

Prayer Concerns

~Our sincere sympathy to **Juanita Stovall** and family. Her mother passed away on Monday. A graveside service will be held in Temple Friday the 27th.

~**Mark Walker** has been diagnosed with Stage 1 colon cancer. He had surgery recently to remove a tumor in his colon. He is home and doing well. Please add Mark to your prayer list.

~**Chris Willerton** was released from Hendrick Rehab Tuesday. Pray for continued improvement.

~**Melody Loveland's** appointment has been postponed due to a family emergency for the doctor. It has been rescheduled for late January. Many prayers for Melody.

~Please lift up **Vickie Cardot** in prayer. She has been in the hospital all week with complications from pneumonia. A new medication has helped, and she will hopefully be released soon.

Happy Birthday:

Dec. 23: Steve Henderson

Dec. 27: Madeline Webb, Brady Horner, Stacey Malone, Elle Traister

Dec. 28: Isaiah Carneiro, Issacc Carneiro

Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 27:

Stephan & Marla Touchstone, Kevin & Connie McSherry, Bobby & Margaret Davis

Our Calendar:

Dec. 22: worship 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Children's Ministry News

- December Memory Verse:
John 3:16 –
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one & only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- 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.



Whitten is a big fan of the clapping hands!



Youth Ministry News

- Thank you to the Stovalls, Meeks, and Carneiros for hosting our awesome Youth Group Christmas Party!
- Due to the holidays, we will not have youth class on **Sun. 12-22, Wed. 12-25, Sun 12-29, or Wed. 1-1.**
- Please mark your calendars for our annual Mystery Trip, which will be **January 18 – 20**, over the long MLK Day weekend. The Mystery Trip will cost \$45, due **next Sunday, Dec. 29.** You can write a check or pay online through eGive.
- Please pray for our students to have a restful break during Christmas!



Thank you to all our students, volunteers, and hosts for making our Christmas party such a success!

Offering

December 15:

Contribution: \$3,299.00
eGive: \$2,065.00
Total: \$5,364.00
Budget: **\$7,169.00**
Be A Blessing: \$37.05

Lead Minister: Brady Horner (325-260-1903)

Youth Minister: Clay Howell (615-879-0983)

Children's Ed. Coordinator: Emily Clute (325-269-9806)

Elders: Randy Bibb, Eric Gumm, **Jim MacDonald**, John Powell, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom, Aaron Winter

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

Nursery Duty:

self-serve

Building Lockup:

Dec.: Manny Carneiro
Jan.: Jon Cogburn



Westgate Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Celebrating Well

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



Marriage Retreat 2024

Marriage Retreat 2025

Registration is now open 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 8**. Look for registration envelopes in the main hall. Fill out your information, enclose payment (\$100 deposit or the full \$200), and place the sealed envelope in the lockbox on Brady's door.

Limited Office Hours

The church office follows the Abilene ISD calendar, so during the two weeks of 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. You can call a deacon or elder for emergency prayer requests or announcements to be sent out right away.

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 22: no Bible classes, worship services at **10 a.m. & 5 p.m.**

Wednesday, December 25: no services or classes

Sunday, December 29: no Bible classes, worship services at **10 a.m. & 5 p.m.**

Wednesday, January 1: no services or classes



January/February calendars are available in the short hall!

January & February Sunday AM Classes starting Jan. 5

Fellowship Hall – Brady Horner – *The Bible and Mental Health*

Even before Covid we have had a "mental health crisis" with isolation, depression, and anxiety continually on the rise. Fortunately, our culture has taken note, and is becoming more attentive to these issues. Mental health is closely associated with spiritual health, and the Bible has much to teach us about both.

Auditorium – Curt Niccum – *Sign Right Here!*

Through seven signs, John illustrates that Jesus is not only the God who created the heavens and the earth, but the one who is recreating them. The class will study how the signs communicate this amazing message and the challenge that comes with it.



Christmas Candlelight Service