

Prayer Concerns

~Our sincere sympathy to the Carneiro and Blasingame families in the loss of **Barbara Carneiro's** aunt, Julie Blasingame. Julie passed away Friday, June 21, and was laid to rest Saturday, June 29.

~**Bob Hoyle** is now receiving hospice care at home. Keep Bob in your prayers.

~The update on **Ashley Simon's** dad is not good. He has not responded to any treatment, and they have likely decided to take him off the ventilator soon. Please pray for peace and comfort for the Simon family.

~**Sherry Hurst's** mom has been in the hospital over 2 weeks with a bad colon infection. She cannot have visitors at this time. Please pray for Brenda Smith.

~**Sydney Powell** is in Uganda on her mission trip. Please remember to pray for her.

~The surgery on **Michael Bryant** to remove skin cancer was more extensive than anticipated, but the doctor thinks they got it all. Many prayers for Michael.

~**Melissa Bell's** brother, Michael Martinez, is struggling. Please add Michael to your prayer list.

~Continued prayers for **Larry Loveland's** mom's health.

~Please pray for healing for Steve Bibb (**Randy Bibb's** brother).

~**Steve Smith's** son Andrew has a close friend whose son Ethan was paralyzed from the neck down while vacationing in Florida. They are waiting to see if this is operable or permanent. Many prayers for Ethan and family.

~Please pray for **Jessica Touchstone** and Austin Mowell as they begin married life together in July.

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



Combined Potluck Today



Please join us today after services for a potluck dinner with S. 11th & Willis members. Visitors are also welcome! No worries if you didn't bring food; there should be plenty. Let's get to know each other and of course eat some great food in the process. And someone tell Jim to be on his best behavior.

Summer Series

The Summer Speaker Series continues **this Wednesday, July 3, at 6:45 p.m.**, with the Bilingual Minister from University Church of Christ, Alejandro Ezquerra. Alejandro also teaches at ACU in the Department of Bible, Missions, and Ministry. Please make plans to come and hear this engaging, informative speaker.



Prayer Opportunity



The youth group has been doing great things this summer! A couple of weeks ago, they took part in various service projects throughout Abilene—see the inside of your bulletin for details. Coming in July, two camps are on the horizon. The first is Camp Beloved & Beyond, where students are paired one-on-one with a camper with special needs. Then they are planning to go to Camp Bandina toward the end of July. Thanks for your support from the youth auction to make these service opportunities and camps possible, and please remember to pray for Clay and Holly and all the students this summer.

Books in Short Hall

Are you struggling with grief or know someone who is? A variety of books on grief are available in the short hall to borrow OR keep. Feel free to pick one up today! "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

Sermon Title: What to Do with Suffering

Scripture: Romans 5: 1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Summer Series

We have had an outstanding lineup of speakers thus far for the Summer Speaker Series. If you still have your postcard, please note the change on **July 24**. Now Curt Niccum, ACU professor and S. 11th & Willis preaching minister, will be speaking that night.

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 Ezquerra Bilingual Minister at University Church of Christ
July 17 Phil Palmer World Bible School Envoys for East Africa and Zimbabwe	July 24 Curt Niccum ACU Professor of Bible, Missions, and Ministry	July 31 Wes Crawford ACU Professor of Modern and American Church History	Aug. 14 Jerry Taylor ACU Professor of Bible, Missions, and Ministry





Happy Birthday:

July 3: Bud Turnage

July 5: Bob Hoyle

July 6: Colin Monroe



Our Calendar:

June 30: Combined Potluck with S. 11th & Willis—after services

July 2: Youth Group Breakfast Bible Study 9 – 10 a.m.

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

July 8 – 13: Youth Group @ Camp Beloved and Beyond

July 10: Family Fun Night—Snow Cones 6:45 p.m.

July 16: Youth Group Breakfast Bible Study

July 17: Summer Speaker Series – Phil Palmer 6:45 p.m.

July 18: Youth Group Lake Day

July 19: Youth Group Mystery Friday

July 21 – 27: Youth Group @ Camp Bandina

July 24: Summer Speaker Series – Curt Niccum 6:45 p.m.

July 30: Youth Group Breakfast Bible Study

July 31: Summer Speaker Series – Wes Crawford 6:45 p.m.

Aug. 4 – 10: Youth Bridging Week

Aug. 7: Family Fun Night

Aug. 14: Summer Speaker Series – Jerry Taylor 6:45 p.m.

Aug. 18: Boys Lead Worship/1st Grade Bible Presentation

Service Week – by Clay Howell

Week before last, the Westgate Youth Group put together a service week, in which we had the opportunity to go out and partner with three different local organizations who are doing God’s work here in Abilene.

On Monday, our students hung out with residents at Disability Resources, Inc. Many of our students have a passion for working with individuals with special needs, and it was a joy seeing them play board games, shoot basketball, and simply walk and talk with those who have very different life experiences than they do.



Tuesday, we visited the Christian Service Center. What I loved about our experience the most was that we were graciously given a tour of the entire operation, including a clothing operation, food pantry, and much more. I believe it is important for our students not only to work, but to understand the purpose behind the work they are doing. The Christian Service Center excellently provided context for the services and mission they execute on a daily basis.

For our final project on Wednesday, we sorted and hung clothes at Love and Care Ministries. While this hands-on work could have been monotonous, I witnessed our youth students talking, laughing, and bonding while completing the task they were given. While each experience was different, we saw a slice of the Kingdom of God at work at each project, and we are excited to continue to serve right here in Abilene.



Children’s Ministry News

- We started the second quarter of our Bible in One Year this morning with a passage from Joshua 2.
- In this passage, some Israelite spies sneak into Jericho, and they go to Rahab’s house. Even though Rahab is not an Israelite, she helps the spies hide from the king’s men. She keeps them safe because God works through unlikely people. In return, the Israelites promise to keep her safe when they take over Jericho.
- This passage is a great example of how God can use us to show the amazing things he can do to help others.
- Our Bible Point this week is God works through unlikely people.
- Summary Verse: **“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).**



Erin and Lettie’s class learned how God made flowers.



Hannah showing off her ping pong skills at Disability Resources, Inc.!

Youth Ministry News

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

Join us this week for Breakfast Bible Study at Mezamiz Coffee House on **Tuesday from 9 to 10!**

We will not have Mystery Thursday this week. Have a great 4th of July!

If you are going to Camp Beloved and Beyond, we leave a week from tomorrow! Make sure you

complete the abuse training, pack for the theme nights, and pray for everyone to have an incredible, transformative week!

Please continue to pray for all our students to experience God this summer!



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: Heather Lott

Offering:
June 23:
Contribution: \$1,944.00
eGive: \$3,615.25
Total: \$5,559.25
Budget: \$7,169.00
Be A Blessing: \$27.13

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Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu
Children’s Education Coordinator: Melissa Bell (for June & July) (956-793-3838)
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:
June: Manny Carneiro
July: Jon Cogburn

B. Box Counting:
Lane Colburn
Lane Winter