

Prayer Concerns

~**Peggy Allen (Deana Frazier's** mother) fell and broke her hip. She is in The Oaks at Radford Hills room #53. Doctors are saying she only has a few more days left with us. Please be in prayer for the family at this difficult time.

~**Jeff Webb** was scheduled for arm surgery on Friday. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.

~Remember to keep the Langston family in your prayers. **Jenni Langston's** mother, **Helen Moore**, passed away recently. See the "Volunteers Needed" announcement below about a way to help.

~**Aubrey Hilligoss** was in the hospital week before last, but is home now. She is waiting for a referral to a specialist at Baylor Scott & White. Please pray for the referral process.

~**Wade Schumpert's** brother Scott had a medical episode recently. All signs point to a stroke, even though there was no clear evidence of one. He is at home and relearning how to walk. Hopefully with time, the feeling in his arm and hand will return. Please pray for his recovery.

~As the elder nomination process wraps up, please pray for Godly men to answer the call to be elders of our congregation.

~Continued prayers for **Ethel Gumm**, recovering from broken ribs after a bad fall.

~Please keep praying for **Eric Robinson** and family.

~**Larry Loveland's** mom is not doing well. They would appreciate our prayers.

~Remember to keep praying for Steve Bibb (**Randy's** brother).

Those unable to join us:

- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill
- ~Dwight Painter
- ~Bob Hoyle

Ongoing prayer concerns:

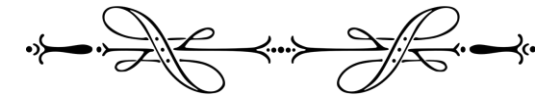
- ~Peggy Allen
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Jim Prather
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX
- ~Megeste & Josette Pierre—Christian Family Center, Port-au-Prince, Haiti (in Dominican Republic currently)

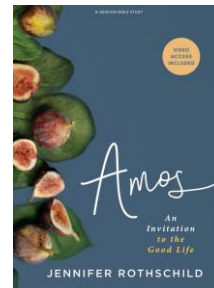
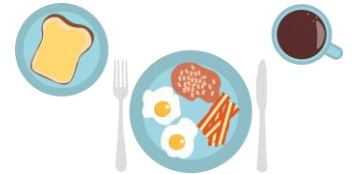
Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Back-to-School Breakfast

Next Sunday, Sept. 1, at 9:00 a.m., we will have time to reconnect after summer travels have taken everyone in different directions the last few months. We will not have Bible classes next Sunday; instead, we will meet in the fellowship hall for a delicious breakfast. Try to take this opportunity to get to know someone better.



Ladies Bible Class Resumes This Tuesday

The wait is finally over! **This Tuesday, August 27, at 10:00 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Class will start back up for the fall. Our study book is *Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life* by Jennifer Rothschild. This week we will do the lesson starting on p. 172. This is a great time to jump in if you've been wanting to come to class; we have some extra books if you don't have one. Please see Clair Arche if you have any questions.

Sunday AM Bible Classes

Two Bible classes are available for adults on Sunday mornings:

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.

CJ Chaney – auditorium – *Leviticus*

Welcome New Member

Anno Richards
Please contact the church office if you would like Anno's address and/or phone number.

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 move boxes **this Saturday (8/31)**. Please contact Hayley Webb if you are able to help.

Free Medical Supplies

Some medical supplies were donated to Westgate, including some crutches, a grab bar, 3 walkers, and several packages of Depends, mostly men's S/M. These are located in the short hall. If you or someone you know could use these items, don't be shy, please feel free to take all you need.

Final Day for Elder Nominations

Please turn in your nominations for elders today if you have not already done so. Each member is 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 **today**. Paper forms are available in the short hall as needed.



Sermon Title: The Role of Elders

Scripture: 1 Peter 5: 1-4

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.



Happy Birthday:

Aug. 26: Lane Colburn, Randy Bibb
Aug. 27: Ruth Walker



Our Calendar:

Aug. 25: Youth Group High School Hangout 6 – 7 p.m.
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.
Nov. 3: Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov. 6: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Nov. 11: Veterans Day
Nov. 20: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
Nov. 22 – 24: Youth Retreat
Nov. 24: Church Friendsgiving Potluck
Nov. 27: no services
Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
Dec. 4: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Lessons From the Lake – by Brady Horner

I have been taking kids boating on the lake since I was a youth ministry intern in 2007. There we would teach them to wakeboard, kneeboard, and ride the tube. As a youth minister I originally viewed this as a great fellowship activity that draws big crowds of youth students (which it does). Now, I have realized there are other great benefits, even spiritual benefits, to getting kids out on the boat.

Most of the students that come out have no experience being pulled behind a boat. Getting up on a wakeboard or skis requires a strange skill set and muscles that we don't often use. So, this often ends up being a learning experience and can be out of students' comfort zones. It has been a joy watching kids try new things, push themselves, and learn that they are more capable than they think! Last time we were out a kid mentioned that they have a default mindset of not liking new things or the unknown. But they were questioning that and realizing that new isn't always bad. In fact, if you are always afraid of the new, you miss out on so much life! The world gets much bigger and more exciting when you are willing to embrace new and different things.

While this is a just an experience on the lake, pushing yourself and getting out of comfort zones is a necessary trait for all Christians. Being a Christian will lead you into situations where you may need to take faith risks or lead in ways you never have. Maybe it's having a conversation about faith (for whatever reason some of us are uncomfortable with that). Maybe it's some form of public speaking. It could be ministering to and serving people that you would normally be intimidated by. If you are comfortable, or bored with your faith, you might be doing it wrong! In what ways is God calling you out of your comfort zone to experience him, serve him, or lead? My prayer is that you realize, like our students, that with God you are much more capable than you think.

Are you hungry?

Breakfast is served!

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

September 1, 2024 | 9 AM | Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministry News

- This week we are learning that God knows we need his help.
- While King Solomon is dreaming, God offers him anything he wants. Solomon needs God's help to lead, so he asks for wisdom. God gives him wisdom, plus riches and a long life!
- Please be in prayer for our kids as they start this new school year.



Our Westgate educators!



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.

Join us **tonight** for our first High School Hangout event of this school year! Please meet at Torchy's Tacos at 6 p.m. We will stay until 7.

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

Join us for a Youth Devo at the Waldrips' house on **Sunday, September 8!**

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



Alyssa and Bella saying goodbye to the youth group in their last youth class!



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:
August 18:
Contribution: \$2,811.00
eGive: \$2,197.00
Total: \$5,008.00
Budget: \$7,169.00
Be A Blessing: \$32.79

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

Nursery Duty:
Heather Lott

Building Lock-up:
August: Eric Gumm
Sept.: Adam Lott

B. Box Counting:
Lane Colburn
Liam Meeks