

Prayer Concerns

~**Vickie Cardot** was released from the hospital. Please keep praying for her recovery.

~Please keep **Melody Loveland** in your prayers. Her doctor appointment was rescheduled for late January.

~Continued prayers for **Chris Willerton's** recovery.

~Please pray for **Mark Walker**, diagnosed with Stage 1 colon cancer.

~Savanna Smith, granddaughter of **Paul & Marian Piersall**, is doing better, but still has a long recovery ahead. Remember to pray for Savanna.

~**Cara Hill** is recovering from frequent illnesses; thanks for your prayers.

~Remember to pray for all those in the hospital recently, including **Deena Mathews, Vickie Cardot, Chris Willerton, and Kali Langston**.

~Please keep praying for **Deana Frazier** and her eye procedure recovery.

~Remember **Noe Espinoza's** dad in your prayers, battling prostate cancer.

Happy Birthday:

Dec. 29: Whitten Krause, David White

Dec. 31: Piper Robinson

Jan. 4: Larry Loveland

Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 31: Andrew & Emily Clute

Jan. 4: Blair & Erin Schroeder

Our Calendar:

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

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

Jan. 8: Love Grub **5:45 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.
- Please pray for our children as we enter the new year!



Christmas Party fun at the Stovalls' house!

Youth Ministry News

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

The \$45 cost for our Mystery Trip is due **today!** You can write a check or pay online through eGive.

Please pray for our students to have a restful break during the rest of their time off!

Offering

December 22:

Contribution: \$1,500.00

eGive: \$2,350.00

Total: \$3,850.00

Budget: **\$7,169.00**

Be A Blessing: \$14.68

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: The Greatest Sermon in the World

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

January & February Sunday AM Classes

We are happy to announce these intriguing new Bible classes, beginning **next Sunday, January 5, at 9 a.m.:**

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.

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.



Marriage Retreat Registration Due Soon

Registration is ongoing 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.

Holiday Schedule

The church office follows the Abilene ISD calendar, so this week 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.

What's different this week:

Today: no Bible classes, regular worship services at **10 a.m. & 5 p.m.**

Wednesday, January 1: no services or classes

(Next Sunday will be back to normal.)

Save the Date

2025 is almost here, and Westgate has some events planned in the new year to look forward to. Here are a few on the calendar:

Sunday, Feb. 9: Youth Group hosts Senior Valentine Luncheon after services

Saturday, April 12 – Sunday, April 13: All-Church Retreat at Lueders

Saturday, April 19: Easter Egg Hunt & Family Cookout at Abilene Festival Gardens

Sunday, April 27: Brisket Burn/Youth Auction after services

Sunday, May 18: Graduation Celebration

Wednesday, June 11: 1st Family Fun Night

