

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Love Grub Wednesday Night

It's back! Please make plans to come out **Wednesday evening at 5:45 p.m.** for a great meal before Bible classes. On the menu this week is a classic—taco pile-up, with sopapilla cheese-cake for dessert. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available. Please donate some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if you're able. If you can help make a dessert, please stop by the kitchen and pick up the ingredients **today**.



Trunk or Treat Candy Collection

Good candy is hard to Reese-ist! If you're out and about this week, please pick up an extra bag of candy or Little Debbie-type treats for our Trunk or Treat, scheduled for **Sunday, October 27**, this year. We hope to meet and greet lots of people from the neighborhood.



Minister Swap and Potluck Lunch

A couple of events are happening two weeks from today, **Sunday, September 29**. For the worship service, Brady Horner will be preaching at South 11th & Willis, and Curt Niccum from 11th & Willis will be filling the pulpit at Westgate that day. Following the service, we will have a Potluck Lunch in the fellowship hall. Watch for details on what to bring next week.

Christian Homes Concert & Dinner

Please make plans to join Christian Homes & Family Services for their first-ever concert and dinner show, *Stand By You*, featuring Nashville husband-and-wife duo Caleb & Kelsey on **October 21** at the Abilene Convention Center. For more information call 888-313-4725 or visit <https://christianhomes.com/falldinner/>.



Sermon Title: The Role of Westgate Members

Scripture: Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Prayer Concerns

~**Dorothy Emerson** has moved from Hendrick Hospital to Hendrick Hospice Care. She is not improving, and her doctor does not expect her to last much longer. Please pray for peace and comfort for Dorothy and family.

~**Jeff Webb** is continuing to improve. Please keep praying for his recovery from surgery.

~**Melody Loveland** is suffering from a ruptured disc in her back. The pain comes and goes. She is waiting to get in to a specialist.

~Your ongoing prayers for the elder selection process are greatly appreciated.

~Remember **Bob Hoyle** in your prayers. He is on hospice care at home.

~Continued prayers for **Eric Robinson**.

~Keep praying for our Westgate educators and students this school year.

~Remember **Megeste and Josette Pierre** in your prayers. They are in the Dominican Republic awaiting visa approval to come back to the U.S.

~Please keep praying for those who have lost loved ones the past few months, including **Arieal Lynd, Barbara Carneiro, Deana Frazier, Jenni Langston, Ashley Simon, Becki Sutton, and Brandon Davis**.

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

~Steve Bibb (**Randy Bibb's** brother) is fighting leukemia at home. They value your prayers.

Those unable to join us:

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

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)



Blessing Box Counting

If you have a boy in 2nd through 5th grade who would like to count the Blessing Box donation money on Sunday mornings, please sign him up on the clipboard in the hall.

Bowie Elementary Pants Collection

Bowie Elementary has asked for help with extra pants, boys' and girls' of all sizes. If your kids have outgrown some of their pants, please consider donating them to the box in the short hall, and we'll get them to Bowie. New pants are also welcome. Thanks for your help!

Area-Wide Singing

Baker Heights is hosting a 5th Sunday Area-Wide Singing on **Sunday, September 29, at 5 p.m.** They are inviting all the area churches to join them that evening.



Thank You Note

Thank you all for all the kind words, the prayers, the cards and calls during this difficult time of saying goodbye to our dear, sweet mother, Peggy Allen.

The visits while she was in her final week of life meant so much to all of our family. The wonderful lunch following her celebration of life was great.

Westgate is an awesome congregation who sets a great example for all who are doing the Lord's work. She loved Westgate and it is so evident that she was loved in return.

Sincerely and with love,

The Allen Family



Happy Birthday:

- Sept. 15:** Maeleigh Carneiro
- Sept. 16:** Barrett Lott, Holly Howell, Bobby Lemons
- Sept. 18:** Kami Winter, Briana Horner, Adam Arche, Marshall Boerio
- Sept. 21:** Mickey Walker



Our Calendar:

- Sept. 18:** Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- Sept. 29:** Minister Swap, 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. 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

Lessons from the Lake Part 3 – by Brady Horner

When we are on the lake with the students the number one rule is “do not tell the driver what to do”. Ok maybe it's not the number one rule since it's not really about safety, but it is very important. It is frustrating to have someone who doesn't know what they are talking about tell you what to do... you might be surprised how much that happens on the boat! So, we tend to remind these sweet little students that they have not driven a boat, or pulled someone on the wakeboard, so do not criticize the driver!



Often the criticism of the driver comes in phrases like “stop pulling me”, or “quit moving”. What people do not understand is you can't put a



boat in park. Waves and wind push the boat, and for a boat with a rudder, you must be moving to control its direction. Students have to realize that there are some things outside of our control, especially weather conditions. We have had to come in because of rain and stop wakeboarding because of waves. Some wakeboard rides are just not as



good because we are being beaten by waves. This is just the reality of watersports.

Sometimes we need the important reminder that we are not in control. We need to accept that there are some things way outside of our power. It can be a helpless and humbling experience, but some of us need it. We need to realize that no matter how much we plan, sometimes things just happen that foil those plans. As frustrating as that is, it can also be freeing. I like letting other



people drive the boat and be in charge, so I don't have to be. I can just be along for the ride...even if it's bumpy. We have a God who often reminds us that He is in control, and we are not. Sometimes we need to humbly know our place and be willing to relinquish control. In what ways do you need to humbly admit that you are not in control, and need help? Or in what ways are you trying to take control, but perhaps shouldn't be?

Our lions working on learning the books of the Old Testament!



Children's Ministry News

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:20b “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Faith Quest is off to a great start! September's focus is on Moses, from his birth to his return to Egypt. Ask your kids which part of Moses' story they learned about in class today and how they learned it!

- Ducks: 4 years – 1st grade
- Sheep: 2nd – 3rd grade
- Lions: 4th – 5th grade



Last week the ducks learned about how the Israelites lived in Moses' time.

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!

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

We will have our next Youth Devo on **Sunday, October 6th**.

Be thinking of Trunk or Treat dress-up themes for the Youth Group! We will take suggestions and then vote over the next few weeks in our Wednesday night class.

Please continue to pray for our students this fall!



Madeline and Kailyn showing off their hacky sack skills at the devo last week! Thank you to the Waldrips for hosting us!

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

Offering:
September 8:
 Contribution: \$4,746.28
 eGive: \$5,413.00
 Total: \$10,159.28
 Budget: \$7,169.00
 Be A Blessing: \$30.57

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Deacons: Manny Carneiro, Jon Cogburn, Eric Gumm, Adam Lott, Chris Meeks, Matt Waldrip

Nursery Duty:
 Rachael & Addi Lee

Building Lock-up:
Sept.: Adam Lott
Oct.: Chris Meeks

B. Box Counting:
 Liam Meeks
 Thomas Carneiro