

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Fall Potluck Lunch Next Sunday

Please make plans to join us **Sunday, September 29**, for a Fall Potluck after services. You are asked to bring a main dish, side dish, and a dessert. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the great food and awesome fellowship.

### Minister Swap in One Week

**Sunday, September 29**, will also feature a Minister Swap. For the worship service, Brady will be filling the pulpit at South 11<sup>th</sup> & Willis, and Curt Niccum from 11<sup>th</sup> & Willis will be preaching here at Westgate. This will give Brady a chance to get to know the members there better before they come over. Brady's fellowship hall class will be taught by Eric Gumm that day.



### Trunk Sign-ups

If you would like to provide a trunk with candy for Trunk or Treat, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. This fun outreach event will be held on **Sunday, October 27**. We hope to have plenty of trunks and meet and greet lots of people from the surrounding neighborhood. We are also starting to collect bags of candy and Little Debbie-type treats in the short hall.



### Be Wise as Serpents

Recently, internet scammers have tried to email a few people pretending to be Brady and then Emily. Thankfully, no one has fallen for it. Just remember to be vigilant and check to see that the email address matches the inside of the bulletin. If you suspect something is fake, text or call directly. And remember none of us would email or text and ask for money or gift cards.

**Sermon Title:** The Role of Westgate Members Part 2

**Scripture:** Romans 12: 3-8

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

### Prayer Concerns

~Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Dorothy Emerson**. She passed away last weekend and was laid to rest Wednesday. What a beautiful life she led, a shining example of how to be uplifting and kind, always quick with a compliment and a smile. She will truly be missed.

~**Hannah Loveland** has a medical procedure coming up tomorrow. Please pray for all to go well.

~**Melody Loveland** has to go to Dallas to see a specialist for her hernia, hopefully sometime in the next couple of weeks. Doctors want to fix this issue before trying to work on her back. Many prayers for Melody.

~Please continue to keep **Aubrey Hilligoss** in your prayers. She has an initial consultation with a specialist at Baylor Scott & White in early October.

~Please keep praying for **Jeff Webb's** recovery from surgery.

~Kyler Burd (**Skyla Krause's** brother) had back surgery back in April. He is still slowly recovering and still experiencing pain. He has a follow-up appointment with the surgeon in October. Please pray for Kyler's complete recovery.

~Please add **Melody Loveland's** brother, Timmy Primm, to your prayer list. He went in for a tooth extraction, but they were unable to finish it and the dentist will have to put him to sleep to complete the procedure.

~Remember to pray for **Bob Hoyle**, on hospice care at home.

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

## East Hall Happenings

### Blessing Box Counting

If you have a son in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 in the box in the short hall.

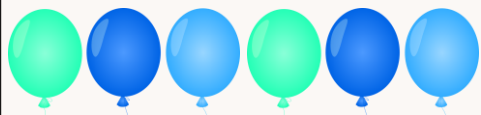
### Trunk or Treat Candy Bin

Yep, you know what to do—just pick up a bag of candy on your next shopping trip if you can! Little Debbie-type snack cakes and treats are also being collected to use for the cakewalk if that's easier. There's a collection container in the short hall.

### Trunks Needed

If you can provide a trunk with candy on **Sunday evening, October 27**, for the annual Trunk or Treat event, please sign up in the hall.





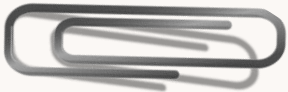
### Happy Birthday:

- Sept. 22:** Paizly Turnage, Kyley Pyeatt, Chad Longley
- Sept. 24:** Ashley Becerra
- Sept. 25:** Cassidy Lott, Brandon Davis
- Sept. 27:** Emma Longley Truett, Jax Longley
- Sept. 28:** Cooper Dorries, Jamie Dye, Clarissa Pyeatt



### Happy Anniversary:

- Sept. 22:** Ron & Geraldine Hill
- Sept. 24:** Roger & Marja Swart



### Our Calendar:

- Sept. 29:** Minister Swap, Fall Potluck Lunch, Youth Group Game Night **6 – 8 p.m.**
- Oct. 2:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- Oct. 8:** Ladies Supper **6 p.m.**
- Oct. 13:** Youth Devo
- 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

### The Pain of Learning – by Brady Horner

When I was young I believed everything I was taught in church, everything my Bible class and preacher told me. Then I went to college, and believed everything my Bible professors told me. Until one day I realized, I had two different Bible professors telling me conflicting things! They couldn’t both be right, at least one, if not both, were wrong. This was a troubling realization for me as a young guy. It was disorienting to think I could be taught something that was “wrong”, that I could have “incorrect” beliefs. Especially in our Churches of Christ tradition that places so much emphasis on being “correct”.

I remember preachers and youth ministers saying stuff like “Don’t believe me, go look in the Bible for yourself” ...but I just believed them. It wasn’t until later that I realized things I was taught in the past might not be as infallible as I thought. What if my youth minister taught me “wrong”? What if my interpretation of certain Scriptures was “wrong”? As troubling as this was, it was freeing to take a second look at much of what I was taught. The Bible became new and exciting as I read Scriptures that had been ignored and looked at familiar scripture with fresh eyes. I was learning and growing more than ever! God was becoming bigger to me.

Our tradition started out with the concept that we should look at scripture with fresh objective eyes, leaving our politics and denominational convictions at the door. But over time we thought we got it all figured out, or the previous generations figured it out for us, and we just believed them. I hope we can bring back the concept of looking at Scripture with fresh eyes, in a way we can really learn. It’s hard to realize my preacher, parents, or friends weren’t completely right. It hurts to realize that I have been “wrong”, but often that is what growth is, that is where learning takes place, and that is part of being a Christian...realizing and admitting wrong. May we humbly approach the Word in an inquisitive way that shows us where we can grow and change. May we joyfully learn, even when it pains us to realize we have been less than inerrant in our beliefs.



### 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 **Monday, October 21**, at the Abilene Convention Center. For more information call 888-313-4725 or visit <https://christianhomes.com/falldinner/>.



*The sheep racing to make flour – the ancient Egyptian way!*



### Children’s Ministry News

- Our memory verse is Matthew 28:20b: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- We are over halfway done with the first month of Faith Quest! Thank you for your support as we begin this new curriculum!



*The ducks putting baby Moses in the bulrushes.*



*The lions interviewing Moses after the burning bush!*

### 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 **next Sunday, September 29!** We will meet from **6 – 8.**

We will have our next Youth Devo on **Sunday, October 13.**

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!



*Youth students having discussion time during class on Wednesday night.*

**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 15:**  
Contribution: \$3,713.08  
eGive: \$1,831.00  
Total: \$5,544.08  
Budget: **\$7,169.00**  
Be A Blessing: \$18.01

**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:**  
Alison & Elise Colburn

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

**B. Box Counting:**  
Jake Sutton  
Hunter Webb