

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Faith Quest Starts Today

Children 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will begin the new curriculum and format **today** during Bible Class time. Each child will be assigned an animal group based on their age, and they will find the sign with their animal and age group **each Sunday** in order to know which class to go to. The age groups will be in one room the whole time; the following Sunday, they will be in a different room (with a different teacher) the whole time, and so on, hitting 4 different rooms each month. Your prayers for Faith Quest and our children are always appreciated!



### Bowie Elementary Pants Collection



The nurse at Bowie Elementary needs some more pants, boys' and girls' of all sizes. A collection box is set up in the short hall. If your kids have outgrown some of their pants, please consider donating them to the box, and we'll get them to Bowie. I'm sure they wouldn't turn down new pants as well. Thanks for your help!

### Blessing Box Counting

Several of our Blessing Box Boys have moved up to the youth group this school year, so we could use some more. Boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to count the Blessing Box donation money on Sunday mornings. Please sign your son up on the clipboard in the short hall if he would like to apply for this volunteer job so a new schedule can be created.



### New Phone Numbers

Please call or email the church office if you would like Mark and Brenda Brown's new cell phone numbers.



### Youth Devo Tonight

Youth group students are invited to a devo **this evening from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the Waldrips' house. Dinner will be provided. Thanks to all the families who host youth events throughout the year!

### WATS Day

October is once again Missions Month. Mark your calendars for WATS Day, scheduled for **Sunday, Oct. 20**, this year.



**Sermon Title:** The Role of Westgate Members

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12 & 13

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

### Prayer Concerns

~**Dorothy Emerson** had a significant stroke Tuesday and is still at Hendrick. She is talking and pretty alert, but currently cannot use her left arm or left leg. They do not want visitors at this time. Please pray for her family and her comfort during this hard time.

~Remember to pray for **Jeff Webb's** surgery recovery.

~Keep praying for **Deana Frazier** and family in the loss of her mother, **Peggy Allen**.

~Please pray for the elder selection process.

~**Aubrey Hilligoss** is having some improvement with her numbers, and was able to get an appointment for an initial consultation at Baylor Scott & White hospital, scheduled for the beginning of October. Please continue to pray for Aubrey.

~Please pray for **Randy Bibb's** brother Steve, who is fighting leukemia at home.

~**Bob Hoyle** is receiving hospice care at home. Please pray for strength for Bob.

~Remember **Megeste and Josette Pierre** in your prayers. They are having difficulties getting visas to return to the U.S. in order for him to attend Lipscomb University.

~Please continue to pray for **Arieal Lynd**.

~Prayers for a smooth transition as the S. 11<sup>th</sup> & Willis congregation joins Westgate.

~Prayers of thanksgiving for the rain!

*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:

- ~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)

### Welcome New Members

Blair and Erin Schroeder  
Landon, Mason, Brynlee, Aslynn

*Please call or email the church office if you would like the Schroeder's contact info.*



Heath and Reagan Dorries  
Cooper, Hadley, Presley

*Please call or email the church office if you would like the contact information for the Dorries.*

### College Student Addresses

Attention parents of college students: We would like to get the addresses of our former Westgate kids who are now off at college (or at home going to college) so encouraging notes or cards can be sent to them. Please email westgatecofc@gmail.com with these. Thanks!

# HAVE A GREAT WEEK

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US



*I don't know if this has ever happened before, but there are no birthdays or anniversaries this week! Like nada! So, here's a LOT of calendar events...just keep in mind they are subject to change...*



### Our Calendar:

- Sept. 8:** Youth Devo 6 – 8 p.m.
- 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. 8:** Ladies Supper 6 p.m.
- Oct. 13:** Youth Group HS Hangout
- Oct. 14:** Columbus Day, Youth Group Lunch (no school)
- Oct. 16:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Oct. 20:** Breakfast and WATS (no Bible classes)
- Oct. 27:** Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 30:** Brown Bag Fellowship 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 3:** Daylight Saving Time ends, Youth Group Game Night
- Nov. 6:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 11:** Veterans Day
- Nov. 12:** Youth Devo
- Nov. 20:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 22 – 24:** Youth Group Fall Retreat at Solid Rock Camp
- Nov. 24:** Church Friendsgiving Potluck, Children's Program Practice
- Nov. 27:** no Bible classes
- Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
- Dec. 1:** High School Hangout
- Dec. 4:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Dec. 7:** Breakfast with Santa
- Dec. 8:** Church Christmas Party and Children's Program
- Dec. 15:** Christmas Candlelight Service

## Haiti Update – by Megeste Pierre

### Back to school

Children in Haiti will return to school on October 1, according to the Ministry of Education. Every year, sending kids to school is a nightmare for parents. It is not always possible for them to cover tuition fees, books, uniforms, and school supplies.



Haiti's socioeconomic and political situation has deteriorated in recent years, and the situation has worsened. Many children are uncertain about attending school this year because their parents might not be able to afford it. Even though it is impossible to help every child in need, we can support one at a time. Together we will make a positive impact on their lives.

### Order my steps

Zanmi nou yo, it was still in the works that Brother Megeste would attend Lipscomb University this fall. Due to difficulties obtaining a visa, Brother Megeste and his wife, Josette, had a second interview with the U.S. Embassy on August 21. Once again, their visa application was denied. As of now, Brother Megeste's starting date for the program has been extended, but obtaining the visa remains a challenge. Since the DR officially closed its borders with Haiti in March, all flights between Haiti and the DR have been canceled. As far as we can tell, they are trapped in the DR without an easy way out. We would like to ask you to continue to pray for them, that doors of opportunity will be opened for them by the Lord. The emotional toll of being trapped in the DR has been immense for Brother Megeste and Josette. They have experienced feelings of isolation and helplessness, as the uncertainty of their situation looms over them. This prolonged state of limbo has tested their mental and emotional fortitude, leaving them yearning for stability and a clear path forward.

### Your work is not in vain

CFC not only plants a seed of hope but also witnesses the growth of some of them. Gismy Jean-Charles, a product of the ministry, is one of CFC's leaders on the rise. He is currently serving as a leader in the church's youth group. Both for the church and for Haiti, we are mentoring future leaders. We rejoice when we see some of those, who we support, joining hands with us to make a difference in Haiti. There seems to be no way out of the impasse, but we believe that God can and will raise the nation from the ashes. Like Gismy, many other volunteers are stepping forward to help. It is not in vain that you pray and donate. Thank you for your prayers and support.

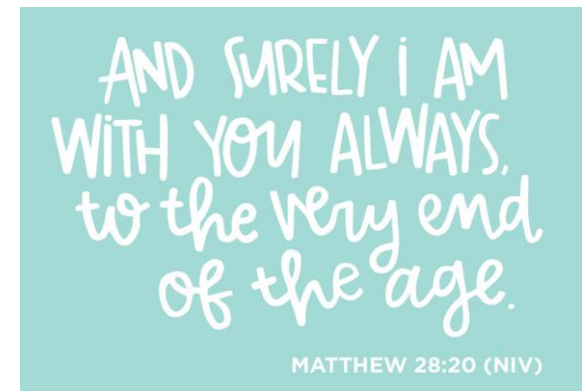


*\*\*\*excerpts – full newsletter is on bulletin board in hall*

## Children's Ministry News

- We have officially begun our new Faith Quest curriculum! September's focus is on Moses, from his birth to the 10 plagues.
- Special thank you to our teachers for this quarter: Cathrine Clements, Erin Cogburn, Lauren Cole, Sherry Gumm, Connie McSherry, Juanita Stovall, and Jill Tate!
- On Wednesday nights our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about the connection between faith and science, and our 2-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are learning about the cycle of the judges.

There will be a bucket in the short hall for candy donations for Trunk or Treat soon—please pick up a bag when you're shopping if you can. Thank you so much!



## Youth Ministry News

Please let Clay know about which extracurricular activities our students are participating in and share schedules! We want to show up and be a part of our students' lives!

Join us **tonight** for a Youth Devo at the Waldrips' house **from 6 to 8!** Dinner will be provided.

Come hang out at the youth house to play games and eat food on **Sunday, September 29!**

We will have another Youth Devo on **Sunday, October 6.**

Please continue to pray for our students this fall!



*Thank you to the girls in the youth group for planning and hosting a surprise girls' night for our new 6th graders last weekend!*

**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:**  
Kami & Emory Winter

**Offering:**  
**September 1:**  
Contribution: \$2,149.00  
eGive: \$2,620.00  
Total: \$4,769.00  
Budget: \$7,169.00  
Be A Blessing: \$11.15

**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:**  
**Sept.:** Adam Lott  
**Oct.:** Chris Meeks

**B. Box Counting:**  
Titus Powell  
Issacc Carneiro