

Westmont Christian Church



June 2023

WITNESS

As for
me and
My
House
we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24.15



Answers VBS

**KEEPERS
OF THE
KINGDOM**

Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth

VBS@WCC ~ July 24-28



FROM THE PASTOR

It is a joy to be serving alongside each of you as we walk and live out our faith to the community around us. Not only are we a beacon of truth in this area, but we seek to reach this community for Christ even in face of the world's rejection.

We declare what Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

The Gospel is there for all to hear and receive, and it is what God has chosen to be the means for bringing people to salvation in Christ alone.

Later in Romans 10:17 it says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

So we know, as believers who seek to honor God and make Him known, we are called to go forth and share the Gospel and love on people. One of the major ways we do this in our community is through the *Good News Club* we lead at Stewart Elementary. It is there that God's Word is shared over and over and the Gospel is proclaimed each week. We are constantly asking our congregation to be in prayer for these kids, and that request is intensified during the summer when we will not be seeing them every week.

We also ask for some prayers in anticipation for next fall when the club starts up again. We can always use more volunteers (even if only once a month), more donations, more prayer partners, and more involvement from our congregation.

Another major way we reach out to the community is through our *Food and Clothing Pantry*. Most likely you are not aware of just how much food is given away each week, nor to whom we are able to give food. We have been able to give out over 100 lbs of soup, several dozen potatoes, a dozen lasagnas, and other foods in just one week. We have given many food boxes to individuals in need, as well as to several organizations including Stewart Elementary, Women's Protective Services, St. Benedicts, Grace Campus, and more. I invite you to pray about how to be more involved as we develop this ministry this summer.

Though we had an incredible month of May, we look forward to the summer and what God is doing in our church. It is a time to be both thankful and prayerful for our leadership, our ministries, and for those whom He has brought to Westmont.

Remember to pay attention to every event advertised here in the Newsletter and in the bulletins, including the VBS coming up in July. Be sure to register your kids and share it with others. We can also always use more volunteers to help with decorating, leading, and cooking for the event. This is such an important event for our church, where many children will be in our building and will hear the Gospel. Last year we had 50 children registered for VBS, and we anticipate that number to go up again this year.

There is much excitement here at Westmont with many new projects being completed soon. Please continue to pray for our leadership and for the ways God may be calling you to be involved. We are not all hands or feet or ears, but we are all active parts of the body, and God is calling us to participate.

May you be ever changed and transformed by the truth of God's Word, and may its result be in a healthier church who seeks to honor Christ. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10).

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool



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Food Harvest

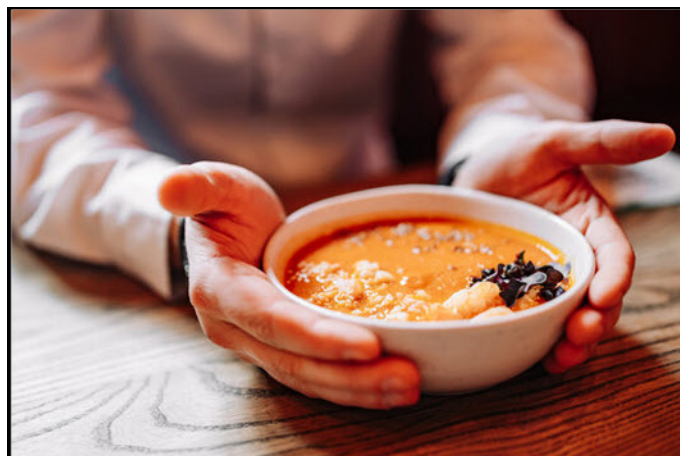
Last February 2022, Westmont was contacted by a representative of the *Food Donation Connection*. It is an organization dedicated to assisting food service companies with the development and implementation of harvest programs designed to provide an alternative to discarding surplus foods. They have coordinated the donation of over 750,000,000 pounds of quality prepared food from food service providers located in the U.S., Canada and internationally. The prepared, surplus food has been a blessing to 10,000 hunger relief organizations.

Westmont agreed to participate and was paired with *Longhorn Steakhouse* and *Olive Garden Restaurant*.

Each Tuesday, frozen entrees, lasagna, soups, meat trimmings, baked potatoes and baked sweet potatoes are picked up and distributed to community organizations who feed the homeless and food-insecure individuals and families. So far, Westmont has delivered food to Grace Campus (formerly Tent City), Meals on Wheels, Women's Protective Services, Lubbock Impact, Restoration Empowerment Center, 50 Migrant Families *via* Juanita Hernandez, Benevolence Patrons through the Westmont Church Office, Stewart Elementary School, and St. Benedicts Catholic Church. This ministry is a blessing to so many who are hungry in our city.

For more information or to volunteer and be a part of this ministry, call the church office.

Blessings,
Ja'net Speich





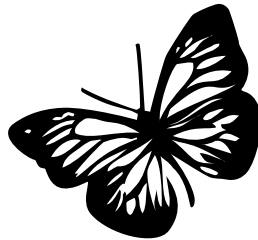
We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to our Westmont Church family for the prayers and encouragement we have received following the passing of Ro's father, Roel Sr. The prayers have surely been felt by our entire family and have been uplifting during this difficult time.

With Love,
Ro, Nicole, and the boys



My family and I wish to thank you, our church family, for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits Tessa received while she was in the hospital for an asthma flare-up. The hospitalization of a child is never easy. It made her day, as well as mine, to see and hear all of the outpouring of love and support our church family has for her.

May God Bless All of You,
Jess Johnson



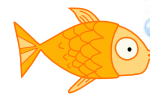
To the Wonderful Westmont Staff,

Thank you all for helping us set up the tables for our pictures, books & angels. It helped make my Momma's service as special as we wanted it to be. The lunch provide for the family was wonderful and far exceeded our expectations. Thank you so much to our wonderful church family. Thank you for all you did and all your help.

Dalton Anderson & Family
Ebba & MJ McIntre
Michael, Meredith, Caroline & Sydney Anderson

Children's Moment Leadership

June 2023



June 04

Christy Robinett

June 11

Su Miller

June 18

Ronda Cartwright

June 25

Larry Anderson



There will be a brief **Vacation Bible School Volunteer Planning Meeting** following worship on Sunday, June 4, 2023 in the church library. This gathering will be facilitated by Nicole Sanchez.

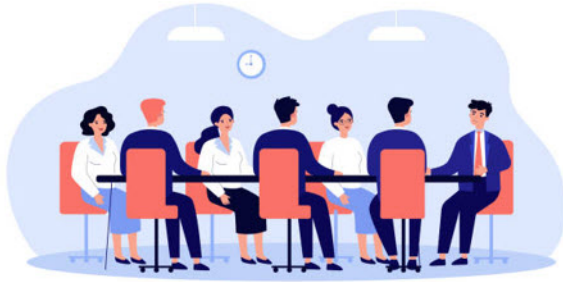
If you have volunteered to serve in VBS this summer, please plan to attend the meeting. If you are considering assisting with VBS, this will be an excellent time to join the other leaders to gain more information about Westmont's exciting summer event!



On Sunday, May 21, 2023, Westmont officially welcomed **Ruby Reyes Guerra** as our Ministry Assistant. We are all so grateful to God for sending Ruby to our church staff. She is an amazing lady and a trusted member of our staff team. We welcome you, Ruby!

June Board Meeting

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



June 20, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

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



The **Long-Range Planning Committee** is charged with creating a financial plan that considers future actions for all staff and their pay and with bringing forth ways to challenge the congregation especially with ministry to current members, evangelism and prayer.

The committee should report progress to the General Board monthly at the scheduled board meeting as we as consult with the pastors at least every 6 weeks. Regular communication to church members is encouraged via newsletter, bulletin, "town hall meetings" or congregational meetings as appropriate. All are expected to be dedicated to regular meetings.

A comprehensive plan should consider multiple options including information on insurance payment, soundness of the building, demographics, income, research of economical trends of attendance and giving to the church. The committee is free to consult other members of the congregation as a resource for information such as data collection, facility assessment and any others the committee deems necessary.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jaxon McCool 02
Cormac McCool 04
Hartley Carroll 05
Teresa Camp 05
Kendadie Keene 07
Carolyn Barrier 08
Lynn Mosley 09
James Livermore 11
Scott Miller 15
Su Miller 16
Bethany McCool 17
Kristy Weinheimer 18
Cheryl Steelman 20
Becca Ahern 24



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dean & Juliana Roy 04
Shawn & Billie Gabel 10
BJ & Jan d'Orsay 11
Larry & Bettye Griggs 15
David & Ja'net Speich 21
Patrick & Jessica Johnson 30

The Westmont family would like to acknowledge gifts given to our church in memory of our loved one.

Canzada Bray gave a gift to WCC in memory of **Ebba Anderson**.

Beryl George gave a gift to WCC in memory of **Ebba Anderson**.

Joe & Sue Hackler gave a gift to WCC in memory of **Ebba Anderson**.

Joel & Susie Holder gave a gift to WCC in memory of **Ebba Anderson**.

Gwen Selke gave a gift to WCC in memory of **Ebba Anderson**.

Peggy Williams gave a gift to WCC in memory of **Ebba Anderson**.



Joys & Concerns: Samara Lambright – Boyfriend’s daughter, Skylar, healing & learning to walk again 05/07
Shawn Gabel Jr. – Ablation heart surgery on May 24 05/07
Gary Hansen – Healing from rotator cuff surgery 05/07
Hadlee Beaver – My Grandma, is in pain & she is having surgery on her left shoulder. 05/07
Neha Sawant – Pray for peace & health, through these difficult times I am going through. Bless everyone struggling.
Little Ro – My Welo passed away yesterday afternoon (May 6) 05/07
Anne Klein – Felix Lopez; Mary Casterjen-medical ; Danny Klein; Billie Horne 05/21
Hollie – Lord, I pray for the amazing God move of young adults. 05/07
Cheryl Moore – Friend Jill, in Ok, in hospice care for several kinds of cancer. Pray for peace & comfort for this precious child of God. 04/30
Gayla Dirks – Medical, healing from surgery 05/17
Dean Roy – Both parents in memory care 04/23
Jessica Carroll – Mom, Jody, healing from surgery 05/07
Melissa Barto – Prayers for healing, diagnosed with liver disease 04/09
Sheila Jones – Thanks for your continued prayers for my brother. 04/02
Missy Jenkins – chemo, in treatment 04/16
Mary Elkins – Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, taking chemo 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: Scott & Su Miller – Val is going home next week for a respite from therapy. She will probably move to a rehab facility to continue PT. She can stand! Praise God.

Katie Hargrove – GI results came back clear!

CR & Ruby Guerra- Son, Javan, graduating from Lubbock High School 5/27!

Mary Senn – Grand-daughter, Kinsley, cheer team placed first in finals in Orlando, Florida!


Sympathy: McCool Family – Jarid’s grandmother, Marsha Hall, passed away in Colorado Springs, CO. May 18, 2023.
Nita Vaughan Terry passed May 12, 2023.

Ro Sanchez – Father, Roel Sanchez Sr., passed away in Kingsville, TX. May 6, 2023. Prayers for family.

*Let me prayer stand before you like incense;
let my uplifted hands be like the evening offering.*

Psalm 141:2

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
May 07	80
May 14	87
May 21	101
May 28	68
May Average	84



	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>Income</u>	\$31,421	\$94,494
<u>Outreach</u>	\$(1,529)	\$(4,584)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$24,676	\$97,142
<u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	\$5,215	\$(7,232)



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 this week at the kiosk in the atrium or simply talk 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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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

- 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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