

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Friendsgiving Potluck Today

Please join us after services for the second annual Friendsgiving Potluck in the fellowship hall. Visitors are welcome! No worries if you didn't bring food; there should be plenty. We are so thankful for our Westgate family.

Holiday Schedule

The church office follows the Abilene ISD calendar, so during the week of Thanksgiving and the two weeks during Christmas break, we will have limited office hours. If you have a non-emergency prayer request or announcement, please email it to westgatecofc@gmail.com. Please call a deacon or elder for emergency prayer requests or announcements to be sent out right away.

Children's Christmas Program practice will be immediately following AM services today, only for children with speaking parts. We will not have the normal 4 – 5:30 p.m. practice today.

Ladies Bible Class will not meet Tuesday morning, November 26.

We will not have services or classes this Wednesday night, November 27.

Yoga class will not meet Thursday evening, November 28.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Marriage Retreat Coming in January

Mark your calendars for the Marriage Retreat on **January 24 – 26**, at Arrowhead Retreat Center outside of Glen Rose, Texas. Jonathan Cogburn, a deacon and former marriage and family therapist, will be our facilitator. The cost is \$200 per couple and is due by **January 12**. Registration will begin soon.



Thanksgiving Meal Help

Thanks to those who signed up to help with Thanksgiving meals. **(It's not too late to sign up!)** On **Wednesday**, ingredients for the meals will be available to be picked up at the Carneiros' house. Reach out to Barbara with any questions. Each part needs to be cooked and taken back (hot) to the Carneiros' house by **Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.** Then they will be assembled and delivered from approximately **10:30 to 11:00 a.m.** The exception to this is pies, which can be made ahead of time if desired.

Sermon Title: A Family Church

Scripture: Matthew 12: 46-50

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Prayer Concerns

~Gio, the little boy from Bassetti Elem. that we have been praying for, is doing better. He was transferred to Houston for physical therapy. Please lift Gio and his family up in prayer.

~If you have an encouragement card for **Bella Stotts**, feel free to bring it to church and give to **Ken or Sharla Van Cleave**. Please keep Bella in your prayers.

~**Melody Loveland** is still having stomach pain. She has an appointment with a specialist on December 18 to see about hernia surgery.

~Please pray for those who are grieving this holiday season.

~Prayers for safety for all those traveling for Thanksgiving.

~Many prayers for **Noe Espinoza's** dad, battling prostate cancer that has spread to his bones.

Those unable to join us:

- ~Barbara Buchanan
- ~Bobby Davis
- ~Ethel Gumm
- ~Ron and Geraldine Hill
- ~Bob Hoyle
- ~Dwight Painter
- ~George Woodfin

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.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Classes

Fellowship Hall with Steve Stovall:

- 11/24, 12/1: Holy Spirit
- 12/8, 12/15: His Grace Reaches Me

Auditorium with Brady Horner:

- 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15: Outsiders in the Gospels (exploring how the "other" is portrayed in the gospels)

We will not have Bible classes 12/22 or 12/29 due to the holidays.

Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss
- ~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 DR currently)
- ~Keith & Grace Gafner—Eldoret, Kenya
- ~Larry & Hollye Conway—Nairobi, Kenya
- ~Scott, Shirley, Stephen, and Sean Raab—Belgium

Welcome New Members

Paul & Marian Piersall

Sherry Cooper

Jerry Drennan

Nelson & Audreille Nibizi Ndayizeye

Madison Humphrey

Ellen Schoenrock

Dottie Roberts

James & Stacey Malone

Ed Mathews



Happy Birthday:

- Nov. 24:** Adrian Daniels
- Nov. 27:** Jim MacDonald, Felipe Becerra
- Nov. 28:** Connie McSherry



Our Calendar:

- Nov. 22 – 24:** Youth Group Fall Retreat at Solid Rock Camp **5:30 p.m. Friday – 11:30 a.m. Sunday**
- Nov. 24:** Friendsgiving Potluck after services
- Nov. 26:** no Ladies Bible Class
- Nov. 27:** no Bible classes
- Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
- Dec. 1:** High School Hangout **7 – 8:30 p.m.**, Children’s Program Practice **4 – 5:30 p.m.**
- Dec. 4:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**, Ladies’ Christmas Cookie Devo **6:45 p.m.**
- Dec. 7:** Breakfast with Santa **8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**
- Dec. 8:** Picture Day (**Sunday a.m. after services**), Church Christmas Party (Chili Supper) and Children’s Program **6 p.m.**
- Dec. 10:** last Ladies Bible Class before Christmas break **10 a.m.**
- Dec. 15:** Picture Day (**Sunday a.m. after services**), Christmas Candlelight Service **6 p.m.**
- Dec. 18:** Youth Group Christmas Party
- Dec. 22:** no Bible classes, regular worship services **10 a.m.**
- Dec. 25:** Christmas Day, no Bible classes
- Dec. 29:** no Bible classes, regular worship services **10 a.m.**

Getting to Know You...

CJ and Michelle Chaney Alyssa, Caleb, and Evan

CJ and Michelle Chaney have been married 21 years, have lived in Abilene 19 years, and have been at Westgate 18 years. CJ was born and raised in Snyder, and Michelle is from Amarillo.

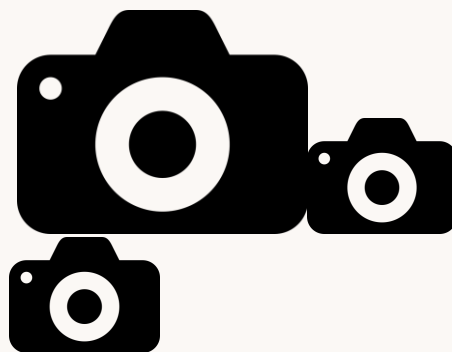


CJ is a Realtor and Michelle is a teacher. They have 3 kids: Alyssa is a freshman at West Texas A&M in Canyon studying to be a speech pathologist, Caleb is a junior at ATEMS High School and is active in band and varsity tennis, and Evan is a freshman at ATEMS and is active in band, tennis, and theater. Their current hobbies are taking the kids to and attending all of the activities their kids are in. CJ is also constantly watching out for "Side of the Road" finds.

Michelle says she was shaped in her faith by her parents and her 4th and 5th grade Bible School teacher. CJ’s mom encouraged church attendance, learning the Bible, and following Jesus from an early age. He says the Lord has provided a lot of people, men and women, to pour into his life and continue to encourage those basic practices. A couple of favorite Bible verses are Micah 6:8: “He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” and Proverbs 3: 5 – 8: “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.” When asked what they love about Westgate, they answered, “Westgate has been our ‘family’ for so many years. They have helped us raise our kids and encouraged us in the good times and the bad times.”

Picture Days

We are updating the picture board. Steve Templeton will be taking pictures **Sunday, December 8**, and **Sunday, December 15**, after services. He will be in the first classroom you come to as you leave the auditorium and go down the west hall. He will be taking pictures of new members and anyone who wants an updated picture.



Children’s Ministry News

- November Memory Verse: John 14:6 – “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”
- Christmas Program practice will take place immediately after service **today** for children who have speaking lines in the program. **We will NOT have our normal 4 – 5:30 Christmas Program practice today.**
- Busy bags are in the back of the auditorium! Feel free to grab one per child, and make sure to return the bag (and everything inside) to the basket after service.
- Make plans to join us for Breakfast with Santa on **December 7!**



Sunday morning fun



Christmas Program practice



Youth Ministry News

We’ve had a great time at our Fall Retreat this weekend! Please pray for our safety returning **this morning**, and make sure to ask youth group students about their experiences at the Friendsgiving Potluck!

We will have no Wednesday night class this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

High Schoolers, please join us for a high school hangout on **Sunday, December 1, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** at the youth house!

Make plans to join us for our Youth Group Christmas party on **Wednesday, December 18.**

Please continue to pray for our students this fall!

Thank you to the Horners for hosting our devo last Sunday (and serving up an amazing pasta bar!)

Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class **9:00 a.m.**, Worship **10:00 a.m.**, **5 p.m.** **Church office:** (325)692-2300
Tuesdays—Ladies Bible Class **10 a.m.** Wednesdays—Bible Class **6:45 p.m.** westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering:
November 17:
Contribution: \$6,787.63
eGive: \$2,625.00
Total: \$9,412.63
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$22.51

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

Nursery Duty:
Rachael & Addi Lee
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Building Lock-up:
Nov.: Matt Waldrip
Dec.: Manny Carneiro