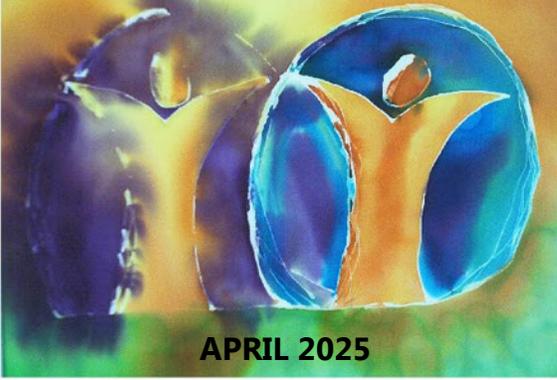


Westmont Christian Church



APRIL 2025

**WITNESS**



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

# Resurrection Sunday

April 20, 2025

*He is Risen Indeed!*



# FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

April is one of my favorite months. Not only is Spring usually in full swing, but it is in April that *Holy Week* and *Resurrection Sunday* usually fall. In regard to our faith in Christ, this time is more meaningful than the Advent and Christmas Season. What we recognize during this time is the reason and the foundation of our faith and what it means to believe in Jesus the Messiah, our King.

Christmas is definitely a time of celebration to recognize the birth of Jesus, but it only means something because of His life, death, and resurrection. All of it is key: His life - because He lived a perfect life that we could not and fulfilled all prophecy regarding the Messiah and His death - because He was murdered as an innocent, sinless man who took on the guilt and sin of all who place their faith in Him. He endured the wrath of God that was required for all the punishment of that sin. His resurrection is the most meaningful part, showing us all that He not only fulfilled scripture, but the work He did on the cross was successful.

He is worthy of our praise, honor, and worship because He is the propitiation for our sin. It is through our faith in the person and work of Christ, through His life, death, and resurrection, that a great exchange happens. Through faith, by grace, we receive the righteousness of Christ as He takes on our condemnation. We get what Jesus deserves, and Jesus takes what we deserve. All of this is only possible because of the love God expresses to us through Christ. Praise God for His immeasurable love!

This is why *Holy Week* is such an important time for believers in Christ. It helps us to recognize the love and sacrifice Jesus went through for you and me. We remember that it is Him alone who is capable of attaining salvation for those who believe. *Resurrection Sunday* becomes a beacon of celebration in Christ, because it is the moment where God has culminated all the foreshadowing of the Old Testament into one revelatory moment.

This is the moment that causes us to have faith in Christ. It is the moment that causes believers to take stock in what Jesus taught, declared, and verified in scripture. It is the moment that causes believers to take seriously the call to love God and love our neighbor. It is the moment that causes us to gather as the body of Christ each Lord's Day to honor, praise, and worship Him in song, prayer, declaration of the Word, and the partaking of Communion. It is the moment that defines Jesus as not just a man but as God and our Lord and Savior. Praise be to God!

I hope you will join us in person for all of *Holy Week*, starting with *Palm Sunday*, including *Maundy Thursday*, and ending with *Resurrection Sunday*. It will be a time of renewal in God's unfailing truth as we remember Christ's unmerited gift to us and celebrate our freedom in Christ! You will find all the details for all the events in this Newsletter.

We are also taking the Great Commission seriously, and we are looking to grow the body of Christ that Jesus has brought together here at Westmont Christian Church. This is a call for all Christians, to go forth and make disciples of family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and all God might bring before us. We have set a goal of seeing 200 people present for our Worship Service on *Resurrection Sunday*, April 20. This can only be reached if you will all go out and invite people to experience the grace of God with us at Westmont.

You will notice that we have made great efforts to improve our inviting atmosphere, our visibility to the community, and ways to share with others about our church. There is now an "Invitation Station" in the *Disciples Hallway*, where you will find cards with a QR code to our web site on them. These cards will aid you in inviting those you know, or even strangers to our church. They can use the information on them to check us out and leave contact information.

We pray that all of us work together, not only to continue cultivating a healthy and loving body of Christ, but to bring His truth out to the community around us. May we also be prepared to receive and love on those whom God brings into this church.

May God bless us as we continue to lean into His truth and seek His Will. May we be transformed as a church and as individuals by the truth of God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool



# April Board & Elders Meeting

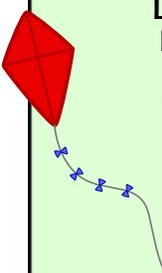


April 8, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

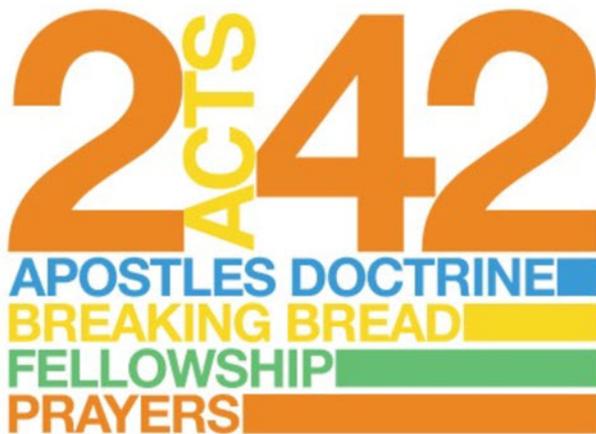
Location: *Children's Wing*

*Board Members, please email your monthly report!*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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



## Young Adult & Family 242

We cordially invite all young adults and families to the monthly 242 meeting on **Sunday, April 13, 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." Come. Enjoy! Be Blessed!

Note: Young Adult 242 will not meet in May or June.



## Men of Westmont Luncheon

Saturday, April 19, 2025

12:00 p.m.

**Sobroso and The Alibi Bar**

4413 South Loop 289



A monetary gift has been given to Westmont Christian Church in memory of Hollie's mother, Dorothy Parrish, from Sheree Toal.



# EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

24 Hour Easter Prayer Vigil - April 19-20

You will find a registration form for the 2025 Easter Prayer Vigil on the glass table in the church atrium. For 24 hours (Saturday, April 19 - Sunday, April 20), Westmont will hold vigil in the church sanctuary to pray for the felt needs of our congregation and for *Resurrection Sunday*. This annual event is such a holy and special opportunity to worship and commune with our Lord. Thank you in advance for your support of the Vigil.



## Resurrection Sunday Ministry Opportunities

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|------------|---|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Prayer Vigil Concludes (Sanctuary)            |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Easter Brunch (Fellowship Hall)               |
| 10:40 a.m. | Celebration Worship Service (Sanctuary)       |
| 12:00 p.m. | Children's Egg Hunt (Marc's Parc & East Yard) |

Please bring fresh flowers to place on the wooden cross in worship.

Consider donating filled plastic Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt!

Westmont Family,

**“He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.”**

**Matthew 28:6 NASB 2020**

I hope everyone had a blessed *Spring Break* and is rested up and ready for more of what God is doing. Praise the Lord for spring weather and new life blooming all around us! March was a wonderful time of rest and fellowship. Thank you to the men of Westmont for preparing a wonderful *St. Patrick's Day Potato Bar* for the congregation and for all those who volunteer their time on a Wednesday night to bring us closer together as a community.

We are registered for the Children's Camp! All children from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade who signed up have a spot for camp. We are getting ready to start fundraising so be on the lookout for bake sales and opportunities to have Westmont Youth help you! Unfortunately, we are on a wait list for the Youth Camp previously scheduled for June 29, 2025, through July 4. Please keep this matter in your prayers as we hope that all of our students will be able to attend a camp this year!

I am excited to be spending my first Easter service with everyone later this month. Praise the Lord for He has risen! It continues to be a blessing to be a part of this congregation, and I pray that you all know how important you all are to me. Finally, let's keep pushing to reach the lost in our community and strengthen the bonds we have within our congregation. In our fast-paced world it is easy to miss some of the little things. I would like to challenge everyone to talk to someone you normally don't talk to, reach out to others with the love of Christ and the Good News, and please let me or any other pastors know how we can better serve you in this season. **Remember, the grass isn't greener on the other side, it's greener where you water it.** Let's continue to grow in our faith, love one another, and build this community on the firm foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace be with you,

Jesse Vera

Youth Minister

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## Help Promote Westmont

Please help us promote our church! Visit the platforms below and others and leave a 5 Star Review! This will greatly assist others to not only 'see' our church, but it will encourage them to come and visit our wonderful church.

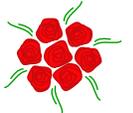
Leave a review today on **Apple, Apple Maps, Facebook, Google, and Google Maps!** Thank you, Westmont!



## Watch Our Worship Services

When you are out of town, unable to attend church, or if you would simply like to see a Sunday morning service again, please watch on YouTube or Facebook.

**Please Like - Share - Comment!** This will let us know that you are viewing and will give encouragement to those leading this vital ministry. We thank you for your help!



## Donate a Beautiful Easter Lily



We will adorn the chancel on *Resurrection Sunday* with amazingly beautiful Easter lilies! These flowers will greatly enhance our worship experience on April 20, 2025.

Consider donating this Sunday and reserve a lily for the celebration service. The donation price is \$14 per potted plant. Donation forms with an opportunity to *honor* or *memorialize* a loved one will be available for the next two Sundays in the bulletin insert.



As you invite friends and family to Westmont, they can easily spot our church from 50th Street with the new street flags and the light pole banners. In addition, entrance signs and visitor parking will soon welcome all guests to Westmont. Thank you, church family, for being intentional as you let others know about Westmont, its people, and the incredible ministries here at our church!



## Fellowship Team Meeting

All cooking teams, please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, April 6, 2025 as we discuss upcoming Fellowship events and information beneficial for our very important ministry.

In addition, if you would enjoy serving our congregation on this Team, this will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about the ministry in order to serve our congregation in such a vital way! We will see you there!



## Palm Sunday Worship

Join your Westmont Family on Sunday, April 13, 2025 as we raise our *Hosannas* to our Lord and Savior! The children of our church will lead us in worship at the beginning of the service with a *Palm Processional*. Inspiring worship and biblical teaching will fill our worship space.

Plan to celebrate with us on *Palm Sunday 2025!*



## Maundy Thursday Worship

April 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Westmont Sanctuary

*Proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes!*

**During Holy Week, there will be no Wednesdays@Westmont (April 16, 2025).**

**Plan to join us on the following Wednesday evening as we will resume all regularly scheduled activities.**





**Joys & Concerns:** Jan Keene – May we find new ways to faithfully support Westmont Church financially. May the Lord guide us! 2/23

Hansen Family – 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, diagnosed with epilepsy and started on medication. 03/16

Hollie – Pray for my brother, Damon. 3/09

Melissa Barto – medical 2/2

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

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

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

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

Richard Ralston - Pray for Terri Lloyd, medical issues. 03/16

**Sheila Jones – Continued prayers for our churches, country, schools; my sons, Terrance, Jessie, Corey and all our children. I thank God for my church family. 03/30**

**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:** Hollie – Her sister, Cassandra passed on Wednesday 3/5 and mother, Dorothy passed on Tuesday 3/18. 03/23

**Praise:** Little Ro Sanchez- My tuba instructor is out of hospital and plans to be at school in the next few weeks. 3/09

Gary Hansen – Thank you, church family for thoughts and prayers for my biopsy. Good news is that I am feeling better, continued prayers welcomed. 03/11

Scott & Su Miller – Answers to prayers, thank you God! 03/23

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**



| WORSHIP SERVICE      | ATTENDANCE |
|----------------------|------------|
| March 02             | 73         |
| March 09             | 92         |
| March 16             | 76         |
| March 23             | 71         |
| March 30             | 75         |
| <b>March Average</b> | <b>77</b>  |




The church office will be closed April 21, 2025 and will reopen Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Thank you!

|           | February 2025    | Year-To-Date     |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Income    | \$17,810         | \$45,476         |
| Outreach  | -\$854           | -\$2,211         |
| Expenses  | \$30,414         | \$62,012         |
| Gain/Loss | <b>-\$13,458</b> | <b>-\$18,747</b> |

Death was **defeated!**

Jesus **conquered** the grave!

*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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**Jesse Vera**, Youth Minister  
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**Jaden Smith**, Ministry Assistant  
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**Jessica Johnson**, Custodian  
[Jessica.camp@rocketmail.com](mailto:Jessica.camp@rocketmail.com)

**Yijie Liu**, Pianist

**Carolyn Wood**, Childcare Provider

**\*Nursery Volunteers needed while Carolyn is away!**

## 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)

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/westmont.lubbock>

### Westmont Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/westmontlubbock/>

### Kid's Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/westmontkids/>

### Youth Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/westmontyouth/>

### YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkrKlq7h5gte3CmWn9hJvww>

### Website:

[www.westmontlubbock.org](http://www.westmontlubbock.org)

