

Westgate Church of Christ

Welcome Members and Guests



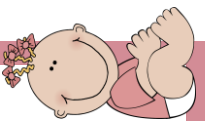
5th Sunday Potluck Today

Join us after services for a potluck in the fellowship hall. Visitors are welcome! No worries if you didn't bring food; there should be plenty.



Love Grub This Wednesday Night

Don't miss the **April 2** Love Grub, with the return of an all-time favorite, pizza! Join the crowd at **5:45 p.m. this Wednesday** for pizza, salad, and fruit. Please pitch in some money that night to cover the cost of your meal if possible. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available.



Baby Shower Next Sunday

Let's celebrate Andrew and Emily Clute and their upcoming bundle of joy! Please join us for a baby shower **next Sunday at 2:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Emily is registered at Babylist, Target, and Amazon.



All-Church Retreat Registration Deadline

Today is the last day to register for the All-Church Retreat! Please fill out an envelope even if you're just coming for the day Saturday or Sunday so we can give them an accurate meal count. The overnight cost is \$20 per person 5+, with no family paying over \$80. If you are coming just for the day Saturday or Sunday, the cost is \$5 per person per meal. Paintball is \$10 extra. It's gonna be epic, don't miss out!

Easter EGGstravaganza

We are collecting eggs filled with candy or nonedible prizes ahead of time for this **April 19** event. If you are able, please bring a dozen filled eggs and place in the bin in the short hall.



Sermon Title: The Parable of the Fig Tree

Scripture: Luke 13: 6 – 9

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "Sir," the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Prayer Concerns

~Please pray for **Glenn Arnold**, recovering from his fall. He was able to leave the rehab center on Monday and is at home. He has started physical therapy at West Texas Rehab.

~**Marty Turentine** is doing well. Good stem cells were implanted on Monday. The days ahead will be the most difficult with chemo side effects setting in. Prayers for as few side effects as possible are appreciated.

~We received word that new member **Kelly Sansing's** mom passed away on Monday. The funeral was at Southern Hills on Friday. Our sincere sympathy to the Sansing family. Please pray for peace and comfort to surround them.

~While **Michael Bryant** was undergoing testing for the rheumatoid arthritis in his lungs, doctors discovered an aneurysm on his aorta. Please keep Michael in your prayers.

~**Kathryn Boerio's** appointment with the kidney doctor is scheduled for this Thursday. Please lift Kathryn up in prayer this week.

~**Marja Swart's** cousin, Patti Willems, is back at home in Brady with hospice coming in to help. Many prayers for Patti.

Those unable to join us:

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

Ongoing prayer concerns:

- ~Steve Bibb
- ~Kathryn Boerio
- ~Michael Bryant
- ~Deana Frazier
- ~Steve Henderson
- ~Aubrey Hilligoss
- ~Nell Hopper
- ~Melody Loveland
- ~Arieal Lynd
- ~Eric Robinson
- ~Savanna Smith
- ~Steve Smith
- ~Jim and Joyce Waddell
- ~Mickey Walker
- ~Chris Willerton

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

WELCOME

New Members

Clarissa Anderson
Jacob, Logan
Please contact the church office if you would like their address.



RETREAT SCHEDULE

- Saturday**
- 11:00** Arrival
- 12:00** Lunch
- 1:00** Opening Session
- 2:00 – 5:00** Free Time (paintball, rock wall, archery, axe throwing, games)
- 5:00** Second Session/Kids' Activity
- 6:15** Dinner
- 7:30** Campfire Devo (amphitheater)
- 8:30** Free Time, Games

- Sunday**
- 8:00** Breakfast
- 9:00** Walking with Scripture
- 10:00** Morning Worship
- 11:00** Kickball
- 12:00** Lunch



Moving Help

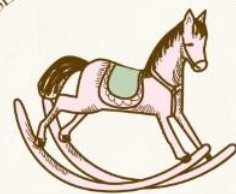
The Powells are moving houses in Clyde and could use your help. If you can help Friday or Saturday of next week (4/4 or 4/5), please let John or Bethany know.

Congratulations

Madison Humphrey got engaged over Spring Break to Nick Molenkamp. Best wishes to the happy couple!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER



Honoring Emily Clute

4.6.2025 at 2:00 PM
WESTGATE CHURCH OF CHRIST
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Let's celebrate together!



Emily is registered at Target, Amazon, and Babylist



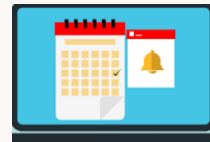
Happy Birthday:

- March 30:** Hess McSherry
- March 31:** Trevor Meeks
- April 1:** Avery Williams
- April 2:** Anita Morton
- April 4:** Ross Blasingame, Hayley Webb



Happy Anniversary:

- March 31:** Jeremy & Rachael Lee



Our Calendar:

- March 30:** 5th Sunday Potluck, All-Church Retreat registration deadline, High School Hangout **6 – 8:30 p.m.**
- April 2:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- April 6:** Baby Shower for Emily Clute **2 p.m.**, Youth Devo **6 – 8 p.m.**
- April 12 – 13:** All-Church Retreat
- April 16:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- April 18:** Good Friday
- April 19:** Easter EGGStravaganza at Abilene Festival Gardens **5 – 7 p.m.**
- April 20:** Easter Sunday, Youth Group Game Night
- April 27:** Brisket Burn/Youth Auction **following a.m. services**
- May 4:** High School Hangout
- May 7:** Love Grub **5:45 p.m.**
- May 11:** Mother's Day, Youth Devo
- May 18:** Graduation Celebration
- May 25 – 31:** Camp Bandina
- May 26:** Memorial Day

Getting to Know You...

Brady & Briana Horner
Layla & Paxton

How did you and your spouse meet?

We met in youth group at Southgate Church of Christ in San Angelo. We were friends for several years. Brady had to wait in line while all his friends tried to date Briana...then after they all struck out he finally made his move and the rest is history!

Where did you grow up?

Brady grew up all over Texas: Carrollton, El Paso, Austin, College Station, then San Angelo which he considers his hometown. Briana was born and bred in San Angelo.

How long have you lived in Abilene?

We moved here in 2012. Brady is very grateful that Abilene is now home as he has lived here longer than he has anywhere else in his life. The Westgate Family has been such a great support and encouragement for us, and is the reason we have planted such deep roots here.

What kind of work do you do?

Brady was the Youth Minister here from 2012-2021, then became the preacher. He also still has a heart for kids, and public schools (and those who serve in them) so he occasionally substitute teaches as well. This is Briana's third year teaching art at St. John's Episcopal School.

Who is in your family?

We had Layla and Paxton pretty quick after we got married. Our kids were born a year and a day apart from each other. It feels not so long ago that we were young kids who had just been given two sweet young kids. The time has flown by, and words cannot express how proud and grateful we are for these two talented, intelligent, and thoughtful kids.

Who is someone who has impacted or shaped your faith?

Brady's mom is responsible for the roots of his faith. She showed him with her actions that Christianity and spirituality is something deeply meaningful to her, and it's not about looks or "being the best". Seeing that her faith was her faith, and not something she did for show, showed Brady what authentic Christianity looked like. Like iron sharpens iron Brady's friend Arthur challenged him to be a man of integrity and a more faithful Christian. Brady has loved having a life companion like Briana to work through spiritual challenges, joys, and struggles in life. Briana said her mom's lifelong faithfulness continues to support her Christian walk. "My mom has an unwavering confidence of God's providence in our lives."

What is a Bible verse you find encouraging/inspiring?

Matthew 20: 16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last" is a nice summary of Jesus's teaching, a great reminder of how we should treat/value others and where our aspirations should lie.

Psalms 147:3 reminds Briana that God is close when we are suffering.

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

Brady has enjoyed learning and playing guitar recently. He doesn't get to do it as often as he would like, but he loves wakeboarding and wake surfing. Briana likes to thrift shop and spend time with friends and family. We also love to travel and want to provide our kids with lots of powerful experiences that stretch them and show them the immensity of our world and God.



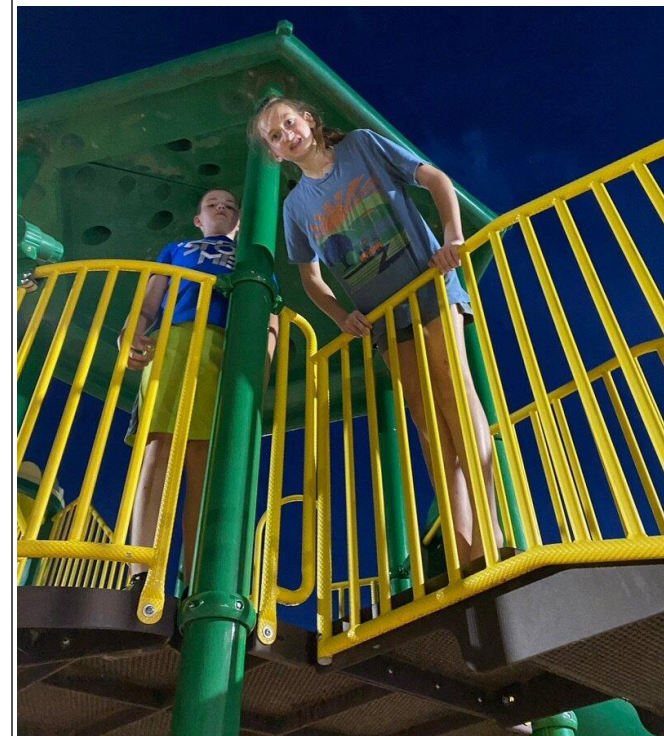
Children's Ministry News

- Our focus for April will be on the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet from John 13:1-7.
- An exciting time of year is approaching, and we need lots of help making this year's VBS amazing! Whether it's with games, crafts, decorations, or leading a group, there's a place for you to volunteer. **Sign up today** using the QR code OR reach out to Emily at **(325) 269-9806** OR find her after service.
- Spring Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong & courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."



VBS
QR
code

Wednesday
night fun!



Youth Ministry News

Please register for Camp Bandina! Parents, check your email for the link to register. Please let Clay know if you have any questions about this registration process as well.

High Schoolers, please join us for a High School hangout at the youth house **tonight from 6 to 8:30!** Dinner will be provided. Let Clay know if you're coming!

Our next Youth Group Devo will be **Sunday, April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the Williams' house!

Please mark your calendars for **April 27** for our annual Youth Auction (as well as **Saturday the 26th** to help set up.) Youth group students will provide handcrafted items to help raise money for our Youth Ministry.

Youth Auction items are due by **Sunday, April 13.**

Please pray for all our students this semester!

This week, please enjoy this beautiful throwback picture of Kailyn and Evan!

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
March 23:
Contribution: \$3,448.00
eGive: \$3,170.86
Total: \$6,618.86
Budget: **\$8,393.30**
Be A Blessing: \$24.01

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: Kayla Crockett
4/6: Jamie Dye
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Building Lock-up:
March: Chris Meeks
April: Matt Waldrip