Prayer Concerns

~Chris Willerton entered the hospital (Hendrick North) Monday with AFib. They performed a procedure which worked, and he is stable and feeling much better. He was still in the hospital as of Friday, but hopes to move to the rehab center across the street in a few days. No visitors *please.* Many prayers for Chris.

~Kali Langston had emergency kidney stone surgery Tuesday. She had to stay in the hospital overnight, but she was released Wednesday morning. Please keep Kali's recovery in your prayers.

~Savanna Smith, granddaughter of Paul and Marian Piersall, had emergency surgery last Sunday due to a brain bleed. She is doing better, but is still having severe headaches. There are talks of releasing her home, where she will have to do radiation therapy for 2 years. Please add Savanna to your prayer list.

~Prayers of thanks that Anita Morton's mom is doing much better this week after having to go to the hospital with AFib a few days ago. She is responding well to the medication.

~Melody Loveland's appointment to see about hernia surgery is coming up soon, on December 18. Please pray for good answers for Melody.

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

~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 Hovle
- ~Dwight Painter
- ~George Woodfin

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

Ladies Committee Sign-Ups

Ladies, be sure to check out the 2025 Ladies Committee sign-up sheets in the hallway across from the kitchen. Descriptions of each committee are posted at the top of the board for our new Westgate members. There's something for everyone, from planning Ladies Suppers to sending encouraging cards to making love baskets. Thanks for using your talents to serve the church!

Sunday 5 PM Services off for 2 Weeks

Please note we will not have the regularly-scheduled Sunday evening service at 5 p.m. this Sunday or next due to the Children's Program 12/8 and Christmas Candlelight Service 12/15. The **5 p.m.** service will start back up on **Sunday**, **December 22**.

Thank You Notes

Our many thanks for Manny and his family and Westgate for the delicious meal they brought to our house. We were truly blessed! Blessings to all of you! Love and prayers, Ron and Geraldine

Thank you for the wonderful meal that you gave to us and all the trimmings. We and all 9 people really enjoyed it. Thanks very much, Daw and Dwight



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Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Christmas Program and Chili Supper Tonight

Tonight's the night! Come on out at **6:00 p.m.**, drop off your chili and/or fixings in the kitchen, and make your way to the auditorium for the Children's Christmas Program, Manger Tales. After the program, everyone is invited to stick around for the Potluck Chili Supper in the fellowship hall. Please join us for this fun and festive event to support our sweet kiddos and kick off the holiday season.





Marriage Retreat Registration Open

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.

Christmas Candlelight Service Next Sunday Evening

A tradition that has become beloved by the Westgate family is the Christmas Candlelight Service. Make plans to be here **next Sunday**, **Dec. 15**, **at 6 p.m.** for this beautiful night of worship. Feel free to invite your friends, coworkers, and family.



2023 Candlelight



Welcome New Brothers in Christ

What a special day last Sunday as Bryant Hall and Brayden Hall each made the wonderful decision to put on Christ in baptism. We are so proud of them! Bryant and Brayden are Ken and Sharla Van Cleave's grandsons. Remember to pray for these two and encourage them next time you see them.

Picture Day Today

We are updating the picture board. Steve Templeton will be taking pictures today and next Sunday, Dec. 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.

Sermon Title: A Balanced Church Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10: 23-24

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything" but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.



Happy Birthday:

Dec. 10: Lucas Pruitt Dec. 13: Debra Lemons **Dec. 14:** Lucas Espinoza



Our Calendar:

Dec. 8: Picture Day (Sunday a.m. after services), no Sunday 5 p.m. 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), no Sunday 5 p.m. services, Christmas Candlelight Service 6 p.m.

Dec. 18: Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec. 21: Ladies' Christmas Favorite Things Party – Hayley Webb's house – **6:30 p.m.**

Dec. 22: no Bible classes, regular worship services 10 a.m., regular Sunday evening services 5 p.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day, no Wed. PM services or classes

Dec. 29: no Bible classes, regular worship services 10 a.m., regular Sunday evening services **5 p.m.**

Jan. 1: New Year's Day, no Wed. PM services or classes

Jan 8: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 18 – 20: Youth Group Mystery Trip

Jan. 22: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.

Jan. 24 - 26: Marriage Retreat

Feb. 5: Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**

Feb. 9: Youth Group hosts Senior Valentine Lunch following Sunday a.m. services, Youth Group Super

Bowl party

Getting to Know You...

Ed Mathews

Ed was born in Detroit, MI. His great grandparents, grandparents, and parents were all members of the church of Christ. He was baptized in 1946. His late wife Georgia was born in Pittsburgh, PA.

Ed and Georgia met at Florida Christian College in Tampa. Ed baptized Georgia in 1957. He earned a degree in Bible, and went on to earn a Master's Degree in New Testament, and eventually three more graduate degrees, including a Doctorate in Missions. Georgia majored in Elementary Education and later

taught 3rd grade. She went on to get a Master's in Home and Family Studies.

For 10 years, Ed and Georgia served churches in northern Ohio. They were blessed with 3 daughters: Jennie, who lives in Albany, TX; Sheri, who lives in Richarson, TX; and Deena, who lives in Abilene. Ed has 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The Mathews went to Guatemala as missionaries in 1971; however, their long-term commitment to church planting was cut short by life-threatening health problems. Upon returning to Texas, Ed joined the missions training faculty at ACU, becoming the chairman in 1980. Georgia taught piano, kept "the home fires burning", and substitute taught in Abilene ISD. Ed retired in 2009.

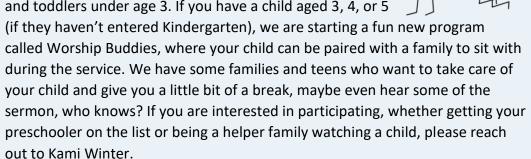
Ed and Georgia worshipped with the Minter Lane Church of Christ for 35 years, where he served as an elder. Georgia taught Ladies Bible Class there. They transferred to S. 11th and Willis in January 2017.

Ed lost the love of his life, Georgia, in June of 2020.



New Worship Buddies Program

Starting **next Sunday, December 15**, the nursery will move to the cradle roll room and will only be available for babies and toddlers under age 3. If you have a child aged 3, 4, or 5



Children's Ministry News

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

Please join us for our Christmas program, followed by the Christmas party, TONIGHT at 6 p.m.!









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 our Youth Group Christmas party on Wednesday, December 18. Instead of having normal Wednesday night class that evening, we will be hosted by different families for a progressive dinner with great food, activities, and a white elephant gift exchange!

Due to the Christmas holiday, we will not have youth class on Sunday, December 22, Wednesday, December 25, or Sunday, December 29.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Mystery Trip, which will be January 18 – 20, over the long MLK Day weekend.

Please continue to pray for our students as they finish up this semester!

Alejandro posing with his beautiful Superman cookie he decorated at our high school hangout last Sunday night!

Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:00 a.m., 5 p.m. Tuesdays—Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m. Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m.

Church office: (325)692-2300 westgatecofc@gmail.com

Nursery Duty:

Alison & Elise

Colburn

Offering: December 1:

Contribution: \$4,900.51 eGive: \$2,775.00 Total: \$7,675.51 Budget: \$7,169.00

Be A Blessing: \$16.26

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, Eric Gumm, Jim MacDonald, John Powell, Steve Stovall, Troy Tom, Aaron Winter

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

Building Lock-up:

Dec.: Manny Carneiro Jan.: Jon Cogburn

