

Westmont Christian Church



NOVEMBER 2024

WITNESS



JOIN US FOR
Thanksgiving
Sunday

November 24, 2024





FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is many things: Breast Cancer Awareness Month, World Bullying Prevention Month, National Chili Month, and even National Pizza Month. However, it is also Pastor Appreciation Month and Reformation Month. Your ministry staff has certainly felt the love of so many of you who have reached out, sent cards, and blessed us in various ways. We cannot thank you enough. We are simply humbled and honored to be serving Christ here at Westmont.

With it also being Reformation Month, I am reminded of what happened so long ago that brought significant changes to Christian theology and practice, leading to the rise of Protestantism. Reformation Month provided an opportunity to reflect on these pivotal shifts in religious freedom, theology, and the relationship between faith and Scripture.

One of those shifts came in emphasizing "Sola Scriptura" (Scripture alone) as the foundation for Christian faith and practice. Martin Luther said, "From the beginning of my reformation, I have asked God to send me neither dreams, nor visions, nor angels, but to give me the right understanding of His Word, the Holy Scriptures; for as long as I have God's Word I know that I am walking in His way and that I shall not fall into error or delusion."

This is certainly an emphasis we can lean into with all the noise we constantly hear from the secular world. We have never been more bombarded with information concerning political candidates than in our current culture. We have instant access to thousands of church services and "sermons" that may persuade us to think and believe in certain ways. However, we know we can always trust in God's Word, and it is authoritative in the lives of Christians above all else. We must let God's Word be our rule for life, not simply suggestions.

It is God's Word that calls us to celebrate and cherish life (Psalm 139:13-14), to love one another (Romans 13:9), to honor God (1 Samuel 2:30), to celebrate and confirm marriage as between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24; Mark 10:6-9), to treat foreigners well (Leviticus 19:33-34), and to have reasonable expectations for who is counted in so they can be counted on (Acts 2:41).

It is also God's Word that calls for us as a church to "... hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25).

In this we find encouragement, a source of joy, and thanksgiving as we approach the holiday season. We will have very purposeful opportunities to give thanks on our Thanksgiving Sunday (Nov. 24), as we celebrate what God has continued to do in 2024. We will also be giving thanks for the faithfulness of our congregation to commit to giving in 2025.

All of this lays the stage for a successful *Future Focus Campaign*, where we have the goal of reaching \$100,000 by the end of 2024. We are well on our way, and we are praying for God's provision to set up our church in a good place for 2025. I encourage you to be prayerfully considering how God is calling you to be generous and faithful to this congregation. This is where God has called us.

We are excited to be looking toward all the activity that approaches as each year comes to a close. Be on the look out for announcements events and celebrations coming up this month and in December. May we all continue to be thankful and purposeful to be serving alongside one another.

Romans 12:10-11, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool



Roof Construction Update

LBK Roofing and Earl's Heating and Plumbing have completed the work on the roof systems of our church. Several new HVAC systems for select areas were installed, and the approved roof systems have also been secured. With the exception of a few small, finalizing details (being worked on now), Westmont can celebrate and praise the Lord for the work completed! We are grateful for the sound workmanship of the contractors and the safety of the men who completed the job.



It's Going to Be Delicious!



On Sunday, November 3, 2024, the family of Westmont will gather for the *Annual Chili Cook-Off*! The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are preparing a crock-pot of chili to be judged, please have your recipe at the church no later than 4:30 p.m. Judging will begin at this time. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes will be awarded!!

Delicious food, toppings, a kid's menu, and wonderful desserts await your arrival. Bring your family for this wonderful meal and amazing fellowship! We will see you at the Cook-Off!



Help Us to Help You!



Incredible nursery care is provided by our two Childcare Providers. They are **Carolyn Wood** and **Samara Lambright**. Please thank them for their faithful and loving care that they provide for our small ones.

Please help us to help you! The age range for nursery children is *birth through 4 years*. If your child is **over 4 years of age**, he/she must promote to the older children's group. **There are no exceptions**. Also, unless asked by staff or a childcare provider to assist in the nursery, following a background check, please stay in the hallway to provide for the safety and security of our small ones and the Childcare Providers. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Dinner



Please join us for Westmont's *Annual Thanksgiving Dinner* following worship on Sunday, November 24, 2024 in Fellowship Hall. An amazing meal with all of the trimming will be provided for the family and friends of Westmont.

Fellowship, dine, and get to know some new faces at this time of celebration.

"Thank you, Lord, for your gracious blessings on the family of Westmont Christian Church."



Westmont Family,

“You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of His household.”

Ephesians 2:19 NIV

I am truly grateful to be a part of the Body of Christ and this congregation. The Lord has truly blessed us with some wonderful people. This October our youth experienced a lot of fun and growth. We got lost in a corn maze in early October and carved pumpkins at the end of the month. Our youth are continuing their deep dive into the truth of God’s word and who they are in Christ as we continue our “Forged” series. Please keep these students in your prayers as they navigate the treacherous waters of adolescence. Think back to your middle school days and realize these students are facing attacks from within and without during this incredibly trying time in their lives. You may have noticed some of our youth help with communion during a service this month! Thank you, Rick, for helping our youth be a part of our larger congregation. Be on the lookout for two more of our youth serving others in the upcoming months.

The *Good News Club* continues to be an incredible blessing for volunteers and students alike. As we build relationships with these students, we are learning a lot more about them, their struggles, and their joys. Please continue to keep them in prayer for a deeper relationship with our Lord.

This November we are looking forward to Thanksgiving, but our youth will be having a *Friendsgiving* event on Wednesday November 20, 2024. This should be an awesome night of fellowship and fun for our students.

Finally, the youth group has been blessed with amazing volunteers like Bethany, Chris, and Jessica. If you would like to volunteer with our youth, we are always looking for small group leaders. If you feel called to be a part of our youth and lead either a boys’ or girls’ small group on Wednesday nights, please contact me in person, via email, or over the phone!

Grace be with you,

Jesse Vera
Youth Minister



November Board Meeting



November 19, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Church Library

Board Members, please email your monthly report!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Josh Satchell 01
Jeanine Reynolds 11
Jerry Armstrong 11
Gayla Dirks 16
Christy Robinett 21
Larry Griggs 23
Ja'net Speich 24
Jessica Johnson 26
Nannette Peterson 27

ANNIVERSARIES

James & Cheri Livermore 22



stewardship

Westmont began the 2025 Stewardship Emphasis on Sunday, October 20, 2024. Each Sunday through November 24, 2024, you will find an 'Estimate of Giving' card in each bulletin. We would ask that you prayerfully consider what you will give through tithes and offerings in 2025.

These cards are used by Cheryl Steelman, Church Treasurer, to formulate a budget that will guide us throughout the church year. Your submission of the card will greatly assist in this process.

We so value the faithful giving of the Westmont Family and the Friends of Westmont. Thank you!

It is our mission to honor God with all gifts that are given to our church, and we are grateful for so many who give faithfully to support the ongoing ministries and mission of Westmont Christian Church. Thank you!

2025 Estimate of Giving Totals

General Fund: \$54,660

Building Fund: \$17,200

Please Note: Wednesdays @ Westmont will be suspended on November 27, 2024 for Thanksgiving!



We **love** our church chefs, and we are so blessed to have such a wonderful kitchen space to utilize for any event, scheduled or non-scheduled, that requires food-preparation! All of us that use the area comment on how blessed we are to have an amazing church kitchen! We really do!

Please help us! When you have completed preparing food for your activity or event, please assist others who will need the kitchen after you **by following a few simple steps:**

1. Remove all food items from flat surfaces and store or dispose of them.
2. Thoroughly wipe down and sanitize all flat surfaces including stoves and sinks.
3. Wash and put away all dishes and utensils utilized during your time in the kitchen.
4. Leave the kitchen clean. This is one way to honor what God has given to us!

Thank You for helping us!

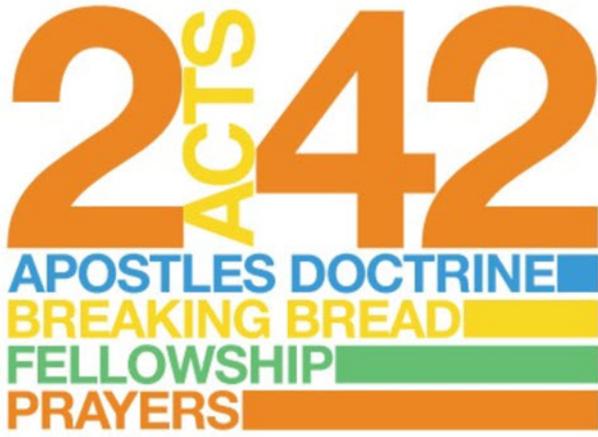
VOTE NO ON 'PROP D'

Thank you for helping us to **eliminate Door Propping** at Westmont. It is certainly the path of least resistance to provide access to folks coming to your event, but it creates **cascading problems!**

Door Propping causes issues that include:

- ~ Allows dirt, leaves and other debris to blow into our facility
- ~ Creates opportunity for door to remain unsecured after the event
- ~ Allows field mice, squirrels, & cats to enter our building which creates high extermination costs
- ~ Cooled or warmed air from the HVAC units is wasted

Thank You for helping us!



Young Adult & Family 242

We cordially invite all young adults and families to the monthly 242 meeting on **Sunday, November 10, 2024** at Westmont. The dinner and study will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude at 7:00 p.m.

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

Come. Enjoy! Be Blessed!



Children's Moment Leadership

November 03	Canzada Bray
November 10	Neta Hansen
November 17	Su Miller
November 24	Christy Robinett



Communion Presiders - November 2024

November 03	Joel & Christy Robinett
November 10	James Livermore & Jan Keene
November 17	Jimmy Dirks & Canzada Bray
November 24	Larry Anderson & Cynthia McKenney

★ **C L O S E D** ★

Offices closed for the

*Thanksgiving
Holiday*

Please Mark Your Calendar

Thank you for noting the days when the church office will be closed so the Westmont staff may enjoy time with their families.

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 26-28, 2024

Coming Soon!

Jingle Jam

December 1, 2024



Jingle Jam Highlights!

Photo Booth

Gingerbread House & Nativity Stable Decorating

Angel Tree - Toy Donations

Cookies, Hot Chocolate, & Apple Cider

Video of the Nativity

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long





Joys & Concerns: Anne Klein – Brother, Francis Horne, has back surgery Nov 4th in Plano. Jan Sitton, healing. 10/27

Dustin & Tawni Baker- Colter's tumor grew slightly, will remain on medication. 10/27

Ethan & Michelle Burelsmith – Healing over Michelle's body. 10/20

Katie Hargrove – Best friend, Jamie, adoption/foster issues. 10/20

Sheila Jones – Continued prayers for my brother, Kenneth. 10/20

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

Hollie – Lord, we lift Your name on high. Pray for my son, Robert. 10/20

Terri & Richard Ralston – Friend, Katie, still having pacemaker issues. Debby Vartak, visa issues, if not resolved, will have to leave USA. 10/06

Neta Hansen – Cecil Fox, healing. 9/29

Chris Lopez – Dad, Paul, starts immune therapy soon. Sister-in-law, Alicia, diagnosed w/ leptomenigeal disease. 8/11

Rick & Ronda Cartwright – Rick's mom, Leona Cartwright, health concerns. 9/29

Michael & Cindy Dunn – Westmont's Future. 9/29

Alan & Casey Kingston – Thank you, God, for an amazing church family & all those He's surrounds us with. God is great in all things! Surgery Nov.5th in Houston. Prayers for the multiple tests & procedures he must undergo before his surgery. Continued prayers for Emmet & our family, surgical team, & all medical staff. 9/22

Jan d'Orsay – Prayers for Kairos Outside weekend Oct 18-20. 9/15

Billie Gabel – medical. 9/8

Dean Roy – recovering from hand surgery, healing. 9/15

Bettye & Larry Griggs – Larry, cancer, chemotherapy to begin soon. 8/18

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

Annette Powell – medical. 6/23

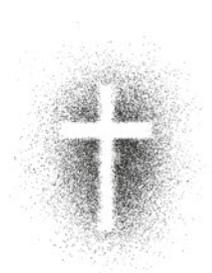
Continued Concern: Carla Terry's sister Carol Nebb; Jill Watts' Cousin, Debra Thomas; Ron McClellan; Dave Kraus; Terry Anglin; David Vartak; Nathan Kraus; Roger Reynolds; Jan Fry; DR Congo Outreach; Continued prayers for our church family, Country, and our schools. Heal the hate in our world. Pray for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

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

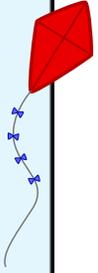
Sympathy: Hollie- Aunt passed, daughter in hospital. Cousin, Milton McDonald Jr, went to rest.

Terry Anglin – Daughter-in-law, Damon's wife, Kim Anglin, passed.

Praise: Praise God for 6 more kids in GNC & 17 kids at youth night in!



WORSHIP SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
October 06	72
October 13	68
October 20	67
October 27	81
October Average	72




September '24	Financial Report	Y.T.D.
Income	\$55,910	\$230,281
Outreach	-\$2,716	-\$10,900
Expenses	\$19,337	\$242,180
Gain/(Loss)	\$33,857	(-\$22,798)

Expressing God's Love

Inspiring God's People

Expanding God's Kingdom

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Jarid McCool, Senior Minister
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Yijie Liu, Pianist

Carolyn Wood, Childcare Provider

Samara Lambright, Childcare Provider

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Facebook:
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Westmont Instagram:
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Kid's Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/westmontkids/>

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