

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests

Summer Series Wednesday Night

The Summer Speaker Series continues **this Wednesday, July 17, at 6:45 p.m.**, with the World Bible School envoy for East Africa and Zimbabwe, Phil Palmer, aka Aubrey's dad. Phil was an excellent guest speaker at Westgate earlier in the year when several members were out of town at the All-Church Retreat. Come on out, you'll be glad you did!



New Children's Education Coordinator

In case you missed it, last Sunday the elders announced the hiring of Emily Clute as the new Children's Education Coordinator. Jim mentioned how important it is to the eldership to invest in young people. He said Emily is mature and passionate and will be very strong in this position. She comes to us from Hillcrest, where she served as an intern for the youth group. Emily will start in August. We're so happy to have Emily and Andrew join us!



Welcome New Brother and Sister in Christ

We rejoice with the Colburn family as both Lane and Elise made the choice to put on Christ in baptism last Monday! Please add these two young Christians to your prayer list and give them words of encouragement whenever you get the chance.

Sermon Title: What God Can't Do

Scripture: Romans 8: 31-39

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer Concerns

~The laser eye surgery for **Deana Frazier** was successful. She had a bad headache and backache afterwards, but feels better now. Please pray for a quick recovery.

~Many prayers for Ashley Simon after the loss of her dad, Brad Simon, after complications following knee replacement surgery.

~Please also remember **David and Kari White**. They have been dealing with a lot, with the loss of Ashley's dad and the loss of another friend. Kari asked that we remember the Lockhart Church of Christ, where her dad preaches. They have had several hardships the past few weeks.

~**Brandon Davis's** cousin, Glenda Sorrells, was recently put on hospice care. Please add Glenda and her family to your prayer list.

~Continued prayers for **Sherry Hurst's** mom, Brenda Smith.

~**Randy Bibb's** brother, Steve Bibb, was diagnosed with leukemia in November and underwent a bone marrow transplant in May. A recent biopsy showed he was clear of cancer. He is still battling, but they were very thankful for this good report. Please continue praying for Steve.

~Lauren Blasingame had her second hip replacement on Tuesday. It went well. She had a little more pain this time, but not too bad. She is recovering at a friend's house. Please remember Lauren in your prayers this week.

~**Melissa Bell's** brother, Michael Martinez, is struggling. Please pray for Michael and family.

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

~**Cara Hill** is feeling better. Thanks so much for your prayers.

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 & Josette Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti (in Dominican Republic currently)

Upcoming Events

August will be here before you know it! The youth group will host the incoming 6th graders with Youth Bridging Week, **August 4 – 10**. The traditional Boys Lead Worship and 1st Grade Bible Presentation service is scheduled for **August 18**, and Promotion Sunday will be the following week on **August 25**.



Welcome New Members

Andrew & Emily Clute
If you would like the Clute's address, please contact the church office.

Ashley Simon's Address

Contact the church office by phone or email if you need Ashley's address to send a sympathy card.
325-692-2300
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Happy Birthday:

- July 15:** Jeff Webb, Jason Morton
- July 16:** Grant Colburn
- July 17:** Lily Crockett
- July 18:** Luke McSherry
- July 19:** Emory Winter
- July 20:** Haven Thames



Happy Anniversary:

- July 19:** Brian & Shelley Doremus
- July 20:** Noe & Janina Espinoza



Our Calendar:

- July 16:** Youth Group Breakfast Bible Study **9 – 10 a.m.**
- 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
- Aug. 25:** Promotion Sunday
- Sept. 2:** Labor Day
- Oct. 14:** Columbus Day

Haiti Mission Work Newsletter – by Megeste Pierre

The journey

Zanmi nou yo, Megeste Pierre and his wife, Josette’s visa request was denied. However, the Olsen Law Firm from Nashville, Tennessee is working on the case to help solve the issue. The journey to attend Lipscomb University this fall semester is still in progress. Since their Dominican visa will expire on July 12, they will have to leave the DR. They can’t go back to Haiti now. They are going to another country in Central America hopefully not for too long while the attorney finishes working the case. Please, they welcome your prayers, support, and advice as they go through this strange journey of their lives. We often don’t know why we must face the daily trials of our lives, but we have faith that the Lord will bring us through victoriously.



to keep this beacon of hope for children like Sephorah Noncent in this picture to see a brighter future is possible. She came to school without eating that day, as soon she entered the gate, she went directly under a mango tree at the school and found the mango she was eating.

A summer like no other

Anyone who works in Haiti or is affiliated with a ministry surrounding the capital knows it has been difficult to have a complete plan of what you are to do for the year. This summer is more intense with the presence of the multinational military intervention which we have been praying for and waiting for over three years. Both the church, Eglise Du Christ de Bon-Repos (Church of Christ), and the school have a full schedule from evangelism, VBS, tutoring sessions for our students, and many more. Yet, there’s suspense about what will happen. Sendina Francois, an eighth grader from CFC, when asked how she feels about all that tension, says, “I don’t know if I will see tomorrow, but if I do, I won’t stop thanking God because HE is the only one watching over me.”

(excerpts – the full newsletter is on the bulletin board in the hall)

The little things matter

Haiti continues to face a dangerous situation that can result in a heavy casualty in a possible gunfight between the notorious gangs and the Kenyans’ police presence in Haiti. The gangs sent out several messages to express that they were ready to fight. Some of them even say that they will be fighting for the freedom of Haiti. The oppressor claims to be the liberator.

Yes, evil is at work, but we cannot stop doing what is good, which brings hope and a purpose to those we serve. We are a beacon of hope, we cannot stop doing what is good and let evil win. Haiti is hurting but CFC wants



Children’s Ministry News

- This morning our passage comes from Judges 4. In this passage, God chooses Deborah to be a prophetess and judge. She is full of wisdom as she settles disputes, and she gives Barak God’s message about going into battle. Barak and Deborah go together, and God helps them win. God gives us wisdom, just as he gave Deborah wisdom.
- Our Bible Point this week is God gives us wisdom. This lesson offers children a wonderful reminder to turn to God whenever they need wisdom.
- 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).**
- We are so happy to have Emily Clute as our new Children’s Ministry Coordinator beginning in August! Welcome Emily!
- If you have an incoming 1st grader, please let Melissa Bell know and give her his/her full name so that it will be imprinted correctly on their Bible.



These 4th and 5th graders studied how Rahab protected spies in the book of Joshua.



Youth Ministry News

Thank you to our students who served at Beloved and Beyond this past week!

Join us for Breakfast Bible study at Whataburger (E Highway 80) on **Tuesday from 9 – 10!**

Please join us for Lake Day on **Thursday!**

This week, we will have a **Mystery Friday** event. Let Clay know if you plan to go!

We leave for Camp Bandina next Sunday following service! We will be back on Saturday afternoon. Please pray for our students while we’re at camp.

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

Caleb hanging out with his buddy Jason at Camp Beloved and Beyond!

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:
July 7:
Contribution: \$5,497.52
eGive: \$5,000.00
Total: \$10,497.52
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$10.52

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Nursery Duty:
Rachael & Addi Lee

Building Lock-up:
July: Jon Cogburn
August: Eric Gumm

B. Box Counting:
Titus Powell
Beckett Williams