



Join the Westmont Family on the 21st of May for a morning of worship, celebration, and a BBQ Feast! The children of Westmont will have the opportunity to enjoy games and bounce houses outside as they conclude the school year. We will all gather around the table after church to eat a fabulous lunch prepared by the Fellowship Team of Westmont. Invite your family and friends and join us for the *Holy Smoke BBQ!*



# FROM THE PASTOR

Westmont Family,

Easter season was a celebration: Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday Service and Resurrection Sunday. Just like the first three chapters of Ephesians, this is a time of remembering what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and for what God is doing for the body of Christ here at Westmont through the power of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the Gospel, God's Word, and the work of the Holy Spirit in each of us.

It was a blessing this last Palm Sunday as we celebrated Christ as the triumphant King and talked more about prayer. The kids presented the palms at the beginning of the service and laid them at the foot of the cross. This was the service that began Holy Week which leads us to Resurrection Sunday.

During Holy Week we gathered on Thursday, April 6, for a service commemorating The Last Supper. We know that it was merely days from Palm Sunday that Christ held His Last Supper during the Passover. This is a feast that we still celebrate each Sunday as Communion. There, He predicted His death and resurrection, and He identified Himself with the bread and the wine as a means of remembering Him. All of this we recognized during a service known as Maundy Thursday. It was truly a blessing for all those who attended as we honored God together.

Saturday morning April 8 and into Sunday morning, we held our 24 hour Prayer Vigil. This is something we do every year, and this year we had even further purpose as it coincided with our Prayer Initiative we began at the start of Lent. Our sign-up sheet was filled with members who committed to come to the church to pray. All participants were invited to enter into the sanctuary during their appointed time where a prayer station was set up. There were guided prayer resources provided, however, everyone was encouraged to pray as God led them. This was an opportunity to be lifting up our church, its leadership, and our finances to God and His will.

Sunday, April 9, was Resurrection Sunday! Even though Christ was crucified and killed, on the third day He rose again! The tomb Mary went to visit was open and empty; Jesus was not laying dead but was risen and alive. The sin He took on the cross and the death He faced did not defeat Him. Christ was victorious over sin and death. This is why Jesus is our great gift; He has taken on our sin and imputed to us His righteousness. This is God's love flowing to us sinners who do not deserve it. Praise be to God!

On Resurrection Sunday, as we gathered, we celebrated this Gospel, the Good News of Christ! We shared in fellowship with an amazing brunch that so many worked hard to provide. During Worship we invited everyone to bring flowers to decorate the cross as we symbolized life out of death. Continuing with that theme, we celebrated five baptisms together, as Lexi, Nathan, Aurora, Chris and Noah all confessed their faith in Christ and repented of sin. We also dedicated Hunter and Lynnlee to the Lord as little children being raised in the faith. We topped it all off with a massive egg hunt for the children after worship. God was praised, honored, glorified and celebrated with 147 in attendance!

As we look forward to May, we anticipate Mother's Day, the end of the school year, the beginning of summer, and a big church-wide celebration. Take a look through this Newsletter and pay attention to the events coming up. You will be blessed by participating in the body of Christ as we edify and lift one another up.

I am thankful to the Elders and the General Board for all the work they have been doing in the background for this congregation. Leadership can be a joyous thing, but there is also much stress and importance placed on the leaders for the well-being of Westmont. Pray for them as they seek to be guided by God's will and help to enact where God is leading us. I know our leadership is thankful to the congregation for their support.

May we all continue to look towards God's truth from His Word for guidance to be filled with the Spirit in all we do. God is good and His love to us is evident in the person and work of Jesus Christ, made known to us through His Word. Let us celebrate this together as the church who is bought and paid for by the blood of Christ!

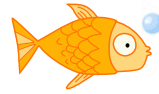
To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool

**GOD IS  
ON THE  
MOVE**

## Children's Moment Leadership

April - May 2023



April 30

Larry Anderson

May 07

Jan d'Orsay

May 14

Canzada Bray

May 21

Neta Hansen

May 28

Hollie



• welcome •

NEW MEMBERS



Westmont warmly welcomes those who have joined our congregation within the last month.

These new members are a great blessing to our congregation!

To God be the Glory!

*Aurora Lynn Garland*

*Ted Gray*

*Brenda Gray*

*Tawni Gray*

*Christopher Michael Gray*

*Hunter Gray*

*Lexi Renee Prieto*

*Nathan James Prieto*

*Noah Joseph Romo*



**We value and appreciate our church leaders. We are highlighting Jeanine Reynolds and Larry Anderson in this issue of the church newsletter. Both are humble, giving, and caring servants, and we love the way they love our Lord and Savior. We hope to continue featuring two leaders each month throughout the year.**

**Thank you, Neta Hansen (2023 Board Chair)**

## **JEANINE REYNOLDS**

Jeanine Reynolds and her family moved to Lubbock in 1988 and started attending Westmont in 1989. They later joined in 1991. In the past, she has served & helped with the Youth, Worship Committee, and Fellowship Committee. Currently, in 2022 & 2023 she is serving on the Personnel Committee, and she is the Board Secretary.

Jeanine and her husband Roger have two daughters who both live in Lubbock. She has four wonderful grandchildren, one girl and three boys ages 11 through 3 years old.

She retired from Texas Tech University in 2019. She worked in Institutional Research and loved her job. She enjoys spending time sewing, gardening, crafting, but most of all, she enjoys spending time with her family.

Some of her Westmont special memories include thoughts of when her daughters and grandson Liam were baptized. Each were very meaningful. She said when Katie and Bo were married at Westmont, Lynda Kraus, church organist, played the *Star Wars* theme on the organ as Bo and Katie exited the sanctuary. She personalized it just for them. Not everyone caught what she did, but those who did had a great laugh. She said when the girls were young, Westmont had a Wednesday evening program for kids called Logos. It was one of the reasons they picked Westmont as their church home. It was not only special for the children, but it was for her too.

They made many friends at Westmont that they still have today. She said if the walls in the kitchen could talk, they would have some very funny stories to tell. A favorite time for her at Westmont is the Christmas choir cantata. She states, "Every year I am always sure it is the best one." Westmont holds a very special place in her life and in her heart.

When asked, what is your hope for Westmont's future, she states, "I pray for our church to have financial stability that can increase our membership, develop programs for our future youth and create a group for young couples and singles." She hopes our church family can continue to experience learning and growing in Christ."

When asked what is your passion, her reply was taking care of my family - physically, mentally, and emotionally. Learning something new everyday is her goal. She said, "her grandson, Liam, and I are currently learning Spanish together."



## LARRY ANDERSON

Larry and his family, Betty, Todd & Ty, joined Westmont on July 1, 1984 after attending for several months. Being a CPA, Larry was immediately recruited to serve on the Finance Committee. After serving a couple of years on the Finance Committee, Larry was elected Treasurer of the Board. Larry has been elected Chairman of the Board twice. Sometime in the 1990's Larry was elected to serve as an Elder. The exact date has been lost to the archives. Larry was chairman of the elders for several years, again the exact date is lost. Larry has served as a Trustee for several years and has been the chairman the past few years.

Larry graduated from Texas Tech in 1967 with an Education Degree and a PE major. The degree with additional hours in accounting and business allowed him to become a CPA in 1971. The education degree did not go to waste as Larry coached each of his boys in several sports during their youth.

In the past almost 40 years, there have been many memorable moments and events. The most memorable was watching his sons be baptized and years later attending their weddings at Westmont. The sad times were saying goodbye to his parents during services at Westmont.

Larry was actively involved in the process to build the new sanctuary during the 1980's and also during the final push to raise the funds to retire the mortgage. It was certainly a thrill to walk into that new sanctuary and then to see the mortgage burned.

Larry enjoys photographing landscapes and also taking candid shots of individuals. He has a library of pictures of his family involved in various activities such as Indians Guides and sporting events. Larry is interested in the development of his and Betty's family tree. His has approximately 3500 names in his current tree.

One last note, Larry's birth name is John Washington Anderson, III. But because his parents could not agree on a name, John Washington has always been known as Larry.

Note from Neta Hansen: When visiting and having coffee with Larry's mom years ago, we asked if Larry and his brother, Donny were a lot alike, and she said, "That is Larry. Right is Right & Wrong is Wrong."



## Men of Westmont Luncheon

May 20, 2023

12:00 p.m.

Blue Sky Texas

4416 98th Street





Dear Westmont,

What a beautiful and meaningful Easter Service! What an amazing Brunch! What awesome blessings each of us received! What a mighty God we serve!

We certainly do praise God for His many blessings, and I want to especially thank this Fellowship Team of men and women who made our Easter Brunch absolutely the best yet! To those who planned, decorated, who came up to the church on Saturday, to those who served the food, to those who cleaned up afterwards, to those who brought food, and to those who gave their time in so many ways for this event, I truly thank you!

I also want to thank the congregation for attending the brunch. Each time you, as the church body, come to a special event, it shows your level of commitment to Westmont. That's just what our church needs to spread the Good News and grow this church. I thank you for coming!

I was told that we served at least 100 people! Wow!

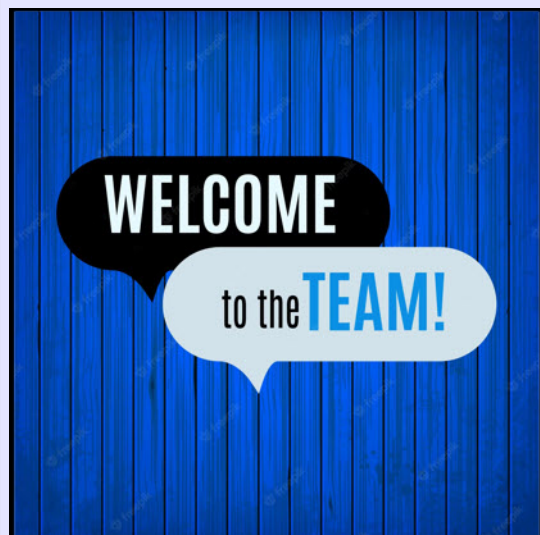
Praise God!

Please make sure to mark your calendars and spread the word for this next event, a BBQ feast and celebration following our church service on May 21st. More information will be coming soon!

Thanks again!

Jodi Robinett

Fellowship Chair



## Welcome Ruby!

The Staff Team of Westmont Christian Church warmly welcomes **Ruby Reyes Guerra** as Westmont's Ministry Assistant. Ruby has integrated so very well into her new role and is such a blessing to our Team, the members of Westmont, and all who contact our church office.

Please take the opportunity soon to come by the church office to meet Ruby. In addition, if you have any business that needs to be conducted with the church office, simply call Ruby. She will be delighted to assist you! We welcome you to the Staff Team, Ruby!

Donations were made by Westmont members and friends of Westmont in order to adorn the chancel on Easter with lilies. The following are those who made purchases and the loved ones to whom they would like to honor or memorialize:

**Michelle Fox**

*Ann & Mack Duran*

**Ruby Guerra**

*Ramiro Reyes Sr. & Ramiro Reyes Jr.*

**Neta Hansen**

*Our Family & Our Church Family*

**Hollie**

**Janice Keene**

*Keene Family*

**Anne Klein**

*John Klein*

**Cynthia McKenney**

*David, Carolyn, & Richard Bilyea*

**Scott & Su Miller**

*Virginia Birk Miller & Ruth C. Wentworth*

**Cheryl Moore**

*Rus Moore*

**Joel & Christy Robinett**

*Bob Siltman & Paula Fredrickson*

**Nicole Satchell**

*Ora Lee Fox*

**Roger & Vicki Wyly**

*Fathers: Victor Wyly & Jerry Stamps*



*We Honor. We Remember.*



# May Board Meeting

Please note that the Board now meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



**May 16, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

**In-Person (library) & Zoom**

***Board Members, please email your monthly report!***

## Financial Report - March 2023

Actual receipts for March    \$20,831

Monthly budget for 2023    \$27,396



## **Thank You, Westmont!**

Thank you all who attended and donated to the Men of Westmont's St. Patrick's Day Lunch. The fellowship was great!

The funds that were donated at the lunch will be used to support various ministries of the church.

We appreciate you!

Men of Westmont



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Speich 01  
Emil Crowley 05  
Jerry Sharp 06  
Larry Anderson 07  
Liam Hargrove 10  
Roger Wylie 10  
Sharon Walker 11  
Ally Robinett 12  
Tyler Livermore 14  
Joel Robinett 15  
Scott Miller 15  
Dave Kraus 24  
Gary Hansen 24  
Jonny Ropes 25  
Alex Johnson 26  
Hollie 26

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Randall Speich 03  
Arvella Meurer 04  
Rick Cartwright 07  
Ro Sanchez III 07  
Mary Beth Senn 12  
Beverly Barrier 13  
Cheri Livermore 14  
Gwen Selke 14  
Abigail Fitzgerald 17  
Jaden Roy 21  
Greg Lovett 25  
Joyce Straughan 26  
Betty Anderson 29

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry & Kristy Weinheimer 05  
Bo & Katie Hargrove 17  
Joel & Christy Robinett 24  
Jarid & Bethany McCool 24  
Rick & Ronda Cartwright 27  
Ralph & Patsy Thorne 28



**Joys & Concerns: Hollie – Lord, please help me to remember praise is what I do. It’s what I do. 04/23**

**Anne Klein – Winnie & Jan Sitton, Eugene Hernandez-surgery, & Felix Lopez 03/19**

**Friend, Mary Casterjen - medical.**

**Jessica Carroll – Mom, Jody, is having surgery on April 28 to remove another tumor. 04/23**

Hadlee Beaver – Pray for big brother Roman, getting older & staying away longer 04/16

Naxeiah Owens – That I keep my grades up & get better sleep. Bless those who are struggling in any form.

Pray for Dean’s family. Prayers for the people at Talkington. 04/16

Dean Roy – Parents in assisted care. 04/09

Melissa Barto – Prayers for healing, diagnosed with liver disease & retaining fluid in body 04/09

Katie Hargrove – GI scope & biopsy on 4/14 04/09

Sheila Jones – Thanks for continued prayers for my brother. 04/02

Missy Jenkins – chemo, in treatment 04/16

Jan d’Orsay – recovering well at home 04/16

Ally Robinett – medical 04/16

Mary Elkins – Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, taking chemo 04/16

**Continued Concern:** Dave Kraus; Jill Watts’ Cousin, Debra Thomas; Terry Anglin; David Vartak; Nathan Kraus; Roger Reynolds; Jan Fry; DR Congo Outreach; Gwen Jordan – Windmill Village; 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

**Praise: Neta Hansen – Praise for a wonderful Easter service.**

**Cheryl Moore – Praise for our wonderful Easter service. It was blessed.**



Baptisms of Lexi, Nathan, Noah, Chris, & Aurora

Baby Dedications of Hunter & Lynnlee

**Sympathy: Dalton Anderson – Ebba has passed, prayers for family**

*A gift has been given to Westmont Christian Church by Richard & Terri Ralston  
in loving memory of **Liz Hood & Rus Moore.***

WORSHIP SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
March 05	66
March 12	68
March 19	63
March 26	59
<b>March Average</b>	<b>64</b>

If you have misplaced a personal item while you were at Westmont, there is a strong possibility that it has been found and relocated to the *Lost & Found* area!

*Lost & Found* is located in the north hallway by the kitchen door. There are two shelves that are labeled “Lost & Found.”

Please stop by this spot to collect your missing personal item on your next visit to church!

Thank you so much!

*Expressing God's Love*

*Inspiring God's People*

*Expanding God's Kingdom*

**MINISTRY TEAM**

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**Carolyn Wood**, Childcare Provider

**Samara Lambright**, Childcare Provider

**Richard Ralston**, Media Lead

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 9:00 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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