

**Prayer Concerns**

~The retinal detachment surgery for **Deana Frazier** has been rescheduled for this Friday, January 24. Many prayers for Deana for patience during the long time she has to be in the face-down position, and for her fast and full recovery.

~**Vickie Cardot** is in Hendrick ICU on a ventilator. Attempts to take her off the ventilator have been unsuccessful. Please pray for Vickie and family.

~Please lift **Kathryn Boerio** up in prayer. She had a procedure on her kidney recently and will likely need a ureter reconstruction surgery later in the year.

~Please be in prayer for the **Loveland** family. Larry's mom is not doing well. They think she only has days or weeks left. Also, Melody's appointment to see the specialist about her hernia is scheduled for late January.



~**Ariael Lynd** moved into an apartment Wednesday. Please pray for a smooth transition.

**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.*

**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

# Westgate Church of Christ

## Welcome Members and Guests



**Love Grub Wednesday Night**

Get ready for the perfect Love Grub for a winter evening – biscuit chicken pot pie with dump cake for dessert. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available. Please kick in some money to cover the cost of your meal if you can. If you would like to help with baking, dessert ingredients will be in the kitchen **today** after services to pick up.



**Love Your Neighbor Benevolence Program**

The Westgate elders are happy to announce a new opportunity for adult Westgate members to be a blessing to people in need. Based on a program from the 11<sup>th</sup> and Willis congregation, this program will provide reimbursement for up to \$100 spent to address a need you see or encounter in our community. This could range from a family needing fuel in their car or food for their table or a neighbor who needs help with a utility bill or a car repair. This is built on the honor system, so no receipt is needed for reimbursement. You will just fill out a short reimbursement form, sign it, and leave it in the office. In a week you will be able to pick up a reimbursement check in the office. To allow as many members to participate as possible, you are asked to only submit one request per member per month. If there is an opportunity, pray with those you are helping and if not, we encourage you to pray for their physical and spiritual needs. We look forward to seeing how the Westgate family will use this opportunity to bless our neighbors in need in 2025!

**New eGive Option**

As we begin a new year, we want to remind you about the opportunity to give electronically to support Westgate through eGive. Beginning this week, there will be an option to “cover the cost of this transaction.”



Just like businesses who are charged transaction fees when you use a debit or credit card, Westgate is also charged a fee when you give electronically. This new checkbox option will allow you to add an additional 3% to your designated credit or debit card donation (1% for ACH) to cover the processing cost and to make sure that Westgate receives the full amount you intended to donate. This is optional so no one will see this impact their giving automatically, but we want to provide an option to do so based on requests from our members. Thank you for your generosity and your support of Westgate.

**Wi-Fi Info**



*Please contact the church office if you would like the password for the Wi-Fi.*

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Special announcement from Ed Mathews: What is our greatest temptation? Join us on **Sunday at 5 p.m.** to learn about “Cultural Christians.” A series of lessons on that subject will begin on **February 2**. It will change your life.



**Sermon Title:** Be a God Pleaser

**Scripture:** John 12: 37-43

Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human praise more than praise from God.



### Happy Birthday:

Jan. 24: Ellen Schoenrock  
Jan. 25: Larry Prince



### Our Calendar:

Jan. 18 – 20: Youth Group  
Mystery Trip  
Jan. 20: MLK Day  
Jan. 22: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
Jan. 24 – 26: Marriage Retreat  
Jan. 26: High School Hangout  
6:30 – 8 p.m.  
Feb. 2: Youth Group parent  
meeting following a.m. services  
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. 11: Ladies' Supper & Bingo  
Night 6 – 8 p.m.  
Feb. 17: Presidents Day  
Feb. 19: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.  
Feb. 23: Youth Devo  
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, Youth  
Group Game Night  
April 27: Youth Auction/Brisket  
Burn following Sunday a.m.  
services

### Getting to Know You...

Cody Bob and Bradi Williams  
Beckett, Avery

How long have you been married?  
17 years

Where did you grow up?  
Cody Bob: Hamby/Eula  
Bradi: Snyder

How long have you lived in Abilene?  
Since 2009, so about 15 years

What kind of work do you?  
Cody Bob is a middle school principal at Eula.  
Bradi is a pharmacist.

Who is in your family?  
Cody Bob and Bradi  
Beckett is 12 years old, 6th grade at Eula. He enjoys baseball, basketball, and fishing. He is also in robotics and on their Destination Imagination team.  
Avery is 10 years old, 5th grade at Eula. She enjoys animals, crafts, softball, and basketball.

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?  
CB: my grandparents, another couple from growing up – Dale and Gerry Wilson, my parents, and my wife.  
Bradi: my parents, my Uncle Toby, Trina Rodgers (Sunday School teacher all through junior high and high school), and a couple awesome youth ministers.

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?  
CB:  
“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.”  
Deuteronomy 6:4-6 NIV

Bradi:  
“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”  
Philippians 4:8 NIV

What is a hobby or activity you like to be involved in?  
Family time. We are a baseball family, and we are working to visit every MLB ballpark. We enjoy Christian concerts. Cody Bob enjoys fishing.



### 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.”

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.



Good News fun!

### Youth Ministry News

Please pray for everyone who is on the Mystery Trip this weekend! We are returning on Monday evening around 6 p.m.

Our next High School Hangout will be next Sunday evening, January 26, from 6:30 to 8 at the church building.

Join us for a Youth Parent meeting following service on Sunday, February 2, to go over events this Spring, camp registration, youth auction info, and more!

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.



Can you spot which one of these youth group boys is not like the others from class on Wednesday 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  
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Offering:  
January 12:  
Contribution: \$5,790.00  
eGive: \$3,215.00  
Total: \$9,005.00  
Budget: \$8,393.30  
Be A Blessing: \$21.55

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:  
Bradi Williams



Building Lock-up:  
Jan.: Jon Cogburn  
Feb.: Adam Lott