

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Youth Auction & Brisket Burn

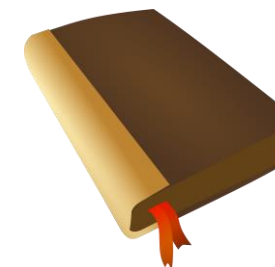
Don't miss the annual Brisket Burn and Youth Auction **TODAY!** This will be another great year with all of the things you know and love. Make sure that you enjoy an incredible lunch, wonderful fellowship, a fun auction, and an opportunity to help our youth group.

- A terrific smoked brisket lunch with all of the sides and fixings prepared by Troy Tom and the Pit Crew will be served after services. The suggested donation for lunch is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Due to the high price of meat, feel free to give more if you are able.
- A Cash & Carry section of gift certificates from local restaurants, which you can purchase at face value and support the Westgate youth group, will be available while supplies last in the church office beginning at **8:45 a.m. this morning.**
- Dozens of assorted auction items – from a planter box to a biplane ride, babysitting to yard work, beautiful gift baskets to homemade baked goods – will be offered. Don't miss this chance to back our youth group!
- To bid on auction items, you will need a bidder number, so see Eric Gumm to get one. He will be near the parlor after worship to assist you.
- Childcare will be available to allow parents to participate in the auction. Youth group members will be available in various areas to supervise kids. Make sure that you feed your kids lunch first. ☺
- We will have four rooms full of great items. We will begin closing the auction rooms at approximately **12:30 p.m.** at about 10-minute intervals and checkout will open after the last room closes. We will also have a live auction in the fellowship hall beginning at approximately **12:35 p.m.**

We are looking forward to another great event this year – with fantastic food and fellowship and support for our youth group – and we hope that you are planning to participate!

Sunday AM Bible Classes

We will have a combined adult Bible class in the auditorium **this morning** due to the Brisket Burn setup. See Jackie's article for children's class changes. **Next week**, the adult Bible classes that started in April will continue into May, with David White's class *What's This Bible Book All About Anyways?* in the fellowship hall, and *David: The Anti-Hero*, led by Brady Horner, resuming in the auditorium.



Sermon Title: The Temptation to be Powerful

Scripture: Matthew 4: 8-11

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Prayer Concerns

~**Becki Sutton's** dad had a stroke on Thursday and is in the hospital in Houston. Becki headed down there to be with him. Please keep Becki and her dad and family in your prayers.

~**Layla Horner** will have to undergo surgery on her torn ACL. The surgery is scheduled for this Thursday. Please pray for a successful surgery and full recovery for Layla.

~Former member **Brian Cavitt** was in a motorcycle accident last Tuesday. He was in Vanderbilt University Medical Center with a shattered hand and bruised spleen and had surgery. However, he is doing okay and was hoping to go home Friday depending on the occupational therapist. Many prayers for Brian.

~Please remember **Arieal Lynd** in your prayers. Her grandfather, **Chester Lynd**, passed away about 3 weeks ago.

~**Skyla Krause's** brother, Kyler Burd, had back surgery recently and is recovering at home. Please pray for his strength and healing.

~Please add our high school graduates and their parents to your prayer list during this time of transition: **Isabella Becerra** (daughter of **Felipe** and **Ashley**), **Alyssa Chaney** (daughter of **CJ** and **Michelle**), and **Ava Longley** (daughter of **Chad** and **Abby**).

~Remember to keep praying for **Megeste and Jose Pierre** and the dire situation in Haiti.

~Please continue to pray for **Randy Bibb's** brother, Steve Bibb. He is receiving treatment for acute myeloid leukemia.

~Continued prayers for **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt Julie Blasingame. She has pancreatic cancer.

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)



Love Grub This Wednesday

We are going to start off May with the best queso scenario! Join us **Wednesday night, uno de mayo, at 5:45 p.m.** for a fajita Love Grub with all the fixings. And to top it off, sopapilla cheesecake will be the dessert! If you can help by making a dessert, ingredients are available to be picked up today in the kitchen area. Please chip in some money to cover the cost of your meal that evening. Hope everyone can make it!

New Calendars

May/June birthday and anniversary calendars are now available in the short hall!

If you have 12 cupcakes in one hand and 7 gifts in the other, what do you have?

Crazy-big hands!

Congratulations

The educators at Westgate are the best in town! Recently, Sherry Gumm was named the new principal of Bassetti Elementary for '24-'25. And just last week, Melissa Bell was



Melissa Bell

honored as Bonham Elementary's Teacher of the Year at the Teachers in the Limelight Celebration. Just think, we knew them before they were famous! Thanks to all the hardworking, dedicated, tired, amazing teachers here. Please pray that this last stretch in May goes smoothly and that summertime brings peace and relaxation.



Sherry Gumm





Happy Birthday:

Apr. 28: Elliott Bell, Lauren Cole

Apr. 29: Jill Tate

May 2: Arieal Lynd

May 3: Rachael Lee

May 4: Sherry Hurst, Joyce Waddell



Happy Anniversary:

Apr. 29: Matt & Darah Waldrip



Our Calendar:

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 17: TLCA Graduation

May 19: Graduation Celebration, re|engage 5:30 - 7 p.m.

May 24: Abilene High Graduation

May 29: Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m., Summer Speaker Series - Darrin Cox 6:45 p.m.

May 30: Summer Kickoff Party - Family Life Center 6 - 8 p.m.

June 2 - 5: VBS

June 12: Family Fun Night

June 16: Father's Day

June 19: Summer Speaker Series - Nathan Burrow 6:45 p.m.

June 23: Bridal Shower for Jessica Touchstone

The State of Christian Education Part 2 – by Brady Horner

For those of us who grew up before the 2000's, the local church was typically the main source for our Christian education and knowledge. Theoretically, the preacher and other ministers of the congregation were the (semi) authority on the Bible; our learning would come from them, and our questions would go to them. Now mass Christian culture, media, and the internet have changed all this. The voice of the local church has become just one small portion of our Christian education. This is not a bad thing, but it may require some adapting on the local church's part.

It is humbling for me to know that everyone at Westgate has access to thousands of preachers online that have great charisma and valuable messages to share. People have easy access to influential authors and devotional books that shape theology and faith. Tons of Westgate people have been shaped by Christian "influencers", bloggers, and podcasts. Often in class when someone mentions some obscure Bible fact I'll ask, "How do you know that?" and the answer is almost always, "A podcast." People can do their own study and education online now. They can find information on any topic of their interest and choosing. This has made me rethink how Christian education should be approached at the local church when many are finding their education elsewhere.

It is hard to teach a class to a group of people that a significant portion has received all kinds of Christian education elsewhere, and another portion that still fits the traditional mold of mainly receiving from the local church and personal Bible study. This makes a wide range of needs to meet. It makes the sermon more important as it is the one source of Christian education we are all receiving and mulling together as a congregation. I don't have the answers for all of this, but perhaps the local church should have space for people to share, unpack, question, and debate some of the things they have been learning online, from personal study, and from friends of different Christian traditions. I am working on compiling a list of podcasts, blogs, and other Christian sources people at Westgate are engaging with. If you have any Christian education sources you love, please share them with me by email (pbhorner@gmail.com) or on an upcoming post in our Facebook group.



Children's Ministry News

- To make space for auction items, 4th and 5th graders will have class with the youth group. Thank you to a few volunteers who will assist with the younger children in a combined class in Tool Shed. No changes in birth to 3 classrooms.
- Children's study of Genesis continues with Isaac as an old man, the father of twins. Jacob is slightly younger than his twin, Esau. But Jacob tricks their dad into giving Jacob his dying blessing meant for his firstborn son. Esau is mad, and Jacob runs away. After years apart, the two reunite. Jacob sends a lot of gifts to try to make up, and Esau forgives him. God helps us make things right.



After a lesson on Abram and Sarah, Debra's class discussed things that make them happy as they made puppets that make us smile.

- New Summary Verse: "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them" (Romans 8:28).
- Thank you to Sherry for guiding the 4th and 5th graders last Wednesday with a discussion on the challenges of middle school. Appreciation to Kami for teaching the class in May. She will continue the Grapple curriculum "What Really Matters", discussing God's opinion, kindness, contentment, and more.
- What a Mess! VBS! June 2-5. Be in prayer for how you can help.



Thanks to Larry for helping children understand how easy it is to be wrapped up in sin. We all need a Savior in Jesus Christ! The only unforgivable sin is to reject Him. We are thankful to Larry for making a difficult concept memorable.

Youth Ministry News

Join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for class! Thank you for all your hard work on the Youth Auction/Brisket Burn! Please stay until the end of the meal following service so we can clean everything up following the event.

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.

If you are going to Camp Bandina, please fill out the registration form as soon as you can! The cost is \$215. Ask Clay if you have any questions.

Join us on **Sunday, May 19**, to celebrate our awesome Seniors at our Graduation Celebration! Please pray for all our students this semester!

Youth Students playing a competitive game of Wall Ball outside the youth house!



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 21:
Contribution: \$8,560.00
eGive: \$3,071.00
Total: \$11,631.00
Budget: \$7,169.00
Be A Blessing: \$20.75

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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: Bradi & Avery Williams

Building Lock-up:
April: Chris Meeks
May: Matt Waldrip

B. Box Counting: Lane Colburn Titus Powell