

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

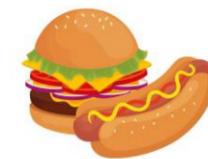


Graduation Celebration Next Sunday

A big congratulations to the Westgate 2024 seniors: Isabella Becerra, Alyssa Chaney, and Ava Longley! We will honor our graduates **next Sunday, May 19**, with a slideshow, potluck dinner, and display tables where you can put graduation gifts or cards. For the potluck dinner, **each family is asked to bring a main dish and a side**. The church will provide dessert. Let's all remember to pray for these three great kids (and their parents) as they embark on new adventures.



Love Grub Wednesday Night



The last Love Grub of the school year is **this Wednesday, May 15, at 5:45 p.m.** Hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings will be served. Remember to chip in to cover the cost of your meal if you're able. Please plan to attend and be sure to tell the Powells and Carneiros thank you for all their hard work and delicious meals this year.

VBS Sign-Ups

Sign-up sheets are now posted for VBS helpers! *What a Mess! VBS!* is **June 3 – 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.** for children ages 4 to 5th grade. If you would like to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall. If a different adult or couple signs up for each night, we can all share in the fun! You will do the same activities 4 times as groups rotate through the evening. Check out the sign-up sheets, plan to join us, and maybe get a little messy.



Also, if your children are planning to attend VBS, please add their names to the sheet in the hall and include the number of visitors you may invite to bring with you. We want to make sure we have enough messes for everyone.

Sermon Title: The Mom Who Advocates

Scripture: Matthew 20: 20-23

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

Prayer Concerns

~**Steve Templeton's** brother, Richard Templeton, passed away suddenly Tuesday. He leaves behind a wife and two sons, along with many friends, coworkers, and family members who loved him deeply. Please be in prayer for the Templeton family at this difficult time.

~**Layla Horner** is recovering well after having ACL surgery. She has started physical therapy. Please keep praying for Layla.

~**Ron Hill** had surgery on Monday to place a brain stent to relieve pressure from Parkinson's disease. He is out of the hospital and recovering at Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation. Many prayers for Ron and Geraldine.

~Continued prayers for **Michael Bryant**. He has had several health struggles recently.

~Please pray for our high school graduates and their parents 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**).

~Keep praying for Julie Blasingame (**Barbara Carneiro's** aunt). She has pancreatic cancer.

~Remember to pray for former member Brian Cavitt. He contracted MRSA in his leg after a serious motorcycle accident.

~Please keep **Kyler Burd (Skyla Krause's** brother) in your prayers. He is recovering from back surgery.

~Please lift up **Becki Sutton's** dad, Herschel McDonald, in prayer. He is recovering from the stroke he had a few weeks ago.

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)

Change of Address

Trevor & Becki Sutton

Please contact the office if you would like their new address.



Next Sunday

MAY

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Due to the Graduation Celebration setup, we will have a combined adult Bible class in the auditorium **next Sunday, May 19**, with Brady Horner teaching. 4th and 5th graders will have a combined class. If you are bringing cards or gifts to the graduates, those tables will be set up in the parlor.

VBS Help

VBS could use your help with some things you may have around the house.

Items needed:

***A variety of sizes of old t-shirt donations, ones you plan to discard anyway. They will be used to minimize mess and will NOT be returned.

***3 small plastic pools that will be returned if possible.

Stay tuned, more opportunities to help may be coming...



Lost & Found

The lost and found from the All-Church Retreat is in the short hall now. Take a look if you're missing a shirt, shorts, jacket, cap, or house shoes.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Happy Birthday:

May 15: Kipley Sutton, Linda Jones



Happy Anniversary:

May 14: Chad & Abby Longley, Jarrod & Kayla Crockett

May 17: Willie & Jennifer Lee



Our Calendar:

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 27: Memorial Day

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 3 – 5: VBS **6 – 8 p.m.**

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 **2 – 3:30 p.m.** at the home of Shelley Doremus

June 26: Summer Speaker Series – Robert Oglesby **6:45 p.m.**

July 3: Summer Speaker Series – Alejandro Ezquerra **6:45 p.m.**

July 9 – 13: Youth Group @ Camp Beloved and Beyond

Declaring the Word of God – by Clay Howell

What image comes to mind when you consider the phrase “the Word of God?” What does that phrase mean? I would bet that most of us who have grown up attending church conjure the mental image of a Bible. Whether you think of the NIV Bible you have on hand now, the King James version you memorized passages from as a child, or even scrolling the YouVersion Bible app on your phone, we correctly associate the Word of God with Scripture. I believe this is a good thought to have, and should be the starting point for this discussion. The written words of Scripture are the inspired Word of God. I also believe that this phrase has other meaning, which is pointed out in Scripture itself:

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”

These words that begin the Gospel of John echo the words that begin the book of Genesis, reminding us that God has been King since the beginning of time. This passage emphasizes that Jesus is just as permanent, and just as legitimate, as God Himself. The words of Scripture tell us that Jesus Himself is “the Word of God.” Why is Jesus described that way? How can a real, physical person be a Word?

In class the last few weeks with the Youth Group, I have been teaching a series called “Speak.” We have explored what it means to listen to the voice of God, declare the Word of God out loud, and speak to one another with care and kindness. In this class, we have discussed that words are permanent. Once something is spoken out loud, it often can't be taken back. In the same way, Jesus is the ultimate declaration of who God is. Jesus is God, spoken out loud.

In turn, we have the opportunity as Christ-followers to be Jesus, spoken out loud. How can our words reflect the words of Jesus? How can we give voice to the written words of Scripture that our world so desperately needs to hear? Let us learn to be heralds of the Word of God as we declare the coming of His Kingdom.



Children's Ministry News

- ❖ In Exodus 2:1-10, afraid that the Israelites would grow too powerful for the Egyptians, Pharaoh makes a rule to kill all Hebrew baby boys. When Moses is born, his mother manages to hide him for a few months. Then God uses Moses' sister, Miriam, to help keep Moses safe as he floats in a basket in the Nile River. God takes care of us through others.
- ❖ 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 Kami for continuing to teach children on Wednesday nights in May. The spring quarter will finish at the end of this month. If you would like to teach the summer quarter, please let Jackie know.



- ❖ Sign-up sheets are now available to help with VBS, **June 3 – 5**. See the front of the bulletin for details. Also, if your children are planning to attend VBS, please add their names to the sheet in the hall.



Westgate provided Bonham teachers with “ORANGE you glad it's almost summer?” treats for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Youth Ministry News

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

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 **next Sunday, May 19**, to celebrate our awesome seniors at our Graduation Celebration! We will have a special time to honor our graduates at the end of service, and we will have a meal to follow afterwards.

Be ready to sign up to help with VBS (**June 3 – 5**)! We are excited for the youth group to help make this an awesome event by leading groups and helping with crafts, games, songs, and more.

Please pray for all our students as they finish up the school year!



Thank you to the Winters for hosting an awesome youth devo last Sunday (with a piñata!)

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:
May 5:
Contribution: \$5,673.00
eGive: \$3,827.00
Total: \$9,500.00
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$22.28

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Nursery Duty:
Jamie Dye

Building Lock-up:
May: Matt Waldrip
June: Manny Carneiro

B. Box Counting:
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Lane Winter