please remember to pray for the new babies in our congregation: **Whitten (son of David and Skyla Krause)** and **Luca (son of Christian and Dalila (Becerra) Rodriguez)**. Also keep their parents in your prayers as they adjust to all the changes a baby brings.

~Continued prayers for **Bob Hoyle**. He is losing strength in his legs.

We will have a combined adult Bible class in the auditorium **Sunday, April 28**, due to the Brisket Burn setup. See Jackie's article for children's class changes.

**Those unable to join us:**

- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~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)

**Youth Auction**

The kids in the youth group have been working hard coming up with services and items for the Youth Auction. Several businesses have also donated gift cards and services. Here is just a sampling of some of the items up for grabs **next Sunday**:


# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



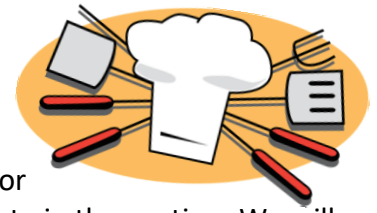
**Baby Blessing Vows of the Church:**

We will be an extended family for these parents.  
We will offer our help and encouragement when needed.  
We will give them advice when asked and support them with prayer without being asked.  
We will listen to their stories, share their concerns, and look at their pictures.  
We will give our hearts to these families and love them as Christ has loved us.



**Youth Auction & Brisket Burn Next Sunday**

Make sure that you join us **next Sunday, April 28**, for a delicious lunch, wonderful fellowship, a great auction, and an opportunity to support our youth group. Check out the back of the bulletin to see some of the great auction items featured. Invite your family and friends! The suggested donation for lunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Childcare will be available after lunch to help parents participate in the auction. We will have four classrooms full of auction items and a "Cash & Carry" section where you can purchase gift cards from local restaurants and other businesses at face value. "Cash & Carry" will open up at **8:45 a.m.** in the church office. This should be your first stop next Sunday, as this section will only be open while supplies last. The youth group is grateful for the many ways you support them with this event and throughout the year!



**Sermon Title:** The Temptation to be Spectacular  
**Scripture:** Matthew 4: 4-7  
 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"  
 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."  
 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"



### Happy Birthday:

**Apr. 21:** Kymber Pyeatt, Addison Lee

**Apr. 22:** James White, Cody Williams

**Apr. 23:** Nathan Crockett

**Apr. 24:** Juanita Stovall

**Apr. 25:** Brenda Brown

**Apr. 26:** Angie Wier, Roger Swart

**Apr. 27:** Annie Wright



### Happy Anniversary:

**Apr. 24:** Jeff & Terry Widener



### Our Calendar:

**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:** Youth Group Devo after services at Winters' house, 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 Graduations

**May 24 – 25:** AISD Graduations

**May 29:** Summer Series begins, Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.

**May 30:** End of School Party – Family Life Center 6 – 8 p.m.

**June 2 – 5:** VBS

### The State of Christian Education – by Brady Horner

The Church is often accused of living in the past. As if it was built to survive in a world that existed a century ago and can't adapt. As culture and the world changes, the Church is often the last to change (which can be good and bad). If the church is fixated on doing things that were helpful, important, and meaningful thirty years ago, but aren't anymore, there is a problem.

I love teaching Bible class and think it's a good thing. There is cool stuff about God and history that I want to share, and I love hearing other people's thoughts and perspectives. It's a great way to grow together, and I can see that it is still very valuable to many of us. But, I'm starting to see some issues with it, especially for adults. We should be lifelong learners. I never want the attitude that we have it all figured out and there is nothing left to learn or change. However, is there ever a point where we "graduate" from our Christian education? Is there ever a point where we are done being taught, and instead go and live what we have learned? Are there other things we could be doing with this time spent in Bible class?

Maybe we need time to minister to each other, to talk about life, even complain a little, to be seen and heard. Maybe we need to set aside more time for meaningful prayer together rather than the almost obligatory opening and closing prayers. Maybe we should spend less time in the building and more time out serving together. I hope we are not stuck just focused on gaining knowledge in Bible study because that's all we really know to do. I will not give up on the life-giving study of the Word. I hope we are going far beyond an intellectual pursuit of knowledge and moving toward transformation. The best measure of how well you are studying the Bible is how much it changes you. I hope we can make space for those changes in our churches.

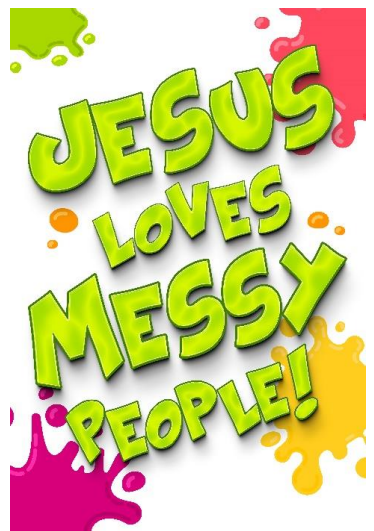


*Congratulations*  
**CLASS OF 2024**

**GRADUATION CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024  
AFTER SERVICES**

### Children's Ministry News

- In Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-6, God and two angels visit Abraham and Sarah. Sarah hears God promise she'll have a son within the next year. Sarah is very old, so she laughs at the idea that she could have a baby. But by the next year, she will have a son. She names him Isaac, which means laughter, because God brought her laughter. God brings us laughter, too.
- This is the last week for this verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Almost every child has recited this scripture by memory. Thank you to Melissa for encouraging children to store Bible words in their hearts.
- Many thanks to Larry for teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday. Children discussed the difficult subject of unpardonable sin. Parents may want to continue this discussion for a deeper understanding. Appreciation to Sherry for teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> Grapple lesson, "If I am Forgiven, What's the Big Deal About Sin?" She volunteered to help our students prepare for the middle school transition coupled with a greater knowledge of the significance of sin and forgiveness.
- Auction items will be in the west hallway classrooms and parlor for Brisket Burn next week. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will join the youth group for Bible class. The two younger classes will combine in Tool Shed with the youth assisting. No changes in birth to three classrooms.
- *What a Mess! VBS! June 2–5.* The rich young ruler had it all together on the outside, but on the inside, he was a total mess. Jesus looked at the mess. Jesus saw the mess. Jesus loved the mess. Plans include messy games, crafts, and snacks, plus relevant Bible stories. Please begin praying for friends to invite.



### 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 **a week from today!** As well as providing an item/service for the auction, youth group students will set up on Saturday, prepare food, and serve during the meal. Thank you in advance for all your hard work!

Setup for the Youth Auction will be **Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Our next Youth Group Devo will be on **Sunday, May 5.** We will be hosted by the Winters and are looking forward to lunch, games, and a devotional time following church at their house.

Please pray for all our students this semester!



*Maeleigh and Evan hanging out at the All-Church Retreat!*



**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:**  
**April 14:**  
Contribution: \$2650.83  
eGive: \$2,950.00  
Total: \$5,600.83  
Budget: **\$7,169.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$24.25

**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:**  
Hayley & Madeline Webb

**Building Lock-up:**

**April:** Chris Meeks  
**May:** Matt Waldrip

**B. Box Counting:**  
Wyatt Cogburn  
Liam Meeks