

Westmont Christian Church



January 2024

WITNESS

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST
FILL YOUR HEART AND HOME
IN THE COMING YEAR.
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU
AND YOUR LOVED ONES!

CALLED
to serve

A hand holding a red heart. The hand is drawn in a simple, stylized manner, and the heart is a solid red color.

Elder Ordination Service

January 14, 2024 - 10:40 a.m.



FROM THE PASTOR

Westmont Family,

Often when a new year rolls around we wonder if it will be better than the last. Will 2024 be better than 2023, or even 2022, or 2020? We want to be happy, but unfortunately we know our happiness will depend on many external factors that we have little control over. We can pursue it, hope for it, try to make the right decisions, and even create opportunities for happiness; however, we never really know if happiness will be the result.

During the Advent season we learned that joy is different than happiness. Where happiness is external, temporal, and dependent on circumstances, joy is internal, spiritual, and lasting. True joy can only come from a connection with God and an understanding of His promises fulfilled and yet to be. Jesus is our joy because He arrived as promised, died as a ransom for our sins, was buried, and defeated sin and death by raising from the dead. He has promised to return as well. Our faith in Jesus brings us joy, and that is not dependent on what happens to us here and now.

We can have joy in the midst of sorrow, or even happiness. Our joy has its source internally and spiritually. It is because of this that we can take on 2024 without worry. No matter what circumstances arise, good or bad, we will have joy because we have the gift of a Savior and the promise of everlasting life. 2024 may or may not end up being a great year, but we will have joy anyway.

We have great joy in the gathering of God's people and in those whom God is bringing for the first time. Long-time members, regular attenders, new members, and guests are all part of the joy of this congregation as God continues to do a great work here through Westmont. We have joy as we declare His word, sing His praises, and pray together. No matter what may be going on in life, when we gather there is joy in the gift of Christ. Join us.

Our first *Wednesdays@Westmont* for 2024 will be January 17 at 5:25 p.m. Come and join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship before we engage in God's Word through several classes that start at 6:00 p.m. The nursery is open every Wednesday, Kids Klub is happening for the children, and our growing Youth Group meets downstairs. HeartSong and Chancel Choir meet with Pastor Dean, and my Pastor's Class is studying the differences between Biblical Christianity and other faiths in a class called: "Understanding the Difference: Christianity vs. Other Faiths." In it, we engage with the beliefs of others so we can be informed and have compassion on those God is calling us to love and preach the Word to.

This month we hope to get the *Food and Clothing Pantry* fully set up and running. This means that there are going to be plenty of volunteer opportunities to help the community by having our pantry open during certain hours of the week. We hope to get several volunteers lined up to make it a success. Additionally, we will be doing plenty of canned food, clothing, and toiletry drives to stock it up. Let the office know if you are willing to come and help in any way.

We welcome a new Elder this year, JoAnn Hollie. Join us on January 14th during the worship service as we hold a short ordination service to pray over God's calling of Hollie as an Elder. We invite you all to join us in installing Hollie as an Elder who will help lead and shepherd our congregation. This is an important time in the life of our church.

We have also begun the process of creating a Diaconate, and we look forward to ushering in new Deacons soon. Deacons are the backbone of any congregation, and they serve with willingness and generosity. Please be praying for this process, for those who are navigating the call to be a Deacon, and for the Elders who are working on establishing this office with purpose and in the truth of God's Word.

Last year, I talked about challenges with our attendance and with our giving, however, I am filled with joy to report that we have endured faithfully in 2023. We continue to face some challenges with giving and our attendance consistency, but God has blessed Westmont this last year. We pray that everyone takes seriously the call in Hebrews 10:25, "not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." We are all parts of the body as God has gifted us, but we cannot edify one another if we are not ever with one another.

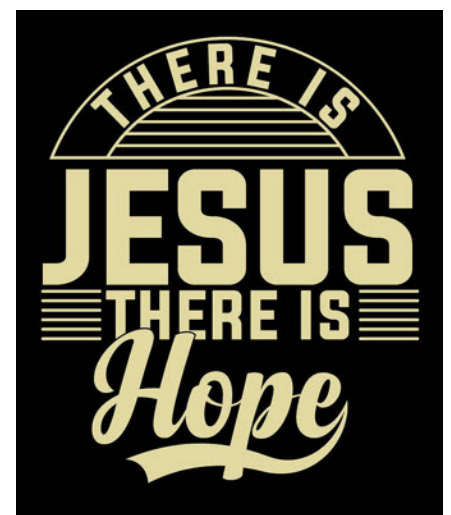
I hope we all take the turning of this new year to recommit to the church life God has designed for us and gifted us into. When we gather we sing praises together, we hear God's Word and truth, we pray for one another, we edify each other, we walk alongside each other, and we honor God with the best of ourselves in community.

Your staff is grateful everyday to be here at Westmont and serving God to the best of our ability. Thank you all for the ways you love on us as we seek to take care of this congregation. If you ever want to volunteer, need us, or need to talk, share, or celebrate, please come see us. Our office hours are the same as they have been (Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

2024 will be an amazing and exciting year. We have watched as God has led this congregation through ups and downs, all leading up to this year. We are poised to see some amazing things happen that God has been putting together. We have broken records for our VBS, had record children's attendance, established a youth group, on a few Sundays we enjoyed the highest church attendance in recent years, witnessed baptisms, met new members, and welcomed many returning guests. Praise God! May we continue to declare His truth, seek His ways, pursue His will, and endeavor to bring Him all honor and praise.

To God be the Glory!

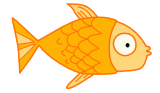
Pastor Jarid McCool





Children's Moment Leadership

January 2024



January 14



Jan d'Orsay

January 21

Canzada Bray

January 28

Hollie



Men of Westmont Lunch

January 27, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Mamarita's Border Cafe

6602 Slide Rd.



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WESTMONT YOUNG ADULT

Young Adults of Westmont!

Please join us this coming Sunday evening at church from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for Westmont's monthly Young Adult 242! We will gather to fellowship, eat, and learn how to be better parents, spouses, and Christian men and women.

Know that childcare is provided, and all are welcome. Use this opportunity as a respite to refresh and refuel each month. This loving and accepting group of young adults will help to lift and inspire you in your daily walk with Christ!

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45



Memorial Gifts from Westmont Members

Memorial gifts were given to Westmont Christian Church in memory of **Sue Hackler** by Jerry & Karen Armstrong, Anne Klein, Mary Senn, and Steve & Sheree Toal.

Memorial gifts were given to Westmont Christian Church in memory of **Bill Robinett** by Anne Klein and Steve & Sheree Toal.

Westmont Family,

We want to thank our entire Westmont family for their wonderful generosity in giving to the *Staff Christmas Bonus Fund* this year. Our family was humbled and blessed as we received the bonus check before Christmas. It served as a great help to us during the Christmas Season.

Thank you for the love that you show to our family on a weekly basis throughout the year, and we are truly appreciative that you gave above and beyond to financially encourage us during each Christmas Season.

May God bless Westmont and all of its endeavors in the new year!

Thank you so much!

Dean, Juliana, & Jaden Roy



Communion Presiders

January 14 James Livermore & Cynthia McKenney

January 21 Joel & Christy Robinett

January 28 Jimmy Dirks & Neta Hansen



General Board Meeting

Please note that the Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday every month!

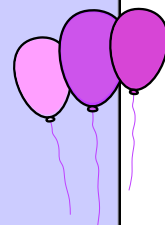
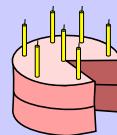


Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Board Members, please create and email your monthly report to your fellow Board Members.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Allen Ahern 03
Pat McClellan 07
Austin Ahern 10
Jimmy Dirks 15
Dalton Anderson 16
John Klein Jr. 16
Joe Warren 20
Max Sanchez 20
Katie Hargrove 23
Jan d'Orsay 23
Bettye Griggs 25
Joshua Shaw 28



JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

Ted & Brenda Gray 03

Communion Servers



Consider assisting once a month as a *communion server* on Sunday morning. Westmont serves communion to all who worship each week, and your participation would greatly benefit the volunteer base of this group. To volunteer, speak to a staff member or to Rick Cartwright this week. We thank you in advance for your help!



Youth Pastor Search Committee

January 17, 2024

12:00 p.m. at WCC



Wednesdays@Westmont

Resumes: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

5:25 p.m. in Fellowship Hall





During the Advent & Christmas seasons, beautiful poinsettias adorned the chancel of our sanctuary. Thank you all for donating these beautiful flowers in Honor or Memory of your precious loved ones.

Michael & Cindy Dunn

Sandy DuPuy (Michael's sister)

Michelle Fox

Mack & Anne Duran

Tawni Gray

Chris & Hunter Gray

The Hansen Family

Our Westmont Family

Bo & Katie Hargrove

Tracy Burraus & Jean James

Hollie

Jimmie Hollie

Dahlia Hood

Liz Hood

Jan Keene

Bob Keene, Laura Barto, Greg Keene

Anne Klein

John Klein

Ro & Nicole Sanchez

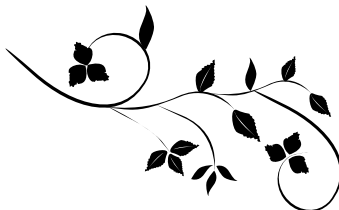
Maria Sanchez & Roel Sanchez, Sr.

The Speich Family

Sue Hackler

Carla Terry

Dean & Marjean Sanders (my parents)





Joys & Concerns: Sheila Jones – Continued prayers for our country, churches, schools, Pastor & family - Bless us to have a prosperous New Year. 01/07

Hollie – The Greater of these is Love. Blessed to be Loving. Continued prayers for Joe 01/07

Ro & Nicole Sanchez – Niece, Sammy-medical 01/07

Canzada Bray - Dave Roberson, stroke after brain surgery - Tiny Alderson, at Carillon House recovering from fall and broken arm 01/07

Dahlia Hood – My brother, Danny Cabrera, is facing amputation on his foot. 01/07

Anne Klein – Cyndee Klein’s Mother, Cyndee Groce-medical; Francis Horne-healing; sister-in-law Billie Horne-broken femur; Feliz Lopez; Jan Sitton-healing; niece, Cara’s husband passed in a car accident. 12/10

Joel Robinett & Jodi Blanton – stepmother Donna, fell & broke her femur again 12/03

Sharon Walker – Please pray for Skip Walker, medical. 11/26

Carla Terry – Please pray for my sister, Carol Nebb, as she recovers from surgery for a fractured hip. 11/26

Cheryl Morre – recovering from surgery 11/12

Chris Gray – I pray for all those who are in the hospital & who are in pain. 11/12

Neta Hansen – Heal the hate in our world. Pray for the Nation of Israel. 11/12

Terri Ralston – Employee’s 4 ½ month old daughter may have cancer, bone biopsy results pending 11/05

Samara Lambright – Skylar, recovering well. William’s mother-home, in hospice with brain tumor 10/22

Prayers for a youth minister, the youth group, and its development 10/15

Mary Senn – Kathy Bauer, virus in lungs they can’t control 10/8

Terry Anglin – Sister, LaNita Scott- severe arthritis & unstable when walking 10/01

Missy Jenkins – chemo, in treatment 04/16


Continued Concern: Ron McClellan; Dave Kraus; Jill Watts’ Cousin, Debra Thomas; Terry Anglin; David Vartak; Nathan Kraus; Roger Reynolds; Jan Fry; DR Congo Outreach; Continued prayers for our church family, Country, and our schools.

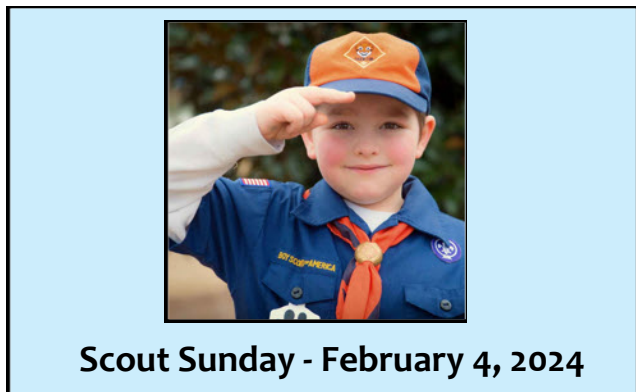
Military: Lt. Col., Todd Anderson, M.D.; David & Ja’net Speich, 2 Nephews; Anne Klein Nephews, Alec & Ethan White

Sympathy: Robinett & Blanton Families – Joel & Jodi’s father passed away on December 15th in Brady, TX. The Celebration of Life service for Bill Robinett was on January 6, 2024, at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady, TX.

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
December 03	82
December 10	90
December 17	88
December 24	75
December 31	45
December Average	76



	<u>Nov. 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Income	\$21,849.09	\$267,959.57
Outreach	-\$1,067.18	-\$13,1234.01
Expenses	\$23,054	\$271,864.36



**SORRY WE'LL BE
CLOSED!**
Monday, January 15, 2024

Expressing God's Love

Inspiring God's People

Expanding God's Kingdom

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Jarid McCool, Senior Minister
Jarid@westmontlubbock.org

Rev. Dean Roy, Associate Minister of Administration & Music
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Ruby Reyes Guerra, Ministry Assistant
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Jessica Johnson, Custodian
Jessica.camp@rocketmail.com

Carolyn Wood, Childcare Provider

Samara Lambright, Childcare Provider

Richard Ralston, Media Lead

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Elders Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Nursery Opens (birth - 4 years)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Instrumental & Media Rehearsal
- 10:40 a.m. Worship & Junior Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Monday - Thursday)

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