

Westmont Christian Church



MARCH 2025

WITNESS



PRAY FAST GIVE

THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,
but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.”

2 Timothy 1:7



FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This March we began the Lenten and Eastertide season with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. This service was a solemn time, where we began a purposeful journey of preparation for the Resurrection of Christ. We assume a discipline of self-examination, confession, and repentance. We dedicate ourselves to meditate upon the scriptures and to converse with God in prayer. We seek to be more faithful disciples of Christ, whose lives are shaped by the One whom we confess to be the Lord and Savior of the world. In this journey, may the Holy Spirit move in us, may He revive us into greater esteem for Christ, deeper conviction and repentance of sin, and a hunger and thirst for His Word. Let this Lenten season be one of purposeful prayer and expectancy for God to move here at Westmont Christian Church and beyond.

Even with all the financial challenges we face, we remain confident that God is at work among His people at Westmont. This is because we know that God's people will be generous, especially when we know there is a need. Keep on the lookout for more information on how you can prayerfully help contribute more towards our operating expenses. This is vital for us to move forward with the ministries God has called us to and to live out our mission.

We will be having our annual St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar lunch hosted by the Men of Westmont on Sunday, March 30th. This is not only a fun time of fellowship and good food, but it is an opportunity to support more of what our church is doing. Be sure to invite a friend and come prepared to eat a hearty meal!

On that note, we are challenged by the Great Commission to spread the Gospel and disciple the nations. Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

What that looks like locally in Lubbock is never being ashamed of the Gospel message about Jesus the Messiah and bringing people through faith and repentance into the fold of the body of Christ. In short, we need to invite our friends, neighbors, co-workers, team-mates, barbers, insurance agents, cashiers, waiters, and even strangers to worship the King Jesus with us at Westmont.

God's Word does tell us that the way to salvation is narrow in Matthew 7:14, "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it." Yet, we are called to be a light in the darkness, declaring truth in a sea of lies. God will gather His people, if we will be ready for those God places before us.

I pray this March is a time of reflection in preparation for Resurrection Sunday, a time of purpose in sharing our faith and inviting others to Westmont, and a time of rest during Spring Break. It is God who knows us and directs our ways. He will lead us prepared into every situation and give us the strength to engage with the people He places before us. Surrender to His leading and be ready for God to move!

Please continue to hold the leadership of Westmont in prayer as we seek to be faithful to God's truth and His leading for this congregation. Pray for the improvement of the church's finances and for the blessing of resources corporately and individually. Pray also for the personal faith and strength to recognize and submit to God's will and truth to play out in our lives individually.

Thank you all for the ways you appreciate your church leadership and staff. Remember to welcome our new Ministry Assistant, Jaden Smith. She is in full swing here at the office and is excited to meet you all. Encourage her and help her feel welcome. We love each and every one of you, and are grateful for the opportunity to serve this congregation in the name of Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool



March Board Meeting



March 18, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Church Library

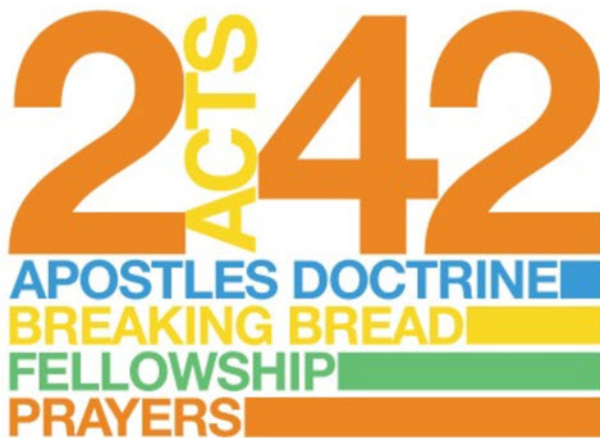
Board Members, please email your monthly report!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Rylan Speich 03
Chris Gray 08
Bettie Steen 08
B.J. d'Orsay 14
Sammie Shaw 14
Brenda Gray 16
Fred Steen 17
Rylan Hughey 21
Cienna Toal 21
Richard Ralston 22
Casey Cartwright 27

MARCH ANNIVERSARY

Fred & Bettie Steen 01
Ro & Nicole Sanchez 10
Russ & Jonny Ropes 27



Young Adult & Family 242

We cordially invite all young adults and families to the monthly 242 meeting on **Sunday, March 16, 2025** at Westmont. The dinner and study will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m.

Childcare will be provided as we conclude the study the Max Lucado book, "Anxious For Nothing."

Men of Westmont Luncheon

Saturday, March 22, 2025

12:00 p.m.



Blue Sky Texas

4416 98th Street



A monetary gift has been given to Westmont Christian Church in memory of Sheila Jones' brother, Kenneth Ray Mask, from Canzada Bray.



Westmont Family,

“In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, Lord, have me dwell in safety”

Psalms 4:8 NASB 2020

As Spring Break approaches, I hope that many this month will have a moment of peace and rest from the ever-changing tides of our lives! February has come and gone and with it many events with our Youth. The *Super Bowl Party* was a fun time to cheer on two incredible teams and come together for a time of fun, worship and prizes! Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making that night happen! As an Eagles fan I am happy with the outcome but, more importantly, as a youth pastor I was so happy to spend that time with our youth and their families and friends. *Honoring Marriage Night* was another night of fun! I am grateful to be a part of such wonderful work for our parents and would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make that special night happen!

While March will give us a bit of rest, there are plenty of events coming up for our youth. Most importantly, parents mark your calendars with the following events:

- * **Vacation Bible School** – June 9, 2025, through June 13, 2025
 - o If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Amanda Romo or me.
- * **Youth Camp** – June 29th, 2025 through July 4, 2025 – Reservations will need to be made soon. **Total Cost \$269 per camper.**
- * **Children’s Camp** – July 22, 2025 through July 26, 2025 – Reservations will need to be made soon. **Total Cost \$250 per camper.**

Please don’t let cost be an obstacle, we will be fundraising! Our hope is that any child who wishes to participate will be blessed and able to go. Look forward to more information on camps and registration soon.

Praise the Lord for you all, my brothers and sisters in Christ. As we continue to do life together, please know that I see all that you do to make Westmont special. Whether you serve communion, greet our guests, keep us safe, or keep us or others fed and clothed, I couldn’t have asked to be a part of a more loving and supportive community.

Grace be with you,

Jesse Vera

Youth Minister

jesse@westmontlubbock.org



We Welcome Our New Ministry Assistant!



My name is **Jaden Smith**, and I'm from a small town called White Deer. I graduated from Texas Tech University in 2019 with a Human Sciences degree and then again in 2022 with a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration.

I love spending time outdoors, reading books, and traveling with my husband to rodeos to watch him compete. A fun fact about me is that I also work at a salon as a certified and licensed permanent makeup artist. I am excited to be a part of the Westmont ministry team and thank you all for welcoming me into this role.



We have a favorite, and there are usually several reasons why we return to the same restaurant over and over through the years. Many times we sit at the same booth, see the same wait staff, and even get to visit with fellow patrons that we have come to know and love. Our choice restaurant provides an atmosphere that we enjoy and a place of sharing, giving and fellowship.

Churches can be similar to our chosen restaurant in several ways. Its a place where we have selected our favorite spot to sit. There are staff with whom with have great relationships and fellow members whose choice of worship style and church atmosphere is very similar.

Because most of us focus on places that offer an experience that is beneficial and an opportunity to give in return, favorite establishments are pinned to our weekly routines. Since you are reading this today, it is assumed that Westmont is a place that you have 'pinned' or it is one that you are considering investing your life and and resources.

You value the service opportunities provided and treasure the friendships and associations that are made as you work and worship at Westmont. As you calculate your appreciation of our church and its impact upon your life, we would encourage you to share this with others.

Since this place of worship creates an environment that is beneficial to you, imagine what it could be for others if they only knew! Just imagine!

We encourage you today to share your love of Westmont to others in Lubbock. These are just a few, but you can share your passion for Westmont in the work place, at school, with your family, or in your neighborhood.

Someone once said, **"Westmont is the best kept secret in Lubbock."**

Let's share the best kept secret with as many people as we can in the coming days! This will give others an opportunity to worship, to accept Christ as Lord and Savior, and moments to serve our Lord with fellow Believers.

Help us today to share about our church home, Westmont Christian Church!



We are truly blessed to announce that Westmont will have a time of rededication during the worship service this coming Sunday. On **Sunday, March 16**, we will recognize and rededicate **Neta Hansen** and her service to Christ and Westmont as an Elder.

Neta is such a blessing and a true servant of God. Her ministry to our Lord and our congregation spans many years, and her work for Him has touched the hearts of our church members and our community! Thank you, Neta!



St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar

March 30, 2025

Following Morning Worship

Fellowship Hall



"Build Your Own Potato with Amazing Toppings!"



Westmont Friends & Family,

Please note that *Wednesdays@Westmont* will be suspended on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 for Spring Break. On the following Wednesday, March 26, 2025, all regularly scheduled activities will resume.

Thank you for your support of Westmont's midweek gathering. It is such a blessing and a refreshing time for so many!

LONG RANGE

PLANNING COMMITTEE



March 24, 2025

Church Library

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9



Joys & Concerns: Little Ro Sanchez – My tuba director, Bob Simmons fell and is in the hospital. 2/23

Anne Klein – Caitlyn, broken knee; Joni, prayers for health; Manda Klein’s sister. 2/23

Jan Keene – May we find new ways to faithfully support Westmont Church financially. May the Lord guide us!

Sheila Jones – Prayers of Thanksgiving, Amen. 2/23

Hansen Family – Pray for the livelihood of our church. Cousins, Kay Courtney, stage 4 throat cancer & Dolan Courtney, heart attack. 2/23

Nicole Sanchez – local federal employees, for job security & adaptability to changes as several have lost their jobs last week. 2/16

Bo & Katie Hargrove – Friend, PE coach’s son, Jake, CT scan on 20th, pray for answers. 2/16

Hollie – Pray for the young Americans, the struggle is real. God we need you as we pray for the children. Pray for my son, Robert. 2/16

Melissa Barto – medical 2/2

Braden McCool – Sister, Lynnlee, broke her arm, healing. 1/26

Alan & Casey Kingston – Safety, good health, & travel mercies for Alan, while working in Alaska. Continued prayers for our family as we work on the structure & finalization of our family. 1/12

Ally Robinett – medical 12/15

Carla Terry – Older sister, Iris DeBruler, in assisted living, late stage of MS. 10/20

Rick & Ronda Cartwright – Rick’s mom, Leona Cartwright had fall. 3/02

Bettye & Larry Griggs – Larry’s health. 12/1

Terry Anglin – Sister, LaNita Scott- severe arthritis. 7/21



Continued Concern: Nathan Kraus-medical; Carla Terry’s sister, Carol Nebb; Ron McClellan; Terry Anglin; David Vartak; Roger Reynolds; Jan Fry; DR Congo Outreach; Continued prayers for our church family, Country, and our schools. Heal the hate in our world. Pray for the Nation of Israel. Pray for peace in Jerusalem.

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

Sympathy: Hansen Family – Gary’s mother, Ruby, passed away, funeral is February 15th in Duluth, MN. **Raymond Ramos – Niece passed away. 3/02** **Dustin & Tawni Baker – Dustin’s grandmother, Mary, passed away. 3/02** **Chris Lopez – Dad, Paul, has passed away. 3/02**

Praise: Hansen Family – Thank you for our wonderful and loving church family. 2/23 **Ronda Cartwright – Job at nursing home has worked out. 3/02**

WORSHIP SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
February 02	96
February 09	69
February 16	63
February 23	68
February Average	74



**WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR
Spring Break**

The church office will be closed March 19-20 2025. It will reopen on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Thank you!

	January 2025	Year-To-Date
Income	\$27,666	\$27,666
Outreach	-\$1,357	-\$1,357
Expenses	\$31,598	\$31,598
Gain/Loss	-\$5,289	-\$5,289

**“I have not come to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.”**

Luke 5:32

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-Administration & Music
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Jaden Smith, Ministry Assistant
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Jessica Johnson, Custodian
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Yijie Liu, Pianist

Carolyn Wood, Childcare Provider

Samara Lambright, Childcare Provider

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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