

Prayer Concerns

~**Michael Bryant** has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in his lungs. Please add Michael to your prayer list.

~Please be in prayer for **Steve Templeton** this week. He is scheduled for a procedure to treat his prostate cancer on Thursday. He should be able to return home the next day if there are no complications.

~**Marty Turentine** is going for testing today through Tuesday to see if he is a candidate for a stem cell transplant to treat his multiple myeloma. Prayers for good results!

~Remember to keep **Chris Willerton** in your prayers. He has some hip pain which is making it hard for him to get around.

~**Randy and Nancy Pair** both ended up in the ER this week with an issue with their lungs. They were given meds that will hopefully get them back to good health. The good news is Nancy's pneumonia has cleared up. Please keep the Pairs in your prayers.

~**Patty Galaway's** brother, Randy Tharp, is at Hendrick North. He has been in the hospital for a week but waiting on test results. He has been improving, but they are not sure how long he will be in the hospital until they have more information. Please pray for Randy and family.

~**Kathryn Boerio** is scheduled to see the doctor in Fort Worth in early April concerning her kidney troubles. Remember to lift her up in prayer.

~**Kinley Morton's** friend Brennan Roberts has started talking again, which is encouraging. Also, his infection cleared up enough to place the shunt. The surgery for that went well. Many prayers for Brennan and family.

~Please pray for **Cara Hill's** sister, Diana Poteet. She has flu and bronchitis.

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.

Those unable to join us:

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

Ongoing prayer concerns:

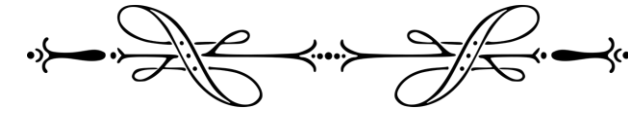
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker

Missionaries:

- ~Doug & Marge Reeves—Sunset International Bible Institute
- ~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

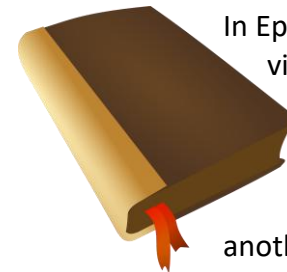
Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



Sunday Adult Bible Classes Starting Next Week

Curt Niccum – auditorium – **“Victory in Jesus!”**



In Ephesians Paul tries to overwhelm people who feel like outsiders with the good news of victory. He focuses on three things: 1) the power they now have in Jesus, 2) the position they now have in God's presence, and 3) the piety that is theirs through the Holy Spirit.

Eric Gumm – fellowship hall – **“Fruits of the Spirit or Fruit Salad?”**

In this class, we will look at each of the fruits of the spirit from the perspective of another passage in Scripture outside of Galatians 5. More than just a song from Sunday school, how can we encourage each other to incorporate the fruits of the Spirit in our lives as Christians?

Youth Devo Tonight

This evening, the youth group is invited to the area of the Jacob's Dream statue on ACU's campus **from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** The plan is to eat dinner, have some time to hang out and play some games, and finish with a devo thought and some singing. Please let Clay know if your teen is attending so he can plan for the correct amount of food. This should be a great opportunity for students to have fun, connect, and grow spiritually, so please encourage them to come and bring friends!

Tax Contribution Letters

It's not too late to get a 2024 tax contribution letter. The office will be happy to provide anyone with a contribution letter upon request. The best way to request a letter is through email at westgatecofc@gmail.com. If you contributed to both 11th and Willis and Westgate in 2024, you can just email Westgate and we will get you a letter from each.



Welcome New Members

Steve & Kelly Sansing

Please contact the church office if you would like their contact information.



All-Church Retreat

February has flown by, and with springtime comes the All-Church Retreat! The retreat is scheduled for **April 12 – 13** this year at Lueders, and everyone is invited. That means everyone! Save the date for this fun-filled and relaxing fellowship event the weekend before Easter.



CSC Needs

The Christian Service Center is in need of new or gently used boys' jeans and boys' or girls' jackets. You can take these directly to the CSC or put your donations in the box in the short hall to be taken over there. Thanks for your help!



Westgate Sunday AM Streaming Options:

westgatecofc.com – Click “watch live” at top of page
Facebook – Westgate Church of Christ or S. 11th & Willis
YouTube – Westgate Church of Christ Abilene, TX

March/April 2025 birthday & anniversary calendars are now available in the short hall!



Sermon Title: The One Where the Band Breaks Up

Scripture: Acts 15: 36-41

Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.



Happy Birthday:

- Feb. 23: Crystal Collier
- Feb. 26: Addison Galaway
- Feb. 27: Bethany Powell, Mollie Varnado



Our Calendar:

- Feb. 23: Youth Devo 5:30 – 7:30 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 due to Spring Break
- March 19: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- March 30: 5th 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 EGGStravaganza at Abilene Festival Gardens (across from Abilene Zoo)
- April 20: Easter Sunday, Youth Group Game Night
- April 27: Youth Auction/Brisket Burn following a.m. services
- May 4: High School Hangout
- May 7: Love Grub 5:45 p.m.
- May 11: Mother's Day
- May 18: Graduation Celebration
- May 25 – 31: Camp Bandina
- May 26: Memorial Day
- May 28: Brown Bag Fellowship
- June 11: Family Fun Night
- June 15: Father's Day
- June 29: 5th Sunday Potluck
- July 2: Family Fun Night
- July 7 – 12: Camp Beloved & Beyond

Getting to Know You...

Chris and Autumn Meeks
Trevor, Hannah, Mallory, & Liam

How did you and your spouse meet?

Autumn: We met our freshman year at ACU through mutual friends. We hardly interacted though. He had a serious girlfriend from high school until he came to his senses while studying abroad our sophomore year. We started dating and quickly got engaged our junior year.

Where did you grow up? **Chris:** Rockwall, the smallest county in TX. **Autumn:** Aurora, CO.

How long have you lived in Abilene? Since 2002, so about 23 years.

What kind of work do you do?

Chris: I own a Farmers Insurance Agency. I have had this since 2008.

Autumn: I currently work at Taylor Elementary as the library associate and run the library classes. I've been doing this for 4 years and before this I was the secretary/bookkeeper at Westgate. I do have my accounting degree that I used for many years at Hendrick Medical Center after graduation.

Who is in your family?

Autumn: Chris has been my amazing husband for 19 years. Trevor is our oldest son. He is a talented academically and athletically junior at Abilene High. He hopes to play soccer at a university in a few years. Hannah is our oldest daughter. She is finishing her 8th grade year at Craig and has big dreams for her future. She's starting those big dreams by joining the Jr. ROTC program in high school next year. Mallory is doing great things as a 7th grader at Craig. She ran for student body president at the beginning of the year and won! She is a force all her own. Liam is the best bookend to our family. He has always been one of the funniest, tenderhearted, and most observant kids. As he is finishing up elementary school, we are finding out just how much of a leader he is. Middle school should be fun if he uses his leadership in a positive way.

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?

Chris: My father has impacted my faith by his quiet actions. He is an inspiration as to who a husband should be who wants to honor God. There are also a few people who I am very close to that inspire me each day to think outside the box about who God is and how I can be better. My wife would be in this group.

Autumn: The first person that comes to mind is my friend Brandy from high school. She invited me to come to her youth group class on a Wednesday night and I was accepted immediately and never looked back. One invite to an event can change your life...literally. I was baptized that summer.

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?

Chris: Luke 5:31-32 (NIV) *Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*.....This gives me hope because I know that Jesus came to save us/me.

Autumn: 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV) *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

What is a hobby or activity you like to be involved in?

Chris: I love to run. I like watching sports (specifically the Dallas Stars and Manchester United) and hanging out with my kids and friends.

Autumn: I like to be involved in games. Athletically but also cards, board games, and made-up games. Puzzles are fun too.



Youth Ministry News

Join us for a Youth Devo **tonight** at the Jacob's Dream statue on ACU's campus **from 5:30 to 7:30!** We will have time to eat, play, and worship together. If you haven't yet, please let Clay know if you're going.



Thank you again to everyone who helped or participated in the Senior Valentine Luncheon!

Join us for a game night at the youth house on **Sunday, March 9.**

Registration for Camp Beloved and Beyond is due by **March 21.** Please let Clay know if you have any questions about the registration process.

It's never too early to start thinking about items for the annual youth auction! Youth group students will provide handcrafted items to help raise money for our Youth Ministry.

Please pray for all our students this semester!

Ways to Give: check: 402 S. Pioneer, 79605 eGive: westgatecofc.com text-to-give: 325-379-8222

Services at Westgate: Sundays—Bible Class 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:00 a.m., 5 p.m. **Church office:** (325)692-2300
Tuesdays—Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m. Wednesdays—Bible Class 6:45 p.m. westgatecofc@gmail.com

Offering February 16:
Contribution: \$4,149.61
eGive: \$2,342.97
Total: \$6,492.58
Budget: \$8,393.30
Be A Blessing: \$26.51

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:
Today: Darah Waldrip
3/2: Ashley Becerra
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Building Lock-up:
Feb.: Adam Lott
March: Chris Meeks