



You are invited join us on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 10:40 a.m. for “Blessing of the Backpacks.” During the service, we will recognize and pray for all students and teachers who are beginning a brand new year of learning and instruction.

We are requesting that all children bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, and each child present will receive a gift that may be attached to their backpack as a reminder of God’s love and goodness as they begin the school year.

Blessing of the Backpacks



Letter to the Membership & Friends

of

Westmont Christian Church

August 1, 2024

Westmont Family,

The standard of the Church Office Staff, Church Treasurer, Board Chair, and General Board of Westmont is to be open and transparent with all aspects of the church finances. We practice this daily with our membership and in each monthly General Board meeting.

This action is a hallmark of all who manage, formulate reports, and make decisions regarding the financial gifts of our church. We will continue to be clear with the financial status of WCC as God touches loving hearts to tithe and give to the felt needs and budgeted ministries of our church.

We have written this letter to give you an understanding of income, expenses, and deficits. This communication is made with the intent to shed light on the current financial status of Westmont so that God's people may prayerfully respond.

During the last twelve months our average monthly expenses have been **\$26,089**, but our income has averaged **\$23,924**. This has left an average monthly deficit of **-\$2,165**. For two months during this time, the *General Fund* offering exceeded expenses. In the last six months, January 2024 to June 2024, monthly expenses averaged **\$26,895**, income averaged **\$20,571**, and there has been a monthly year-to-date deficit average of **-\$6,325**.

As of today, Westmont's Profit/Loss Report states a year-to-date deficit of **-\$39,612.37 in our 2024 budget.**

We have not experienced a month this year where the *General Fund* offerings exceeded expenses. With this said, we have successfully started a *Building Fund Campaign*, and there have been generous donations towards various important designated needs.

***However, it is important to note that if we continue with this 2024 General Fund financial trend, we could exhaust our working cash within a year.**

Church Family, all who comprise the financial leadership of Westmont remain committed to thoughtful, cost-saving methods as we oversee and administrate the functions of our church. We ask and encourage you to seek God's heart for you and your family regarding your 2024 financial pledge, current tithing & offerings, and future financial gifts to Westmont Christian Church.

As a reminder, here are several ways that you may give to our church: **Bank Draft, Church Office, Offering Plate, Website, PayPal, Text (806.606.6105), USPS**. Please contact the church office if you need assistance with any of these giving methods.

May God bless you and your family, and may God bless Westmont Christian Church!

Sincerely,

The Leadership of Westmont Christian Church



FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a special time this is for Westmont. We welcomed two new babies into the congregation at the end of July. Two baby boys, and still, God is blessing our body of believers with one more to be born soon. Praise God for new life! Let us be praying for these new boys and their mothers. There have been a few complications with some of the pregnancies and a few health concerns, but God is good, and we will trust in Him.

We have also seen the start of a new ministry that the elders are leading. It is a small service, once a month, for the elderly at *Vitality Living* senior retirement facility. Our very own Gwen Selke lives there, and they are in need of prayer and communion. Be praying for this much needed ministry, and reach out to the office if you would be interested in helping.

This month of August sees the start of the new school year. While our kids may not be excited for summer to end, the new principal at *Stewart Elementary School* is excited for what God is doing with the start of school. Westmont is invited to come to Stewart on August 13 at 8:00 a.m. to gather around the flag pole in prayer. We will be praying for the students, the staff, the faculty, and the families of Stewart. Come and join us as we plead for God's goodness to flow.

Look for more information coming soon on our *Membership Class* that will take place the end of September or possibly early October. As silly as it may sound, this class is all about getting everyone on the same page. When we can all be clear about the vision, mission, purpose, and work into which God is calling Westmont, we can be a more unified body of believers who will grow in spiritual maturity together. We will edify one another and be walking in the same direction when we can gather with the same understandings and purpose. Everyone, even existing members, are being asked to come to a class. I assure you, you will learn something new, and it will embolden us all to live into the direction God is calling the congregation of Westmont to live in.

I pray we would all be vigilant to pour our effort and energy into God's calling in our lives. May we know His truth, and may we know His grace and mercy through faith in Jesus Christ. Let's go and be the church, doing as the church does... To make disciples and declare God's truth!

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” - 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

To God be the glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool



Children's Moment Leadership

August 11 Jarid McCool

August 18 Canzada Bray

August 25 Neta Hansen



Prayer at the Flag Pole

Stewart Elementary School

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

8:00 a.m.

The Westmont family is invited to attend!

Certification Class to Be Offered



If you have not received your First Aid, CPR, & AED Class Certifications, Westmont plans to host another class in the near future. It is our desire that all teachers and volunteers in the Children's Department and other areas are certified in the rare case that an emergency arises.

If you are interested in receiving these certifications, please email or call the church office, contact Gary Hansen, or indicate your request on the bulletin insert this coming Sunday.

We will give notification when the next certification class will begin! We thank you!

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10

Westmont Family,

Thank you for such a warm welcome! I have never felt more loved and supported in my life! We have had an incredible July filled with growth and change, most notably our trip to Mt. Lebanon Youth Camp at the end of the month. It was at this camp that four of our campers professed their belief in Jesus as their Savior and Lord of their life! Let's continue to keep Allie, Aubrey, Kaden, and Willie in our prayers as they begin to follow the Lord and prepare for baptism. Also, Jax and Summer have expressed their desire to be baptized and profess their faith in Jesus! This is such wonderful news that six of our youth group members are expressing their faith in Jesus and desire to follow Him!

With a new month comes new opportunities for our youth to be involved. From *Blessing of the Backpacks*, Nerf battles, bowling nights, movie nights, and preparing for our *Wednesdays@Westmont*, there is no shortage of opportunities for our youth to be involved in fun activities for the glory of God! We also want to celebrate several of our students moving up to the Youth group from Children's ministry. We ask that you keep all of our grade 6 students in your prayers as they officially become part of the Youth group on August 11, 2024. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our students and be a part of their walk with the Lord.

Grace be with you,

Jesse Vera
Youth Minister

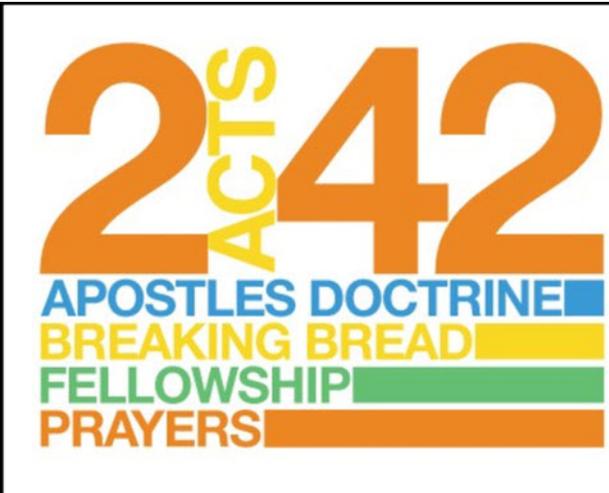




Children & Youth Nerf Gun Battle

Join the excitement and organized chaos as our children and youth participate in Westmont's annual *Nerf Gun Battle*. This will take place following the morning worship service on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

The battle will be held in the large classroom at the west end of the *Children's Wing*. We look forward to seeing our children there for an amazing time! **Ready! Aim! Fun!**



Young Adult & Family 242

We cordially invite all young adults and families to the monthly 242 meeting on Sunday, August 11, 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 during the fellowship and meeting time, and the leadership of this group welcomes all to join them! We will see you there!



Baby Shower for Curtis Eason

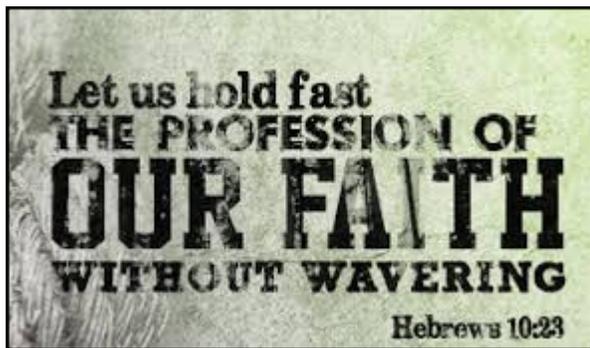
Westmont Christian Church

Sunday, August 11, 2024

2:00 p.m.

WCC Atrium

Registered on Amazon



And the Angels Rejoice!

During the children's camp week, four of the children of Westmont made professions of faith in Jesus Christ. This is so very exciting, and we are rejoicing with the angels of heaven at their decisions.

Continue to support and pray for Aubrey, Allie, Kaden, and Willie as they follow Christ and serve Him.

August Board Meeting



August 20, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Church Library

Board Members, please email your monthly report!

There will be a called congregational meeting for all members of Westmont Christian Church on Sunday, August 25, 2024. This meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. We encourage all members of our church to be present as we conduct the business of Westmont. Thank you!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Shawn Gabel 04
Chillisa Brinson 05
Nicole Sanchez 09
Autumn Ahern 11
Neta Hansen 11
Dean Roy 19
Ron McClellan 23
Trayson Speich 29
Wynnie Finch 31
Bo Hargrove 31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Pat McClellan 03
Jerry & Karen Armstrong 04
CR & Ruby Guerra 18
Larry & Betty Anderson 19
Don & Jerry Sharp 19
Scott & Su Miller 23
Jim & Sheri Killion 26
Gary & Neta Hansen 31



Incoming Youth

Welcome Party!

We Can't Wait to See You!

Jesse and the current youth of Westmont look forward to welcoming all new middle school students to the Youth Department. There will be a *Welcome Party* for everyone on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the basement.

New middle school students, we can't wait to see you there!



On Sunday, September 22, 2024, the body of Christ at Westmont Christian will ordain three men as Deacons of our church. This will be a holy and special moment for these men and for the Westmont family.

Please support **Rick Cartwright**, **Gary Hansen**, and **Scott Miller** in prayer as they prepare for the *Deacon Ordination Service*.



The church family of Westmont Christian Church graciously received a gift *in memory* of **Katy Gray** from *Jack McGee*.



Wednesdays@Westmont Resumes!

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

5:25 p.m.

We will see you there!



Communion Presiders - August 2024

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| August 11 | Joel & Christy Robinett |
| August 18 | James Livermore & Neta Hansen |
| August 25 | Jimmy Dirks & Nicole Sanchez |



65 Years of Mission & Ministry!

On Sunday, September 22, 2024, the family of Westmont will celebrate its 65th Anniversary. This will be an incredible morning of blessing and thanksgiving as we praise God for His grace as He has used this church in such amazing ways. Join us for Sunday School, Worship, and an amazing luncheon. May God be praised for His goodness!



Joys & Concerns: Chris Lopez – Pray for daughter, Kenleigh, starting college. Miranda, new job at Frenship. Pray for my Dad, Paul Lopez, diagnosed with kidney cancer. Surgery to remove kidney went well, home recovering. Praise, nephew Austin & his wife Rebecca had their son Cameron Reese Lopez. 8/4

Neta Hansen – Prayers of healing & comfort for Cecil & Michelle Fox. 7/28

Larry Griggs – Tongue cancer, biopsy July 30th. 7/28

Scott & Brittney Harville – Newborn son Kohen, in PICU at UMC, diagnosed with VLCAD deficiency. Friend, Adam Pearson, in serious condition after a motorcycle accident. 7/28

Prayers for Stewart, Prayer at the Pole Aug 13th.

Cheryl Moore – Friend, Rita, in OK, broke both ankles. Please pray for her adjustment to this great challenge. 7/28

Michael & Cindy Dunn – Family friend, Nikka Horton, healing issues. Granddaughter Kendall Grace, recovering from back surgery. 7/28

Hollie – When you bow at the altar, please don't forget to pray for me! Pray for my son, Robert. 7/21

Anne Klein – Connie Brown's mother passed away. Brother-in-law, Mike-stroke, in ER; Clancy & Booker Thomas. Manda Klein's friend, Dana; Jan Sitton, healing. 7/21

Terry Anglin – Son, Damon, procedure for heart stint. Daughter-in-law, Damon's wife, Kim Anglin, has leukemia. Sister, LaNita Scott- severe arthritis. 7/21

Steve & Sheree Toal – Steve has prostate cancer, waiting for surgery date. 7/21

Alan & Casey Kingston – Travel mercies, to Oregon & back to pick up daughter Sumner. Continued prayers for Emmet & our family, surgical team, & all medical staff. 7/21

LaNita Scott- severe arthritis. 7/21

Manda Klein's friend, Dana; Jan Sitton, healing. 7/21

Anonymous – Please pray for my friend, Linda Hare, whose knee has become infected after surgery. 7/14

Anonymous – Pray for my little brother, bio mom, & and my meme. 7/14

Sheila Jones – Praise for my brother Kenneth, trach is out & breathing on his own. 7/7

Terri Ralston – Friend has pending mitral valve replacement surgery. 7/7

Annette Powell – medical. 6/23

Jesse Vera Jr – Father, Jesse Vera Sr., cancer 6/23

Mary Senn – Ann Woodson, fell & broke elbow & ribs, knee surgery. Home recovering. 6/23

Carla Terry – Please pray for my sister, Carol Nebb & her family, she's been diagnosed w/ stage 3 dementia. 4/14

Missy Jenkins – In remission, on yearly checkups 4/14

Yoaka Chefor – praying for a healthy pregnancy.

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: Hollie – Nephew, Clifton Johnson, passed away in Houston on July 29th. Please pray for the family during this difficult time.

Praise: Patrick & Jessica Johnson – Son, Kristian Paul was born July 27th!

Scott & Brittney Harville – Welcomed their son, Kohen, on July 23rd!

Terry Anglin's great-great-granddaughter, McCall Marie Fulton, was born in Canyon, TX., last week!

Praise the Lord, welcome Jesse Vera Jr. as Westmont's Youth Minister!

Elders took communion to Vitality July 21st!

Fundraiser for Emmet Kingston

Sunday, September 1, 2024 (12:00 - 2:00 p.m.)

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Donation Driven - Please RSVP - office@westmontlubbock.org

Westmont Family:

Emmet Kingston will be having heart surgery in Dallas or Houston toward the end of summer or early fall of this year. They will find out on August 14, 2024 at the appointment with his doctor. He is going into heart failure.

The church is hosting a fundraiser event to help the Kingston's with medical bills, travel expenses, and other needs. Health insurance does not cover the full amount, and the Kingston's anticipate paying expenses up to \$50,000. Please help us support this family with donations, prayers, and sharing this information with family and friends. We pray that Emmet and his family get through this difficult and challenging time with a speedy recovery and many blessings.

Here is some information that Emmet's mom, Casey, would like you to know about her precious little boy:

Emmet is a sweet goofy boy and a loving 4 year old that will steal your heart so fast. He was born with TOF (*Tetralogy of Fallot*) that consists of a large VSD (*Ventricular Septal Defect*), two small-to-moderate ASD's (*Atrial Septal Defect*), aortic valve malformation and pulmonary atresia, as well as neurological anomalies, lung and GI issues, developmental delays and the happiest little heart you could ever imagine.

The left side of his heart is two times the size of his right, showing he is in severe cardiac failure and failure to thrive. He has high level of fluid in his lungs as well. His medical team was unsure if he would survive, and he has surprised everyone every day with thriving the best he could. He has a huge team of specialists, and they have decided after four years of interventions to move forward with surgery to repair his heart. Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support means the world to the Kingston family. God bless and keep you.

Fundraiser Donation Options

Kingston Venmo

@Emmets-Heart-Journey

Personal Checks/Cash to Westmont Christian Church

Memo: "Emmet's Fundraiser"

WORSHIP SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
July 07	53
July 14	71
July 21	69
July 28	84
July Average	69



Church Office **CLOSED** on September 02
Church Office **OPEN** on September 03

June '24	Financial Report	Y.T.D.
Income	\$25,075	\$129,374
Outreach	-\$1,198	-\$5,951
Expenses	\$29,558	\$161,371
Gain/(Loss)	(\$5,681)	(\$37,948)

"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously."
2 Corinthians 9:6b 

Expressing God's Love

Inspiring God's People

Expanding God's Kingdom

MINISTRY TEAM

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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:
<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/UCkrKlq7h5gte3CmWn9hljvw>

