

**Prayer Concerns**

~Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Helen Moore**. Helen passed away on Monday, and the funeral was Saturday in Cisco. Helen was **Jenni Langston's** mother and **Percaya, Kali, and Aerik's** grandmother. Please remember the Langstons in your prayers, and see the front of the bulletin for an opportunity to help them at this terribly difficult time.

~**Jeff Webb** is scheduled to have surgery on his arm Monday if not sooner. Please pray for a successful surgery and fast recovery.

~Please continue to pray for **Eric Robinson** and family.

~Keep **Aubrey Hilligoss** in your prayers with her health concerns.

~**Nicolas Davis** (son of Brandon and Nicole) is home from the hospital. Please pray for his health.

~Don't forget to keep praying daily for God's blessing on the elder selection process.

~Remember **Ethel Gumm** in your prayers. She had a bad fall recently and is recovering slowly from broken ribs.

~Please keep Westgate educators and students in your prayers as the school year kicks off.

~**Randy Bibb's** brother, Steve Bibb, is fighting leukemia. Please pray for healing and cure for Steve.

~Michael Martinez (**Melissa Bell's** brother) is struggling and needs our prayers.

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

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

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests

**Elder Nominations**

Over the last few weeks, the elders have announced that we will be engaging in the selection of new elders to serve here at Westgate and all members are asked to participate in the selection process. You are asked to:

- ❖ Pray daily for Westgate and the selection process.
- ❖ Read I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 – these passages describe qualities to look for in men to serve as elders. These aren't a checklist of required items, but should serve as a guide in identifying men with the qualities who would be well-equipped to serve in this role.
- ❖ After prayerful consideration, use this QR code to access the nomination form with one or more nominations on or before **Sunday, August 25**. Paper forms are available as needed.



**Welcome New Sister in Christ**

Hattie McSherry, daughter of Luke and Amanda and granddaughter of Kevin and Connie, made the wonderful decision to put on Christ in baptism last Sunday. We are so proud of her! Remember to pray for Hattie and encourage her in her Christian walk. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" (3 John 1:4).

**Sunday AM Bible Classes**

Starting **today**, two Bible classes will be available for adults on Sunday mornings:

**CJ Chaney** – auditorium – *Leviticus*

**Brady Horner** – fellowship hall – *Following Jesus During Election Season* – Election season can be volatile and confusing. Passionate Christians can hurt their witness by being combative and condescending. Politicians can manipulate faith to gain support. Misinformation spreads like wildfire. Political conviction can be stronger than religious conviction. It is hard to know how a Christian should vote, behave, and engage during an election season. This class will explore and seek healthy practices and mindsets for Christians during election season...without telling people how to vote or pushing a political agenda.



**Ladies Bible Class**

**Tuesday, August 27, (not this Tuesday but next) at 10 a.m.** will see the return of Ladies Bible Class after a brief summer break. We will do the lesson in the Amos book starting on p. 172. Time to do your homework! ❤️❤️❤️

**Congratulations**

Big shout-out to Caleb Powell, who graduated in the 60<sup>th</sup> Fire Academy class with the Abilene Fire Department recently. The cadets put in six months of hard work, academically and physically. Good job Caleb!



**Calendars**

September/October calendars are available in the short hall. Cooler temps. are coming!\*

*\*not guaranteed*

**Thank You Educators**

Today we will honor our Westgate educators. As you face the challenges of the new school year, please remember Westgate appreciates all you do and we will be praying for you without ceasing.

**Volunteers Needed**

We need your help! The Langston family will be cleaning out Helen's apartment and we are looking for a few volunteers to help pack boxes **next Saturday (8/24)** and then help move boxes **the following Saturday (8/31)**. Please contact Hayley Webb if you are able to help.

**Sermon Title:** The Greatest Teacher

**Scripture:** Matthew 7: 24-29

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.



### Happy Birthday:

- Aug. 18:** Kenan Pyeatt
- Aug. 20:** Abby Longley, Alan Hilligoss
- Aug. 21:** CJ Chaney, Ken Van Cleave



### Happy Anniversary:

- Aug. 20:** Steve & Laura Templeton



### Our Calendar:

- Aug. 18:** Celebrate Westgate Educators
- Aug. 25:** Youth Group High School Hangout
- Aug. 27:** Ladies Bible Class returns **10:00 a.m.** (p. 172 in Amos book)
- Sept. 1:** Breakfast Fellowship **9:00 a.m.** (no Bible classes)
- Sept. 2:** Labor Day
- Sept. 4:** Brown Bag Fellowship **5:45 p.m.**
- Sept. 8:** Youth Devo
- Sept. 18:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Sept. 29:** Potluck Lunch, Youth Group Game Night
- Oct. 2:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Oct. 6:** Youth Devo
- Oct. 13:** Youth Group High School Hangout
- Oct. 14:** Columbus Day, Youth Group Lunch
- Oct. 16:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Oct. 27:** Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 30:** Brown Bag Fellowship **5:45 p.m.**

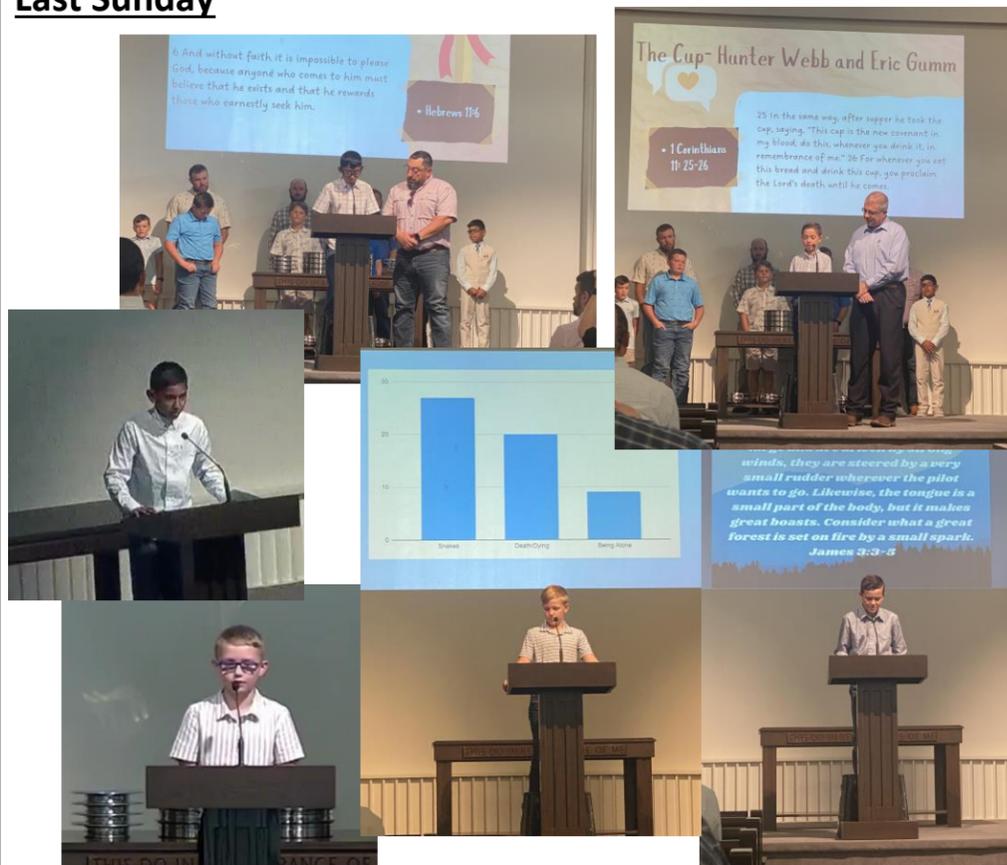
### What's New in the Children's Ministry – by Emily Clute

I am so thankful and excited for the opportunity to serve this church that has served me throughout my life! Beginning in September, our Sunday morning Bible classes will look a lot different! We will be implementing a rotation-style curriculum for our 4-year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders called "Faith Quest." Each month your child will visit all four of our classrooms. Each classroom "workshop" will utilize a unique teaching method (Biblical culture and games, arts and crafts, Bible skills, and acting). All workshops will focus on the same Bible story for the month, allowing children to dive deeper into the stories. This class model has many potential benefits because it is flexible, dynamic, and showcases the talents and interests of students and teachers. I have put lots of prayer and consideration into this change, and I am excited to see it put into action! Because of this upcoming change, **children will remain in their current classes until we begin Faith Quest in September.** If you would like to help with Faith Quest or have any questions come find me, there are many ways to serve! Please pray for the teachers and students, that the Lord will be at work in our hearts.



In order to keep parents, volunteers, and the congregation up to date I will also be creating a monthly newsletter. This newsletter will be brief, and it will highlight the focus of the coming month and upcoming activities or volunteer opportunities. Our first newsletter can be found using the QR code, or text "@eclute" to 81010 to receive a text link to the newsletter each month.

### Last Sunday



### Children's Ministry News

- This week we are learning about David and Goliath! Our Bible point is that God is on our side. Even though David was facing a 9-foot-tall Philistine, he knew God was on his side. He picked up five smooth stones and used a slingshot to kill Goliath!



God made birds and fish!



First graders receiving their Bibles!

- This week's summary verse is Romans 12:16: "Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!"

### Youth Ministry News

Please make sure you have filled out a medical release form and joined the Remind group to receive notifications about youth group activities if you haven't already! Check your email for more information. Let Clay know if you think you're not on the email list.

We had a great night on Wednesday welcoming our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders into the youth class!

Our first High School Hangout event of this school year will be on **Sunday, August 25.** Stay tuned for more details.

No Youth Group class on **Sunday, September 1.** Join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall instead!

Please pray for our students as they begin the new school year!



We are so excited to welcome these new sixth graders into the youth group! Thank you to the Winters for hosting our Family Devo last week.

**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

**Nursery Duty:** Jackie Lee & Maeleigh Carneiro

**Offering:**  
**August 11:**  
Contribution: \$1,702.15  
eGive: \$3,991.00  
Total: \$5,693.15  
Budget: **\$7,169.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$26.78

**Lead Minister:** Brady Horner (325-260-1903) pbhorner@gmail.com  
**Youth Minister:** Clay Howell (615-879-0983) sch16a@acu.edu  
**Children's Education Coordinator:** Emily Clute (325-269-9806) eclute123@gmail.com  
**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:**  
**August:** Eric Gumm  
**Sept.:** Adam Lott

**B. Box Counting:**  
Issacc Carneiro  
Wyatt Cogburn