



SERVE THE
LORD
WITH
GLADNESS:
COME BEFORE
HIS PRESENCE
WITH
SINGING!

PSALM 100:2





FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! January is not often a month chock-full of events and much business. In fact, usually it is a perfect month for some rest and restoration as the new year begins. I pray this will be so for each of us. We always look forward to the beginning of a new year when we can set new goals and create clean slates for things in life. The most important thing we need to remember is not losing weight, or using less social media, or even getting more sleep (though those are worthy goals); the most important thing we need to remember is to seek the denial of self and true life in Christ.

Romans 6:11, “So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

We do this by putting the things of the old life to death, particularly the sinful ways and lifestyles in which we were once engaged. Being a follower of Jesus means crucifying our sinful nature and pursuing those things that please God. I pray we use the turning of the new year to renew our pursuit of obedience to Christ and not of self, however that looks for each of us.

This means, that on a practical level, we as a church are seeking ways to be purposeful in our pursuit of Christ and His truth so as to be in obedience to God’s truth, not as a rite of passage, but as a result of a new heart. May we grow in the spiritual maturity that the Holy Spirit brings us. May we display the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We also begin the year with some new leadership on our General Board and adjustments to our Eldership. Please be praying for the General Board as they begin engaging in business and the challenges of our building immediately in the months to come.

Pray for our Eldership, as we welcome the return of Neta Hansen who was an inactive Elder last year. We are losing Canzada Bray, James Livermore, and Jimmy Dirks as they move to an inactive Elder status. This means we only have 6 Elders active this year. The burden will be heavy on your Eldership in 2025, so be lifting them up in prayer and seeking ways to support them.

“New Beginnings” is the theme of every January, and this year is no different. May we dive deeper into God’s Word and Truth, and may we grow in our spiritual maturity in Christ.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool

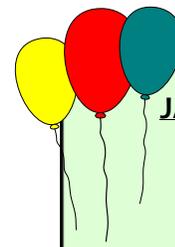
January Board Meeting



January 21, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Church Library

Board Members, please email your monthly report!

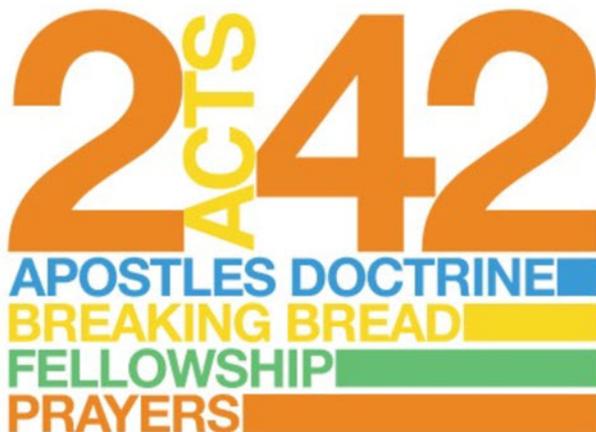


JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Allen Ahern 03
Pat McClellan 07
Austin Ahern 10
Ayla Guerra 10
Jimmy Dirks 15
Dalton Anderson 16
John (Jr) Klein 16
Max Sanchez 20
Joe Warren 20
Jan d'Orsay 23
Katie Hargrove 23
Bettye Griggs 25
Joshua Shaw 28

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

Ted & Brenda Gray 03



Young Adult & Family 242

We cordially invite all young adults and families to the monthly 242 meeting on **Sunday, January 12, 2025** 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."



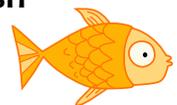
Men's Luncheon

January 18, 2025

12:00 p.m.

River Smith's Chicken & Catfish

406 Ave. Q



Wednesdays@Westmont resumes on January 15, 2025 at 5:25 p.m.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Westmont Family,

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

Praise the Lord for allowing me to usher in the new year as part of this wonderful congregation. The year 2024 has been an incredibly challenging year personally, and I don't know what I would have done if I did not have the outpouring of love from Westmont! Thank you all for making me feel welcome this year!

December was a great moment of rest for our youth. We continued our study on the life of David and learned how being faithful in the small things can prepare us for the big trials that life will inevitably have in store for us. Our first White Elephant Gift exchange was a success with a ton of laughter and fun. We were even blessed to see our youth and children present the birth of Jesus, our Savior! (Thank you Nicole and Katie). Thank you, Rick, for always being on the lookout for how our youth can be involved in service. From communion to helping put together candles for our Christmas Eve Service, we were blessed by youth volunteers this month. It's something we hope to see more of in 2025!

January looks to be an exciting month for our Youth! We will finish up our study on the life of David and begin our study in the book of Acts! If you would like to volunteer and be a part of this ministry, please reach out! We would love to have you. Our first **Parent/Volunteer Meeting of the year will take place on January 19, 2025** following the worship service in the library. I hope to see you there!

Grace be with you,

Jesse Vera

Youth Minister

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Joys & Concerns: Anne Klein – Manda Klein’s sister, Janda Castillo, surgery 1/7. Brother, Francis Horne; Jan Sitton, healing. 1/05

Little Ro Sanchez – Friend, Emmitt’s dad, has to have a procedure on his back, could die in the process. 12/29

Michael & Cindy Dunn – Pray for loved one’s peace & joy. 12/29

Ally Robinett – medical 12/15

Alan & Casey Kingston – Prayers for changes in our family and continued good health for our children. 12/8

Mary Senn – Daughter, Kristi Senn Taylor, fell, has a concussion, and a broken shoulder. 12/1

Hollie – A little bit of me and a whole lot of God. Pray for my son, Robert. 12/1

Hansen Family – Praying for the McCool Family, their house flooded. 12/1

Sheila Jones – Continued prayers for my brother, Kenneth, pneumonia. 12/15

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

Chris Lopez – Dad, Paul, starts immune therapy soon. 12/1

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

Billie Gabel – medical. 9/8

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; Dave Kraus; 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: Sheila Jones – Brother, Noel, passed Dec. 14th. Please pray for their family.

Jill Watts – Cousin, Debra Thomas passed Dec. 11th. Services were Dec. 20th at Abernathy Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. Please pray for the family.

Praise: Alan & Casey Kingston – Emmet is healing wonderfully. Thank you for all your love & prayers.

Terri & Richard Ralston – Friend, Debby Vartak, has a new job and her visa has been approved.

Rylan Hughey – became a member of Westmont 11/24/24!

Larry Anderson’s son Todd has been promoted to Colonel!

Pray

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
December 01	74
December 08	114
December 15	91
December 22	69
December 29	62
December Average	82

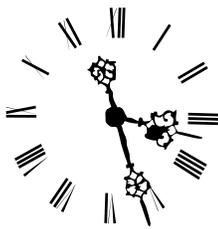


The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of the Federal Holiday. The office will reopen on 01/21/25.



“**Look** at the nations and **watch** - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that **you would not believe**, even if you were told.”

Habakkuk 1:5



Expressing God's Love

Inspiring God's People

Expanding God's Kingdom

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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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Youth Instagram:

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YouTube:

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