

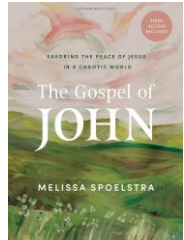
# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



### Contribution Letters

Oh boy, tax time! 😊 The office will be happy to provide anyone with a 2024 contribution letter upon request. The best way to request a letter is through email at westgatecofc@gmail.com. If you contributed to both 11<sup>th</sup> and Willis and Westgate in 2024, you can just email Westgate and we will get you a letter from each.



### Ladies Bible Class Resumes Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class will resume at **10:00 a.m. this Tuesday (1/14)**. Go ahead and do the lesson starting on p. 42 in *The Gospel of John* study book if possible. If you haven't come to class before but would like to join in 2025, we would love to have you, and the church will provide a study book for you. Please see Clair Arche with any questions.

### Senior Valentine Luncheon February 9

Save the date for the Senior Valentine Luncheon in a month on **Sunday, February 9**. All the seniors of the congregation are invited to this free event. The definition of "senior" is up to you. The youth group and youth parents prepare and serve the meal that day after morning services, and usually have some games or entertainment to enjoy.



### Ladies Committee Sign-ups

Several Ladies Committees have slots open for ready and willing volunteers. Please find the clipboards in the hall across from the kitchen and see which ones fit your spiritual gifts. If you are new to Westgate, signing up for Ladies Committees does not mean you are volunteering to head the committee. Most of the leaders are already in place. If you put your name down, it just means you are willing to help with whatever is needed in the area specified. For example, for the Encouragement Committee, you would get an email with 2-3 names and addresses of people to send cards to each month, and you would do that. Several are just once a year, like helping with the Graduation Celebration, filling the Gems & Jewels pockets one month, Breakfast with Santa, and helping with a Ladies Supper. Explanations of each committee are posted to help you decide which ones are right for you.

**Sermon Title:** Say What You Need to Say

**Scripture:** Matthew 18: 15-17

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

### Prayer Concerns

~Deana Frazier had cataract surgery on Monday. It was discovered during the surgery that her retina had detached again due to the cataract. A second retinal detachment surgery is planned for Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. She will have to be in the face-forward position for a week after the surgery. She has very little vision in that eye currently. Many prayers for Deana.

~Please lift Kathryn Boerio up in prayer. She had a cystoscopy procedure at Hendrick on Thursday. She will need further surgery to remove part of the kidney eventually.

~Please pray for the Loveland family. Larry's mom is not doing well; they think she has days or weeks left. Also, Melody is still hurting and is scheduled for an appointment to see about her hernia in late January.

~Remember to pray for all those who have been in the hospital recently, including **Mark Walker, Vickie Cardot, Chris Willerton, and Deana Mathews.**

~Megeste and Josette Pierre are in need of our prayers. They left the Dominican Republic and are in Mexico right now.

~Continued prayers for Savanna Smith, **Paul & Marian Piersall's** granddaughter. She is recovering from a brain bleed caused by AVM.

~Please pray for safe travels for the youth group. They are leaving for the Mystery Trip on Saturday and coming back Monday (MLK Day).

#### Those unable to join us:

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

### Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Jim Prather
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith
- ~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 Mexico currently)
- ~Keith & Grace Gafner—Eldoret, Kenya
- ~Larry & Hollye Conway—Nairobi, Kenya
- ~Scott, Shirley, Stephen, and Sean Raab—Belgium

### January and February Adult Bible Classes

We are offering these classes **Sundays at 9 a.m.:**

#### 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.

### Thank You Note

Dear Westgate Family –  
Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent to my family in sympathy for my mom's passing.  
We love our Westgate family,  
Steven & Juanita Stovall



Christmas Candlelight





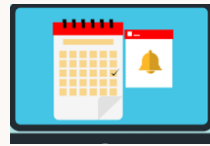
### Happy Birthday:

Jan. 14: Steve Smith  
Jan. 18: Leah Schumpert



### Happy Anniversary:

Jan. 13: Brandon & Nicole Davis



### Our Calendar:

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 Luncheon following Sunday a.m. services, Youth Group Super Bowl party  
 Feb. 17: Presidents Day  
 Feb. 19: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
 March 5: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
 March 9: Daylight Saving Time begins (spring forward)  
 March 12: no Bible classes or services at building  
 March 19: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
 March 30: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck  
 April 2: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
 April 12 – 13: All-Church Retreat  
 April 16: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
 April 19: Easter Egg Hunt & Family Cookout  
 April 20: Easter Sunday  
 April 27: Youth Auction/Brisket Burn following Sunday a.m. services  
 May 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
 May 11: Mother's Day  
 May 18: Graduation Celebration

### Getting to Know You...

#### Paul and Marian Piersall

Paul and Marian have been married for 62 years.

Marian was born in Mena, Arkansas, and raised in Moses Lake, Washington. Paul was born in Illinois and raised in Texas and many locations. He attended junior and senior high school in Moses Lake where they first met in junior high.

The Piersalls moved to Abilene from Pepperdine University for Paul to become Director of Choral Activities at ACU in 1986. Their oldest son, Rick, is professor of voice and opera at ACU and married to Pamela and they have two children. Son Randy is owner of Piersall Funeral Directors and is an adjunct teacher in the ACU College of Business. Randy is married to Susan and they have 2 married children.

Marian and Paul are both retired from careers in education. Marian was director of technology integration for AISD and served 2 terms as President for Texas Computer Education Association. She taught in public and private schools for 42 years. Paul was a choral director and voice teacher for 50 years and taught at Columbia Christian, Central Washington, Pepperdine, and Abilene Christian. He served as President of Texas Association of Music Schools and Regional Governor of National Association of Teachers of Singing. He has sung extensively in Los Angeles and the West Coast as well as Dallas, Abilene, and 9 foreign countries.

**Spiritual influences:** Names many may not know, but spiritual giants of the '50s through the '80s like E.W. McMillan, J.P. Sanders, and Virgil Jackson.

#### Favorite Verses:

Romans 5: 1-2 *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.*

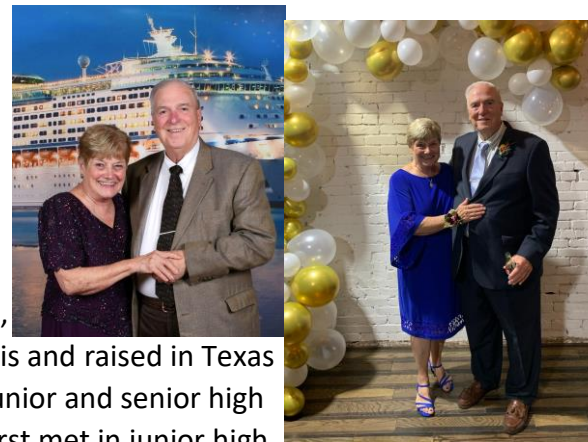
2 Peter 1: 5-8 *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### Hobbies/Activities:

Paul: I enjoy listening to/watching great opera performed well and listening to and encouraging wonderfully gifted young singers.

Marian: I love to cook and feed people as well as teaching ladies' classes.

Paul and Marian enjoy traveling and going to music events. Paul loves cars and is almost always right in recognition of the cars from the '60s and '70s. They look forward to getting to know all of the Westgate congregation.

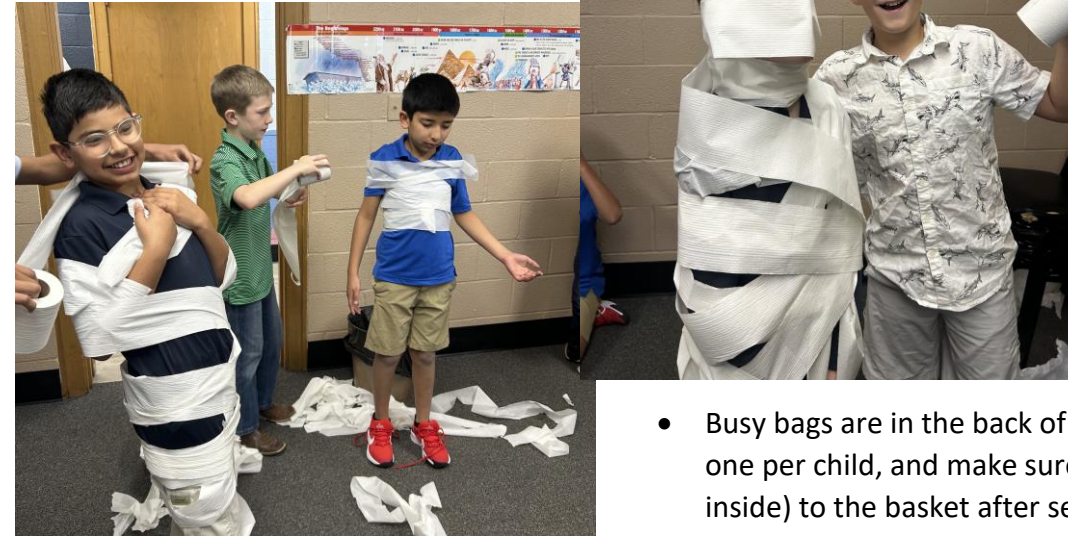


### Children's Ministry News

- January 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."



Bible Trails fun!



- 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.

### Youth Ministry News

The Mystery Trip is **next weekend!** We leave on **Saturday at 10 a.m.** from Westgate, and will return on **Monday (MLK Day) around 6 p.m.**

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 9**, which will be a busy day for the youth group:

- We will host our annual Senior Valentine Lunch following worship;
- Then make plans to join that evening for the youth group Super Bowl party!

Make sure to send schedules for your extracurricular activities this semester so Clay can come watch and support!

Please pray for all our students to have a great start to this semester!



Paxton, Jaxson, Caleb, and Noah squeezing together on the couch!

**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

**Offering:**  
**January 5:**  
 Contribution: \$10,566.00  
 eGive: \$4,363.00  
 Total: \$14,929.00  
 Budget: \$8393.30  
 Be A Blessing: \$17.00

**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:** 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:**  
 Amanda & Hattie McSherry  
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**Building Lock-up:**  
 Jan.: Jon Cogburn  
 Feb.: Adam Lott