



**For we are God's workmanship,
CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS
to do good works
WHICH GOD PREPARED
in advance for us
TO DO.**

Ephesians 2:10



FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of His Word and the Holy Spirit who rests in you. He is Risen, and His resurrection brings us peace and comfort through our faith in Jesus Christ! As we share in His suffering, we also share in His comfort and victory!

2 Corinthians 1:5-7, “For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.”

Recently the panhandle of Texas experienced “the largest wildfire in Texas history.” The Smokehouse Creek Fire alone burned over 1 million acres, and there were several other fires raging in the area that added to the devastation. This caused untold damage and destruction that is still not calculated but includes homes, farmland, cattle, and other livestock. Our fellow *Disciples of Christ* church in Fritch, TX had many members who lost their homes, and they serve a community that was ravaged by these fires.

Even though we were not affected here in Lubbock, over 2 ½ hours away, we feel the sorrow and pain that our fellow Texans are experiencing. Westmont Christian Church could not simply stand by and ignore the call for help and aid. This church responded in a grand way. We connected with First Christian Church in Fritch, TX and acquired a list of needed items, and then we put out the call for our members to help.

Nearly the whole church was involved in some way to help our fellow Texans. We invited everyone to be in prayer as we gathered items to bring up to the area. There were over 30 cases of water, thousands of clothing items, pots, pans, cleaning supplies, rakes, shovels, brooms, Gatorade, and nonperishable food items. In addition, *Pet Supplies Plus* generously provided boxes of dog and cat food and snacks to bring for people’s pets. All of these items were delivered via a caravan of three

Vehicles and a trailer. Through the affliction of those who were suffering from the fires, God blessed Westmont to be a blessing and bring comfort. We embodied the Word by bringing action to the truth of God's Word in service and love. Truly, God has assembled a faithful, loving, and action-ready body of believers here at Westmont Christian Church. At the same time, we do not seek to lift ourselves up or to brag to bring attention to Westmont. Rather, we share this to declare the grace and blessings God provides in order to bring comfort to the afflicted, and to give God all the honor, glory, and praise for this situation.

As we celebrate what God has done in the month of March, we look forward to what God is doing in the month of April and beyond. Please continue to pray for your church leadership as we care for this congregation and move closer to beginning some of our building repairs and remodels. We also look forward to the Youth Pastor God is leading to Westmont to disciple and build our youth and children in the Gospel and His Word.

I encourage each of you reading this to evaluate how God is calling you to be part of this body of Christ. Do not take lightly the fact that you are counted as part of our Westmont family and that God has led you here for a reason. God does not call us into spiritual laziness, but rather into an adventure of fighting for His truth and His Gospel to be proclaimed to the nations. This culture is not geared towards God, and we are called to be set apart from our culture as we live in it. To this end let us gear up together in the armor of God so that we might be a beacon of light into the darkness of this world.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool

“Never lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

Romans 12:11-12



Children's Moment Leadership

April 07 Larry Anderson

April 14 Canzada Bray

April 21 Neta Hansen

April 28 Su Miller

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."
Matthew 19:14a*



Westmont welcomes **Yijie Liu** as our church pianist and the newest member of our staff! Yijie is a Doctoral Piano Performance student at Texas, Tech. He has already shown how caring and loving he is as he has rehearsed with our choir and led in worship at the piano the past three Sundays. If you have not met, Yijie, please take the opportunity to do so when you see him at church. We praise God for sending such a wonderful musician to assist us as we praise our Lord at each musical gathering! **Welcome to Westmont, Yijie!**



Communion Presiders - April 2024

April 07 Joel & Christy Robinett

April 14 James Livermore & Nicole Sanchez

April 21 Jimmy Dirks & Jan Keene

April 28 Larry Anderson & Canzada Bray



Westmont Recognized

Stewart's first *Family Engagement Night* was a success! Thank you to all of our families that were able to come out! We give special thanks to Sally Martinez for sharing your expertise with our families. Thank you to all of our sponsors: Stewart PTA, **Westmont Christian Church**, United, and Ms. Kuhn's Bakery for the delicious cupcakes for our precious volunteers.

Thank You! ...Stewart Elementary School

April Board Meeting



April 16, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

In-Person (library) & Zoom

Board Members, please email your monthly report!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David Speich 01
Aaron Barto 04
Emil Crowley 05
Jerry Sharp 06
Larry Anderson 07
Liam Hargrove 10
Roger Wyly 10
Sharon Walker 11
Ted Gray 12
Ally Robinett 12
Tyler Livermore 14
Joel Robinett 15
Scott Miller 15
Sebastian Guerra 22
Dave Kraus 24
Gary Hansen 24
Jonny Ropes 25
Alex Johnson 26
Hollie 26

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Greg & Cathy Lovett 06

To the Staff and People of Westmont,

We just wanted you all to know that we prayed for your future Children's Pastor/Director at our staff meeting today. We thanked God that He has the perfect individual in mind for this opening who will fit in perfectly with the family and staff and who is equipped to disciple the children who come to your church.

Kingdom Come Ministries

Leslie, Kristin, Natalie, & Brenna



**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS
THANK YOU!
WCC**

During the last full work week of April (22-25), our church will recognize **Ruby Guerra** for her outstanding work as our *Ministry Assistant* in the church office. Her talent, creativity, and dedication to this ministry position has enhanced the productivity of the office and has heightened the level of excellence for which the office strides to achieve. Westmont is so incredibly blessed to have such a servant of Christ as the 'first contact' for all members, guests, and seekers who reach out to our church during the work week. Please take an opportunity to thank Ruby for all that she has done and will do to glorify Christ through her job at WCC!

We are so grateful to our Westmont Family who generously donated so that the chancel would be adorned with beautiful Easter Lilies on Resurrection Sunday! The following families gave donations in memory or in honor of loved ones. Thank you, Westmont!

Canzada Bray

Jimmy & Gayla Dirks

Father/Son/Spirit

Michael & Cindy Dunn

Nelson Dometrius

Michelle Fox

Mack & Ann Duran

Tawni Gray

Gray Baker Family

Guerra Family

Ramiro Reyes Sr. & Ramiro Reyes Jr.

Katie Hargrove

Jean Jones, Maxine Reynolds, Tracy Burrows

Hollie

Jimmie Hollie

Dahlia Hood

Marc Hood, Liz Hood

Anne Klein

John Kleain, Todd, Manda, John and Tom & Lyndee

Cynthia McKenney

Daniel, Carolyn, & Richard Bilyea

Scott & Su Miller

Virginia Birk Miller & Ruth Cate Wentworth

Joel & Christy Robinett

Bob Siltman, Bill Robinett, Paula Fredrickson

Sanchez Family

Roel Sanchez Sr. & Molly Sanchez

David Speich

Our Family Members Deceased

Carla Terry

Dean & Marjean Sanders

Sheree & Steve Toal

Saegan, Sawyer, & Graham

Toal Family

Fred & Bettie Steen





Joys & Concerns: Roger & Jeanine Reynolds – travel mercies 3/24

Sheila Jones – Prayers for my brother, he's beginning to identify his surroundings, oxygen level up, & responding well
Aunt passed away 3/22. 3/24

Tawni Gray – Prayers over my family. Prayers over Dustin's & my engagement & upcoming marriage 3/24

Hollie – He is risen! He has risen indeed! 3/24

Anne Klein – Mike Klein, hip, surgery, recovering 3/24

Little Ro – We have chicks & I want to pray for them so that they will stay healthy. 3/17

Chris Lopez – Son, Kalem Lopez, Sgt., has returned off deployment in US Army. 3/10

Hollie – Pray for my son, Robert. I trust you God. 02/18

McCool Family – Jarid's Father, Todd, heart failure, recovering. Mom, Beth, broken vertebrae, recovering. 2/18

Cheryl Moore – continuing radiation treatments. 2/11

Missy Jenkins – out of treatment, maintenance 02/18

Jessica Johnson & Yoaka Chefor – Pray for healthy pregnancies. 01/28

Carla Terry – Please pray for my sister, Carol Nebb, as she recovers from surgery for a fractured hip. 11/26

Prayers for a youth minister, the youth group, and its development 10/15

Terry Anglin – Sister, LaNita Scott- severe arthritis & unstable when walking 10/01

Continued Concern: Ron McClellan; Dave Kraus; Jill Watts' Cousin, Debra Thomas; 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.

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

Sympathy: Samara Lambright – Will's stepfather, Kenneth Chad Lowery, passed away March 13th in Florida. Will's mother recently passed as well. Please be praying for their family during this difficult time. 3/17

Jill Watts – Friend, Terri, passed away. 3/17

Praise: Praise God for Westmont's new Pianist, Yijie Liu!

We sent a truckload & trailer full of supplies to Fritch, TX to aid in the wildfire relief!

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
March 03	69
March 10	48
March 17	66
March 24	88
March 28 (Maundy Thurs.)	44
March 31	178
March Average	82



**OFFICE
CLOSED**

The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, April 1, 2024.

<u>February 2024 - Financial Report</u>		<u>Y.T.D.</u>
Income	\$21,287.08	\$42,386.64
Outreach	-\$1,041.03	-\$1,885.01
Expenses	\$24,110.00	\$51,568.35
Gain/(Loss)	(\$3,863.985)	(\$11,066.72)

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

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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Youth Instagram:
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