

Prayer Concerns

~Please be in prayer for VBS this week: the children participating, the youth group assisting, and the adults teaching.

~Please pray without ceasing for **Eric Robinson**.

~**Ron Hill** is out of rehab and back home. His walking has improved following his surgery. They really appreciate your prayers.

~More good news – last week **Megeste Pierre** asked for prayers for a student, Enel Yverne. Megeste emailed this week and said Enel is safe and sound. Please continue to pray for Haiti.

~Remember **Randy Bibb's** brother Steve in your prayers. Please pray his bone marrow transplant is effective and he will be cured.

~Continued prayers for **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt and frequent visitor Julie Blasingame. She is battling pancreatic cancer.

~Please pray for **Arieal Lynd** during this difficult time of transition.

~Remember to keep praying for **Layla Horner's** recovery from ACL surgery. She is doing great so far.

~Please begin praying for the S. 11th & Willis and Westgate elders concerning the Willis congregation joining Westgate.

If you have a prayer request to put in the bulletin, please email it to westgatecofc@gmail.com, call 325-692-2300, or write it on an attendance card.

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)

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Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

VBS Workday Today

Preparations are underway for an awesome VBS! If you've been wanting to help but haven't had the chance, you're in luck. A VBS Workday is scheduled for **today from 2 to 4 p.m.** here at the building. Thanks so much for volunteering your time to make this event extra special.



Sunday AM Adult Bible Class

This summer we will have a joint adult class in the auditorium. The theme will be The Emotional Intelligence of Jesus. Emotional intelligence is the ability to monitor one's own and other's emotions, and to use that information to guide one's thinking and actions. The most successful leaders have high emotional intelligence. Jesus did as well! This class series will explore how he used and applied his emotional intelligence for successful ministry and leadership. This class will begin **today at 9 a.m.**

No Services Wednesday Night

Due to VBS, we will not have adult Bible classes or the Summer Speaker Series. The next three Wednesday evenings look like this:
Wed., June 5: VBS, no adult classes
Wed., June 12: Family Fun Night – Movie Night
Wed., June 19: Summer Series – Nathan Burrow



What a Mess! VBS!

It's finally here! Kids ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to VBS this week. Friends, relatives, and neighbors are welcome. **Monday – Wednesday, 6 – 8 p.m.** will be the meeting times. Be sure to bring your children in this age range every night if you're able. Please see Jackie with any questions.



Jessica Touchstone Bridal Shower

Jessica Touchstone and Austin Mowell are engaged to be married later this summer! Jessica's bridal shower is scheduled for **Sunday, June 23, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**, at the home of Juanita Stovall. Jessica and Austin are registered at Zola, Walmart, and Target. Mark your calendar and watch for details coming soon.



SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

May 29



Darrin Cox

AISD Homeless/
Foster Care Liaison

June 19



Nathan Burrow

Minister at Hillcrest
Church of Christ

June 26



Robert Oglesby

Director of ACU
Center for Youth &
Family Ministry

July 3



Alejandro Ezquerro

Bilingual Minister at
University Church of
Christ

July 17



Phil Palmer

World Bible School
Envoy for East Africa
and Zimbabwe

July 24



Ian Nickerson

Minister at Minda Street
Church of Christ

July 31



Wes Crawford

ACU Professor of
Modern and American
Church History

Aug. 14



Jerry Taylor

ACU Professor of Bible,
Missions, and Ministry

Sermon Title: From Everlasting to Everlasting

Scripture: Psalm 90: 1-12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning:

In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.

Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.



Happy Birthday:

June 3: Nell Hopper
June 4: Vince Van Cleave, Steve Stovall
June 5: Aerik Langston, Kali Langston
June 8: Hunter Webb, Isabella Becerra



Happy Anniversary:

June 2: Kile & Lettie Morrow, John & Bethany Powell, David & Kari White
June 4: Logan & Lauren Cole
June 6: Mickey & Ruth Walker
June 7: Jason & Cathrine Clements



Our Calendar:

June 2: VBS Workday 2 – 4 p.m., Youth Devo w/parents 6 – 8 p.m.
June 3 – 5: VBS 6 – 8 p.m.
June 12: Family Fun Night – Movie Night 6:45 p.m.
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 Juanita Stovall
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
July 10: Family Fun Night

Nunchucks and Bibles – by Brady Horner

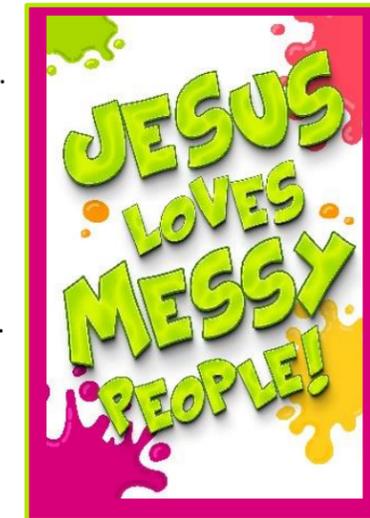
The New Ninja Turtles movies were released on Netflix this week! For some reason throughout its history, Ninja Turtles has been banned in some countries. Michelangelo’s nunchucks were considered violent weapons! I find it strange that nunchucks were “violent” while a bo staff, sais, and katana blades weren’t! Nunchucks are technically a defensive weapon used for disarming people.

Why are nunchucks worse than other weapons? The millennial in me thought, “It must be some kind of systemic racism against Asian people”. Ok that’s silly. I read that it was associated more with gang violence than other weapons. What gangs are fighting with nunchucks?! I remember playing with toy nunchucks as a kid (or making them out of whatever I could find) and I think I know the answer. They are hard to use without hurting yourself! Nunchucks have got to be one of the most dangerous weapons for the user. They swing around wildly and are likely to do more accidental harm to the user, other people, and inanimate objects. So maybe governments decided, “We can’t let all these idiots have nunchucks!” Now the conservative in me says, “We should all have a right to hurt ourselves in any dumb way we please...I demand equal opportunity to nunchucks!”

Sometimes we refer to the Bible as our “Sword”, based on Hebrews 4:12. It is a powerful illusion but it’s frustrating when we use the Bible as an offensive weapon against people. Some only quote Scripture to tell people they are wrong. I don’t love thinking of the Bible as a defensive weapon either. We shouldn’t minimize Scriptures to a few verses that justify what we do and believe. Scripture is most powerful when it convicts us, not justifies our behavior. So, maybe calling the Bible our “nunchucks” is a fair (yet silly) analogy. Like nunchucks, if we use the Scriptures flippantly, without training, without full understanding, without guidance from those who have gone on before us, we misuse them and do damage to ourselves and others. May we use the Word of God to disarm. To disarm others, letting them know Scripture is ultimately good news used to bless, not condemn. To disarm ourselves, opening us up to Scriptures’ convicting and transformative power.

Children’s Ministry News

- The youth group will help with Bible class on Sunday as we review a story in Genesis. Adam and Eve’s story is the story of sin. And it’s our story. It’s not just about something that happened a long time ago. It’s about something that happens every day. It describes what sin does. And do you know what sin does? It makes a mess! Everybody has messed up, but God loves and cares about us. During VBS, we will learn how God responds to messy people.
- Children will be given VBS invitations today, pass them along to a friend or neighbor.
- We will be preparing for VBS **today from 2 to 4**. Many hands make light work, so plan to help us splatter our building and more.
- Remember to add your child to the list for VBS so we will have supplies for all. To promote our messiness, we encourage children to wear clothing for Mixed-up Monday (clothes that do not match), Technicolor Tuesday (brightly colored clothing), and Wrinkled Wednesday (no ironing allowed). Some t-shirt coverings will be available, but mess may leak through, so clothing and shoes beware.
- Digging into the Bible in a Year will resume next week as the curriculum continues in Genesis.



VBS Schedule

Mixed-up Monday: **June 3, 6 – 8 p.m.**
 Technicolor Tuesday: **June 4, 6 – 8 p.m.**
 Wrinkled Wednesday: **June 5, 6 – 8 p.m.**

Youth Ministry News

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

Please pick up a copy of our Youth Group Summer Calendar!

We will have a Youth Devo **tonight** at Cal Young Park from **6 – 8 p.m.** that parents are encouraged to attend. We will go over helpful info for our Summer Calendar! Please bring a picnic/brown bag dinner, and any lawn chairs, blankets, etc. you would like to be comfortable!

Please come 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 begin an exciting summer!



These youth group girls are great art admirers!

YOUTH AND PARENTS DEVO

tonight, 6 – 8, Cal Young Park

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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Offering:
May 26:
 Contribution: \$6,213.26
 eGive: \$2,433.00
 Total: \$8,646.26
 Budget: **\$7,169.00**
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Deacons: Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, **Eric Gumm**, Adam Lott,
 Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

Nursery Duty:
 Briana and Layla Horner

Building Lock-up:
June: Manny Carneiro
July: Jon Cogburn

B. Box Counting:
 Lane Colburn
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