



You're Invited! ~ September 10, 2023

# BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Celebration Worship, Luncheon, Youth & Children Nerf Gun Fight



# FROM THE PASTOR

Westmont Family,

This summer has not gone completely how the staff and I originally planned for it to go. From unexpectedly needing to be with family, to planned vacations, to camp and VBS, this summer has been challenging and somewhat overwhelming. Yet, I still am thankful to God for every moment. This summer has brought incredible growth in the life of the church, its Elders, and the leadership. I have witnessed as God's truth and His Gospel message has been, not only proclaimed to many, but accepted and received by faith. Praise God!

**We do not “do church” like some business who is seeking a bottom line. No, we exist as a church to proclaim and make known the Gospel message and to love on the people God brings to us. What we have seen, is that no matter the state of the building or the amount of money we have, God is using us as His instruments to spread His good news for His glory! And we say AMEN!**

The walls of Westmont Christian Church's building are filled with faithful individuals who sacrifice, serve, and give generously. This is never more true than when we come together for events like our Vacation Bible School, in order to declare the Gospel to the children who come. You will see many pictures of fun, games, food, fellowship, dancing, singing, laughing, praying, reading God's Word, and proclaiming the Good News of Christ. So many volunteers and leaders help make it possible, and we are grateful God used their faithfulness to put together a truly incredible event. There were too many elements and people to mention them all here.

**We do this to proclaim the Gospel to these children that God might move their hearts and turn to Him. Every song sung, meal prepared, decoration hung, scripture read, and high-five given is all to the honor and glory of God alone. May we all be used by God for His name's sake, and may His name be declared and praised!**

**Another great praise was the reception of all the flooring needed to finish up the building that will be housing our *Food and Clothing Pantry*. We are excited to get the building finalized and everything moved into it. Our church has had a massive impact in Lubbock because of this ministry. We have partnered with several ministries around Lubbock to help bring food to people in need. As inflation has increased, the need for food has only risen. We even have a partnership with LISD where we help regularly feed several migrant families.**

I know many people in our church are excited to get more involved in this ministry once our building is established. There will be much more information on this in the coming months, including how to help volunteer and how to donate. You can always call the office with questions but be praying for this impact God has given us the opportunity to join.

Speaking of prayer, we have been praying faithfully for our building and the repairs that are needed. We have a *Long-Range Planning Committee* who is helping to do some of the hard work of finding out what our options are, but now we have established a *Remodeling Committee* to help evaluate where and what needs to be repaired first and in what order. While we are still in the legal battle, we need to begin the hard work of fixing our building while we are in it. So do not cease praying, especially for the wisdom to know what to do with what God presents to us. Be prepared to be challenged as we step out in faith!

Let us not lose focus on the reason for the *ecclesia* (the assembly), which is the Greek word for church in the New Testament. We are gathered believers who celebrate the Gospel by growing in it, sharing it, and living it out. May His truth rule in our hearts and minds.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool





Our Westmont Family,

With humble and grateful hearts, we express our deepest gratitude to the congregation and friends of Westmont Christian Church. Your love gave us so much hope during the last days of Mom's life. Thank you for supporting our staff team by providing such grace during times of family tragedy and hardship. Westmont has proven so many times that the physical, spiritual, and emotional welfare of its staff team is valued and supported by our church elders, leaders, and our wonderful congregation.

Your gifts of prayer, personal contacts, texts, email, cards, phone calls, plants, flowers, memorials, and travel to Louisiana to be with our family, has been an incredible blessing to all of us. For these and so many more, we express our heart-felt appreciation to all who gave these gifts of love to our family during its greatest time of need.

With humble gratitude,

Dean, Juliana, & Jaden Roy

Scott & Nicole Faulk

Harold Roy





An exciting Church Year of Christ-honoring music has been purchased and planned for the musicians of Westmont and all worshipers attending the services of our church! The primary goal of our church musicians is to honor and glorify our Holy God!

Forms of musical worship are singing, playing of musical instruments of all types including handbells and handchimes, using the spoken word & drama, visual arts, and so much more. An established team of leaders meet each week on various days to rehearse and prepare for worship services and special events. Their experience levels range from 'beginner' to 'seasoned' worship leaders. In addition, their ages span from the very young to more mature men and women.

This beautiful variety of God's children provides a very healthy team of musicians who move in the same direction to achieve a common goal. As a matter of fact, this dynamic of 'younger and older' is the backbone of our entire church Praise the Lord!

As our musical teams prepare for a great year of service to God, consider how **you** will serve our Lord through music at Westmont. Several established groups exist to provide entry ways into serving through the ministry of music. Once you are there, other avenues of musical service opportunities will be made aware to you to allow for a well-balanced and healthy Music Ministry to continue to grow at Westmont.

Plan to join us this year as we pool our God-given talents and resources in order to honor Him! Service opportunities include but are not limited to:

**HeartSong** (adult vocal ensemble)

\*Invitation by interview

Rehearses from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

**Chancel Choir** (middle school-adult)

Rehearses from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

**Instrumental Ensemble** (middle school-adult)

Rehearses from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. on Sundays

Rehearsals begin for the Church Year on Wednesday, September 6, 2023! Music for World Communion Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and more will be in our folders awaiting you! See you there!

# ELDER NOMINATIONS

**Elder Nominations for New Elders** in 2024 begin Sunday, September 3, 2023. You will find *Nomination Forms* on the glass table in the Atrium area, and there will be some forms available in the office. Only official members of Westmont Christian Church, who have been members longer than 3 years, can be nominated. You must also be a member to submit a nomination.

Nominees will be evaluated by the Eldership, and a select few will be interviewed for final approval by the Elders. These final few will be brought before the congregation for their approval during the congregational meeting November 26th.

Please be praying for this process, both for the nominees and for the Elder's discernment. It is a very important process to ordain new Elders, and we want to do it faithfully as a church. May God's truth lead and guide us.



Wednesday is such an important day of the week when we think about the Body of Christ who attend Westmont Christian Church. It is a time of fellowship around the dinner table, Bible Study, book studies, activities for children & adults, musical rehearsals that prepare worship leaders for Sunday mornings, amazing childcare and SO MUCH MORE! Join us as we begin a brand new and exciting year of *Wednesdays@Westmont*. **We'll see you on September 06 as we live, learn, and love together!**



**Thank you, Westmont!** Your obedience to Christ is evident in so many ways, especially through the act of giving. You faithfully give to support the ongoing ministries of our church. You donate your time and personal resources to lead teams, and you serve in so many ways throughout our church. When special gifts are needed, you rise to the occasion and donate abundantly so that these out-of-the-ordinary purchases can be made to bless our church or others! Thank you!

We thank you in advance as we begin a new year of church service to God, the people of God, and to a world that needs the saving grace of Christ. Thank you for what you have given. Thank you for what you will give! God bless you, and God bless Westmont Christian Church!



## Children's Moment Leadership August/September 2023



August 27	Ronda Cartwright
September 03	Jan d'Orsay
September 10	Canzada Bray
September 17	Larry Anderson
September 24	Su Miller



## Men's Luncheon

September 9, 2023  
12:00 p.m.

Sabroso  
4413 S. Loop 289



## Stewart Elementary 'Back to School Bash'

Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for you to serve!

Please contact Jessica Johnson (806.317.3074) or the church office (806.795.2555) if you can serve!



## Westmont Website Relaunch

September 10, 2023

on

Back to Church Sunday

**Over the course of only 24 hours, the church office at Westmont was able to minister to and assist two precious ladies who needed the listening ear of someone who genuinely cared. To protect their anonymity, we will call them 'Sarah' and 'Tiffany.'**

Sarah's husband was diagnosed with terminal cancer and is no longer able to work. She is raising two of her grandchildren, and she provides daycare for her great-grandchild during the work-week. For the first time in their marriage, they are behind on their rent for the month of August. This hard-working and talented lady wept in our office sitting area as she told us the story of how broken she is knowing that her husband of many years is slipping away. Moreover, she conveyed that he is not only nearing death, but he is doing so without the Lord. Sarah witnesses to him every day, and tries diligently to help him understand that without Christ, there is no hope. This breaks her heart.

We prayed with Sarah, prayed for the salvation of her husband, and we gave her a modest donation to assist with her rent. We assured her that this is a place where she can come at any time to pray with us, be encouraged, and be strengthened through the ministry of the staff of Westmont. She was truly grateful, and we look forward to praying with her again very soon.

Tiffany wept uncontrollably as a staff member embraced her and gave her water and tissues. Within a few minutes, this dear lady was gently led away from the emotional depths of despair that she carried when she entered the building. Tiffany had come to the church after sleeping in the park all night. She has been on the street since her house completely burned down in west Lubbock.

Unable to provide a roof over the heads of her three children, Tiffany sorrowfully called CPS to ask for assistance to house her children. They have provided places for them. Tiffany wished that her family could have helped during this desperate time, but most are addicted to drugs.

As she talked, we were encouraged to hear that she was employed at a local gas station. This is a great blessing for Tiffany. Her employer is working with her during this arduous time.

Tiffany asked for nothing as she sat and shared with us. She needed hope. She needed prayer. She needed human hands holding hers so that she could feel the love of another human being. That's simply all she wanted. She told us that several churches in the area refused to listen to her story and comfort her. Westmont did! Westmont was here to fill the immediate need that she desperately needed in that moment...the love of Christ through one of His children at Westmont.

Tiffany has been approved for HUD housing and is awaiting the location of her new home. At that time, she is hopeful that she will be able to bring her children back home so they will be a united family once again. Though she asked for nothing, we are going to reconnect with Tiffany, and we will provide modest assistance for the deposit that she must provide.

As she left, she was a changed lady because of the power of Christ that she experienced inside the doorway of Westmont. That is beautiful. That is so very special, and we are grateful.

Know that God used this church in these two examples, and He does so in so many more ways each and every week. **The Lighthouse of Christ is burning brightly at 4808 Utica.** Praise God for His Son, the Light of the world, who powers the outreach ministry of this church! Amen.





Dear Westmont Christian Church,

On behalf of the people we serve, South Plains Food Bank would like to express our sincere gratitude for your recent 10th donation. Because of you, we can remain rooted in this community with our commitment to our mission of alleviating hunger and giving hope to those affected by food insecurity. Like you, we believe that every family, child, and senior across our 19-county service area should have access to the nutritious meals they need, when they need them.

Your continuous giving helps us to keep meals on the table for our neighbors - whether they are turning to us for the first time or are struggling with long-term hunger.

We know you have a choice in your charitable giving, and we are truly honored to have you as a partner in our efforts to fight against food insecurity in our community.

Best Regards,  
South Plains Food Development Committee

P.S. As a valued donor, we want to keep you informed about the progress we are making and the lives we are changing, thanks to your support. We invite you to visit our website, follow us on social media, and join us at our upcoming events to see firsthand the difference your donations are making.



Dear Friends,

It is so heartening when we receive a gift from a generous donor that allow us to say “yes” to one more homebound, elderly, or disabled neighbor. Our clients are so thankful for you as a donor.

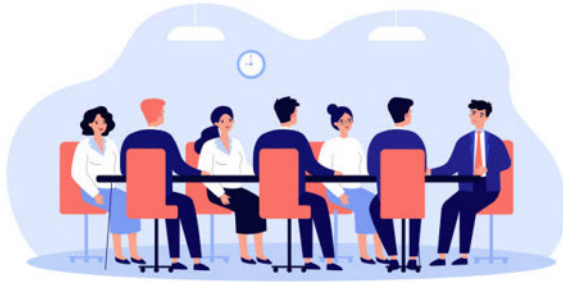
Because of you, our clients can continue to have a meal and friendly visitor to look forward to every day. Our organization is not government funded and not a United Way agency. We are community-funded, and we are so thankful we live in a place where everyone cares about helping people remain at home, well-fed, and independent.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Gilliland  
Executive Director



# General Board Meeting

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



**Tuesday, September 19, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

*Board Members, please email your monthly report in preparation for the meeting in the library.*



August 27	Scott Miller & Jan Keene
September 03	Richard Ralston & Canzada Bray
September 10	Joel & Christy Robinett
September 17	James Livermore & Neta Hansen
September 24	Jimmy Dirks & Nicole Sanchez

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Shawn Gabel 04  
Chillisa Brinson 05  
Nicole Sanchez 09  
Autumn Ahern 11  
Neta Hansen 11  
Dean Roy 19  
Ron McClellan 23  
Trayson Speich 29  
Wynnie Finch 31  
Bo Hargrove 31

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Pat McClellan 03  
Jerry & Karen Armstrong 04  
CR & Ruby Guerra 18  
Larry & Betty Anderson 19  
Don & Jerry Sharp 19  
Sam & Gwen Jordan 21  
Scott & Su Miller 23  
Jim & Sheri Killion 26  
Gary & Neta Hansen 31

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

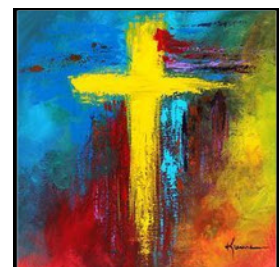
Tessa Johnson 02  
Samantha Steelman 05  
Christion Crowley 06  
Cheryl Moore 11  
Tom Klein 11  
Roger Reynolds 13  
Jacob Mosley 15  
Stuart Edwards 22  
Jonah Fitzgerald 26  
Sawyer Brinson 27

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Eddie & Flo Kohanek 07  
Roger & Jeanine Reynolds 18  
Josh & Nicole Satchell 25

"As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work."

John 9:4



# Chosen Sunday School Class

Chosen Sunday School Class and Westmont Family,

We are beginning a new Bible study in the *Chosen Class* beginning September 3rd. It will be a 9 to 10 week study. We will continue the Chosen study, Season 4 in Jan/Feb. 2024 (We do not know the release date at this time.) We can hardly wait!

The study we will begin now is called "God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible" by Vaughan Roberts. It "traces the story of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation to see how it all fits together, telling of God's wonderful plan to save the world through Jesus Christ." This will be very timely, as we have been studying the life and ministry of Christ. This study will help us to see how it all fits into God's unfolding story since the beginning of creation.


Each Sunday morning we will watch a video in class (approximately 10 - 12 minutes), as we are provided a talk outline for notes during the video. Then, we will have active group discussion along with a Bible study guide that reveals key scriptures and asks further questions. There is a study book you may purchase. The paperback is \$16.00, but it is not required.

Pastor Jarid encourages everyone to come to this study for a foundational look at what God has in store, through the person and work of Christ, for His creation. If you desire to come to this study, we will welcome you in the Fellowship Hall on the east side at the round tables Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Please contact Neta Hansen if you have any questions.

806.790.7115 or [garyandneta@att.net](mailto:garyandneta@att.net)

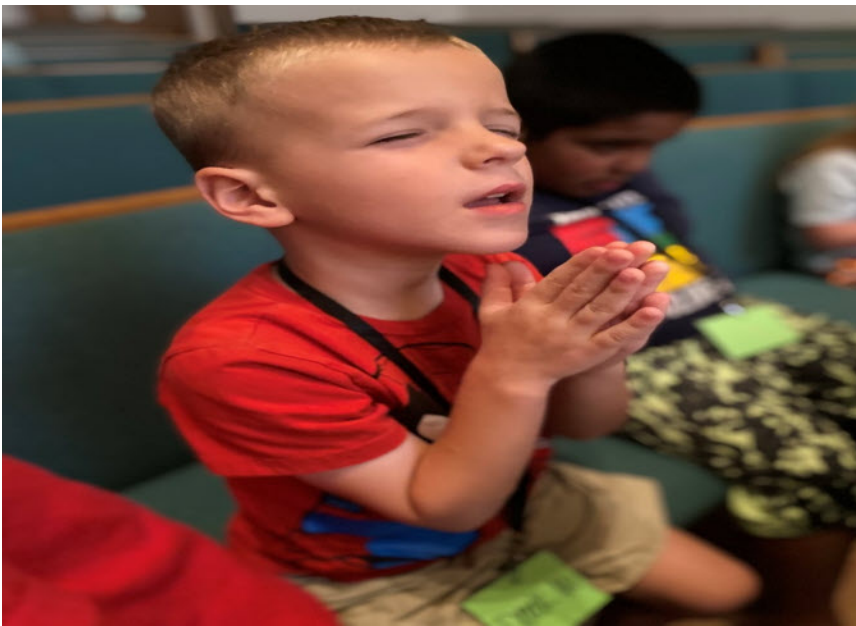
Thank you.



**Sunday School Classes  
for Everyone!  
9:30 a.m.**

# Vacation Bible School 2023







**Joys & Concerns:** Neta Hansen – Pray for the people of Maui & people affected by the fires. 08/20  
Jimmy Dirks – Sister, Marcile Dedrick- hip surgery 8/22, kidney not functioning 08/20  
Jerry Cervantes – That God will strengthen our faith and help us in our walk with Christ - We have been so blessed. 08/20  
Anne Klein – Mary Casterjen-medical; Brogan Griggs; niece, Adrianna Kron passed-prayers for family - Pheonix Lopez-knee surgery; Amanda’s dad. Kerry Groce-blood clots. 08/20  
Sheila Jones – Unspoken prayers for son, Corey who is home & safe - Thanksgiving prayer for our schools, country, & our churches - Amen. 08/20  
Carla Terry – Pray for those stricken with addictions, whatever they may be. Pray God will show them the light before any harm might come to them. Pray for family strength. 08/13  
Hollie – Jimmie Hollie Jr.-health; Robert & Arius Hollie. Even me Lord, even me. 08/13  
Clayton Hansen – Friend’s aunt is not doing well; other friends who need Christ right now 08/13  
Terry Anglin – At Carillon House; Sister, LaNita Scott- severe arthritis & unstable when walking 07/30  
Michael & Cindy Dunn – Wisdom in developing an alliance to help other people.07/16  
Jill Watts – Terry Henderson, medical 07/02  
Yoaka Chefor – Prayers for the Chefor family, asking for the Church to stand in prayer with us - Thank you! 06/11  
Samara Lambright – Boyfriend’s daughter, Skylar, healing & learning to walk again 05/07  
Neha Sawant – Pray for peace & health, through these difficult times I am going through. Bless everyone struggling. 05/07  
Gayla Dirks – Medical 08/21  
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; 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:** Melissa Barto – Received her liver! Gets staples removed on 9/5, Last appt before heading home 9/8.

**Sympathy:** Larry Anderson friend, Sarah Weaver, passed away. Please pray for her husband Gib and their family. Pastor Dean Roy’s mother, Theresa Roy, passed August 11. Services were August 15 in Sulphur, LA. Please pray for the family during this time.

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
July 09	89
July 16	62
July 23	73
July 30	94
<b>July Average</b>	<b>79</b>

	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>Income</u>	\$43,255.88	\$181,309.20
<u>Outreach</u>	-\$2,138.69	-\$8,859.73
<u>Expenses</u>	\$22,166.93	\$170,551.41
<u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$18,950.26	\$1,898.06

*IN LOVING*  
**Memory**

Gifts were given to Westmont Christian Church in memory of **Theresa Roy & Carolyn Barrier** by Canzada Bray.

Gifts were given to Westmont Christian Church in memory of **Marsha Hall and Jane Walker** by the Livermore family.

*Expressing God's Love*

*Inspiring God's People*

*Expanding God's Kingdom*

## MINISTRY TEAM

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**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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