

Westmont Christian Church



July 2023

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Answers**VBS**



Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth

Vacation Bible School ~ July 24-28 ~ Ages 4-12



FROM THE PASTOR

Westmont Family,

July means 2023 is half over! I am always amazed at how slowly time goes in the moment, and yet when you look back, time has flown! One of the great things about looking back, is seeing how God continued to direct our ways even though we may not have realized it at the time.

May we take to heart Proverbs 3:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.” No matter what lays before us, we will stay on the Lord’s path as we seek to bring Him honor, glory, and praise. This is how we seek to do His will, and it is in this way we are honored and privileged for God to use this congregation in the ways He does.

I was recently blessed to take five of our 3rd -5th grade boys to the first church camp Westmont has attended in several years. We teamed up with First Christian Church in Lubbock to bring a total of sixteen boys and girls to Mt. Lebanon Camp. It was an incredible week of worship, games, swimming, great food, and digging into God’s Word. As the Gospel was proclaimed over and over, there were three campers with us who made the decision to profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. One of them was our very own Jax Carroll. He is now seeking to get baptized, so pray with him as he pursues this incredible decision. Praise God!

Summer is always a bit slower ministry-wise, but we always have one major event that takes a ton of planning and commitment... Vacation Bible School. Nicole Sanchez has been incredible this year as she gathered some very eager and key leaders to help plan and execute a successful VBS. You will read more about the details of times and dates in this Newsletter, but let me extend the invitation to step outside your comfort zone and find a way to help. Our VBS each year is only successful if we have lots of help. From decorating, to serving food, to dancing, to teaching, to clean-up, anyone can help in some way. We will need the help too, as we already have twenty-five kids registered as of the publishing of this Newsletter.

We do not do this to “look good” as a church, or to fool ourselves into thinking we are successful church because we have a VBS. 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!

As a church we can also give God praise for where we are with our *Food and Clothing Pantry*. If you have been reading my articles you will know that we have struggled for nearly a year to get flooring donated to continue with the renovation of Jack's House as we make it our *Food and Clothing Pantry* building. Recently, Dean and I were finally able to get flooring ordered so we can finish this building up. It is a large order, so it will take some time, but they will be delivering it on site! This has been a long time coming and is an answer to prayer!

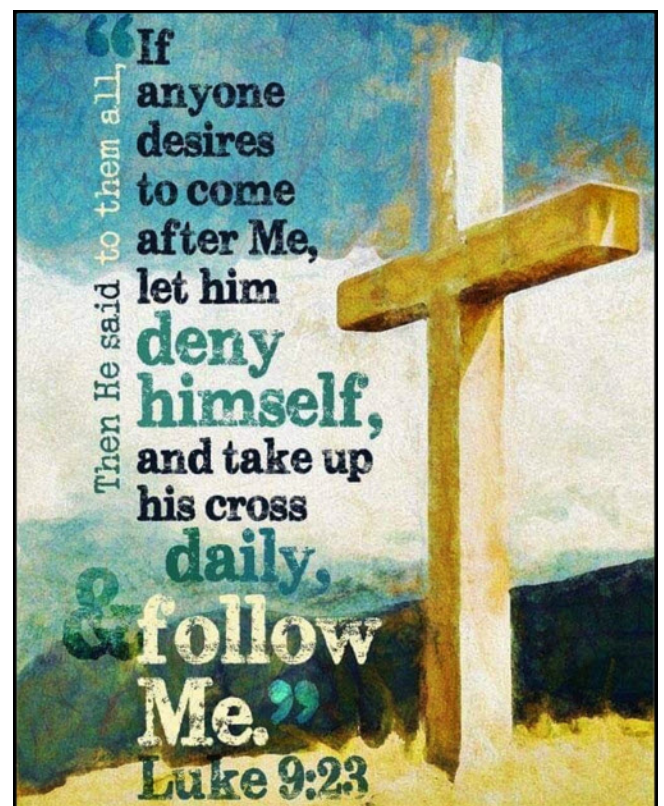
Having this building complete will help us to improve our ministry in this area and have a bigger impact on the amount of people we can help. We will be able to accept more and better donations, and we will have a system in place that will make it easier for our community to receive immediate aid. I am grateful to all who are and will be continuing to help serve our community in this way.

Please be praying daily for this body of believers here at Westmont. God has something in store for us that is hard to fully see right now, but we will continue to seek His will and be guided by His truth. Pray for the Ministers, the Elders, the Board, and the Long-Range Planning Committee as we seek God's leading as we navigate the challenges ahead. I know many of you are prayer warriors, so be praying that we receive favorable news about the resolution of our insurance claim for the building this month.

May we all seek God's will and continue to place our faith and trust in what God is doing for us and our church. God is good. May we declare Him to a world who needs the gift of grace and mercy through Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool





Children's Moment Leadership



July 2023



July 02	Jan d'Orsay
July 09	Canzada Bray
July 16	Neta Hansen
July 23	Christy Robinett
July 30	Pastor Jarid



A gift was given to Westmont Christian Church by Anne Klein in memory and in honor of John Klein's birthday!



Long-Range Planning Committee

Please be in prayer for Westmont's Long-Range Planning Committee as they work to serve the current and future needs of our congregation.

The members are Jimmy Dirks, Neta Hansen, Jim Killion, Su Miller, Terri Ralston, Amanda Romo, & Ja'net Speich.

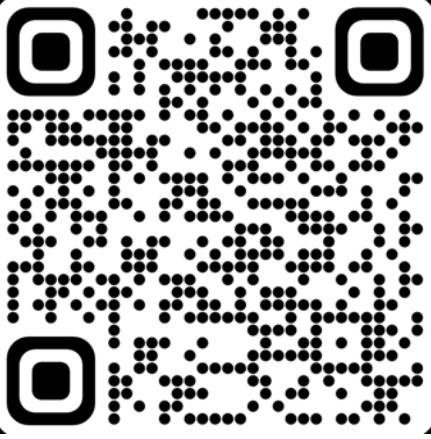


Fellowship. Food. Fun.

Join the Westmont Family on Sunday, July 16 from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. for a wonderful time of fellowship and a delicious breakfast. This breakfast will be on a donation basis, and the funds raised will be used to support the Safety Team.

Please note that there will not be Sunday School on this day, but the nursery will be open.

We will see you at the breakfast table!



Vacation Bible School Registration

Today is the day! We encourage you to register your children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children for Westmont's 2023 Vacation Bible School. The school will be amazingly terrific in every way, and these precious boys and girls will hear the stories of Jesus and learn how to accept Him as Lord and Savior.

Scan the QR Code to the left to easily register a child for VBS. The child will be blessed, and he/she will forever remember this great experience!



Men of Westmont Luncheon

July 22, 2023 ~ 12:00 p.m.

River Smith's Chicken & Catfish

406 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX



Join us for an amazing meal as we celebrate a grand week of Vacation Bible School.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

July 30, 2023 - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."

Galatians 5:13

July Board Meeting

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



Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Steve Toal 01
Eddie Kohanek 01
Ace Carroll 01
Canzada Bray 02
Jessica Carroll 02
Jax Carroll 03
Randall Shaw 11
Josh Lovett 12
Sheree Toal 15
Linda Chapman 15
Clayton Hansen 15
'Tuck' Steelman 16
Don Sharp 19
Joe Hackler 23
Payne Toal 23
Kristi Keene 24
Sue Hackler 26
Juliana Roy 28
Levi Sanchez 29

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

'Tuck' & Cheryl Steelman 03

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Fresh Air Fellowship

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in the air-conditioned library!

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Using the gifts that God has given to us and the talents that He bestows upon us is at the core of the Lord's plan for our lives. His amazing and perfect plan unfolds in beautiful ways as we obey God and follow His leading in our daily walk.

At Westmont, we see God's handiwork in the exhibition of gifts and talents as God uses the membership of this wonderful church to further His will and desire for this body of Believers. It is through the obedience of the saints of Christ that God is honored and glorified, and it is through this obedience that the will of God is enacted. This is God's plan, and by adhering to His sovereign will, the church is blessed, the individual is blessed, and those who witness these acts are blessed as well.

Each week, we witness the talents of God's servants in action under the roof and outside the walls of Westmont. Congregants fill communion cups, distribute bulletins, manage & operate media-technology, teach Sunday School classes, sing & play instruments, provide safety for those attending church, prepare food and drink for church activities, lead in worship in numerous ways, care for our small children, clean the church building, beautify the campus with flowers & plants, collect & distribute food for those in need, write letters & cards to lift the spirits of our church members, connect with and support Stewart Elementary in so many ways, and greet and welcome guests each Sunday morning!

These are just a few of the acts in which our congregation engages its talents to glorify our great and mighty God! There are so many more. Actually, there are too many to be listed here today!

As God touches your heart, respond to Him. He has given talents and gifts to you, and His heartfelt desire is that you listen, obey, and follow His plan for your life. By doing so, you are glorifying His name and providing a wealth of blessings for those to whom you are ministering.



Joys & Concerns: Hollie – Great is thou faithfulness, Lord unto thee. 06/25

Michelle Fox – Medical

Sheila Jones – Prayer of Thanks Giving 06/11

Anne Klein – Felix Lopez; Mary Casterjen; Billie Horne; Martha Hellman-breast cancer; Megan Busba-healing 07/02

Yoaka Chefor – Requesting prayers for family members going through a difficult time - prayers for the Chefor family, asking for the Church to stand in prayer with us – Thank you! 06/11

Terry Anglin – Sister, LaNita Scott- severe arthritis & unstable when walking 06/04

Canzada Bray – CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) teens & pre-teens training for leading this summer 05/28

Linda Chapman – Son, Brandon, out of ICU, recovering well 06/18

Gene White – Had a stroke, went to Denver with daughters 06/18

Naxeiah Owens- At father's house all summer 06/18

Ron McClellan – At Isle at Raider Ranch #246 06/18

Samara Lambricht – Boyfriend's daughter, Skylar, healing & learning to walk again 05/07

Shawn Gabel Jr. – Ablation heart surgery, healing, & doing okay 05/07

Gary Hansen – Healing from rotator cuff surgery 05/07

Hadlee Beaver – My Grandma, in much pain & having surgery on her left shoulder 05/07

Neha Sawant – Pray for peace & health. - Bless everyone struggling. 05/07

Gayla Dirks – Medical, healing from surgery 05/17

Dean Roy – Both parents in memory care 04/23

Melissa Barto – Prayers for healing, diagnosed with liver disease 06/18

Missy Jenkins – chemo, in treatment 04/16

Continued Concern: Ally Robinett, 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: Cienna & Ray had their baby! Congratulations!

Scott & Su Miller – Val is at Trustpoint; She will be going home for a break & then resuming rehab. She is doing great! Thank you for prayers!


Sympathy: Elkins Family – Mary Venita Elkins passed on June 17, 2023. The service was June 26, 2023.

Sammy Shaw – Mother, Jane Walker, passed June 18, 2023. Services were June 25, 2023.


Terri Ralston – Cousin's wife, Judy Lloyd, passed away - Please pray for the family.

McCool Family – Jarid grandmother, Marsha Hall, passed away in Colorado Springs, CO. May 18, 2023. The funeral is on July 17, 2023.

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
June 04	72
June 11	64
June 18	63
June 25	72
June Average	67



	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>Income</u>	\$23,124	\$118,943
<u>Outreach</u>	\$(1,133)	\$(5,783)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$25,094	\$122,235
<u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$(3,103)	\$(9,076)



Vacation Bible School is right around the corner, and we need you! Your help is needed to have a successful summer event that will touch the lives of so many boys and girls.

Take an opportunity this week to sign up at the kiosk in the atrium, via the QR Code, calling the church office, or by simply talking to Nicole Sanchez. We thank you in advance for your help!

Expressing God's Love

Inspiring God's People

Expanding God's Kingdom

MINISTRY TEAM

- Rev. Jarid McCool**, Senior Minister
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- Ruby Reyes Guerra**, Ministry Assistant
office@westmontlubbock.org
- 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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