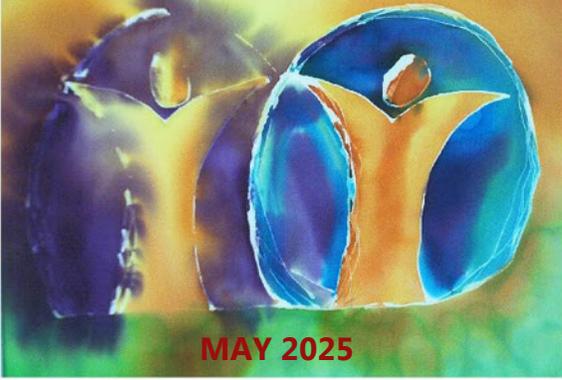


Westmont Christian Church



MAY 2025

**WITNESS**

May the  
God

*of hope*

fill you with all

*joy and peace*

as you trust in him!

Romans 15:13

**HOPE**

A close-up photograph of two hands, palms up, holding a small, rectangular piece of white paper with a deckled edge. The word "HOPE" is printed in large, bold, black, serif capital letters on the paper.



# FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful April we had, especially as we celebrated *Resurrection Sunday* with so many of you. We had 168 people for the service to celebrate Christ, far more than in recent years. It was a full, fun, and blessed day. We not only celebrated Christ's resurrection, but we were able to share in the baptism of Max and the baby dedication of Larry Jr. Praise God!

We are grateful to all who helped with the brunch that morning, it was filled with amazing foods and dishes. The leadership of Neta Hansen and Cindy Dunn in coordinating the meal was excellent. We are also grateful to everyone who helped make the worship service a success with so many pieces and details coming together. Thank you to the choir, special musicians, the media team, and especially to Rev. Dean Roy who helped lead and coordinate so much of what happened. Even the Egg Hunt went off without any hitches thanks to Jesse Vera. God was honored!

The month of May always brings with it a special time to celebrate the mothers in our church. Mother's Day is May 11 this year, so I hope you join us as we honor the mothers of Westmont as God has called us to honor them. We know that mothers are more important and loved than one special day can express, but we will do so with intention and purpose together.

The end of the school year also approaches, where we get to celebrate together and welcome summer. We do this every year with our *Holy Smokes BBQ* after worship with great food, fun and games, and fellowship. This year we will be having a meat smoking competition to see who has the best BBQ (details about this competition will be shared soon). We will also be recognizing Rylan Hughey who is graduating from Lubbock High School!

Our Congregational Meeting went well, and we were able to share and talk about where we are financially, potential considerations, and where we are aiming for the future of Westmont. While there are always concerns and challenging matters that every church faces, we are very optimistic and hopeful for what God is doing here at Westmont.

The theme this month, as we walk through a 6-week sermon series, is on hope, specifically, where our hope comes from. Scripture continues to show us that misplaced hope leads to disappointment, but lasting hope is built on the God of hope. Jesus is our foundation, our rock, that we can place our hope in because we can trust in God's unchanging character that is expressed to us in scripture and through Christ.

Romans 15:13, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Placing our hope in our own ability or in this world fades. Hope in Christ never fails. No matter our background, there's hope for us in Jesus! The best part is that this hope cannot be taken away from us by any trials, challenges, or circumstances in life. The hope we have in Jesus is solid, unchanging, and immovable. Praise God for that!

Please continue to utilize our *Invitation Station* for materials to spread God's truth and hope to others, inviting them to a Wednesday Night, Sunday School, or a Worship Service. Sometimes all it takes is an invitation from someone they know and trust that leads them to an encounter with God's grace and truth. It is not our job to change hearts and minds, but God has called on us to share His truth and let the Holy Spirit do His work. We pray you are continually encouraged to share with others what God is doing here at Westmont.

Please be praying for our church, especially as the first Thursday of May (May 1<sup>st</sup>) is always the *National Day of Prayer*. It is a wonderful opportunity to unite in praying for our staff, the elders, the board, and all the leadership of Westmont. Pray also for our outreach into the community and all the ministries we engage in. Ultimately, let's be praying for God's will to be done and for Him to light our path as we seek to walk it.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jarid McCool

*Praise  
the  
Lord!*

# May Board Meeting

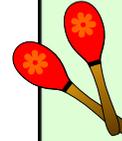


**May 20, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Church Library**

*Board Members, please email your monthly report!*

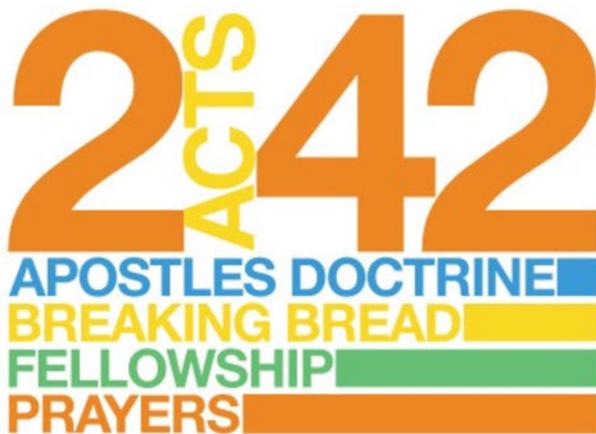
## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Randall Speich 03  
Rick Cartwright 07  
Ro Sanchez III 07  
Mary Senn 12  
Cheri Livermore 14  
Gwen Selke May 14  
Jaden Roy 21  
Sam Romo 22  
Saegan Brinson 24  
Joyce Straughan 26  
Betty Anderson 29



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bo & Katie Hargrove 17  
Jarid & Bethany McCool 24  
Joel & Christy Robinett 24  
Rick & Ronda Cartwright 27  
Ralph & Patsy Thorne 28



## Young Adult & Family 242

We cordially invite all young adults and families to the monthly 242 meeting resuming on **July 13, 2025** from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

At this time, we will begin a new study that will encourage us and strengthen our faith as we grow in the Lord together.

Plan now to be a part of this fun and nurturing fellowship gathering.

***A monetary gift has been given to Westmont Christian Church in memory of Hollie's mother (Dorothy Parrish) and Hollie's sister (Cassandra) from Canzada Bray.***

**The last Wednesdays@Westmont** will take place on May 14, 2025. Following this evening, we will take a break during the summer months as we rest and prepare for a grand 2025-2026 Church Year. Thank all of you who participated so faithfully each week to make every aspect of this mid-week ministry so productive and successful. We are so very appreciative! May God bless our time of rest and preparation as we look forward to another year of ministry and service to our great God.



Come join us **June 9 - 13 (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)** as we learn about Jesus and His amazing love for us for Westmont's 2025 Vacation Bible School. Registration and opportunities to volunteer are available at the Wonder Junction Kiosk in the church atrium. Your participation and/or assistance is so vital for the success of V.B.S. This year. We thank you in advance for your support!

Westmont Family,

**“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 ESV**

I can't believe it's already May! This year is flying by! As we enter a time where things can get a bit hectic, let's remember to let our light shine before others. Our Youth and Children are always watching, even and sometimes especially when you don't think they are. I remember one of the last cards this wonderful congregation sent to my dad. It was after his surgery, and many of you expressed how great a job he and my mom did with raising me as well as sympathies for his arm surgery. He looked over the card and jokingly said, "Is this for you or for me?" We had a good laugh, but as I reflected on this moment, I couldn't help but think of everything I learned from my dad by just watching. I am the man I am today largely because of the example he set and more importantly modeled for me every day. So, when the Lord tells us to let our light shine before others, we must remember that our actions reflect our Father in heaven. We must remember that our Youth and Children are watching us to see how they should act. Most importantly, we must remember that the kind of man or woman that our Youth and Children grow up to be will largely be based on what they see from you. This includes parents, volunteers, and yes, even those who are just passing by them in the hallway. As we close in on Mother's Day, I hope you all reflect on the role your own parents had in shaping you based on the behaviors they exhibited and remember, that we are called to let the light of the Lord shine before others.

We are gearing up for Youth camp and VBS, my brothers and sisters in Christ! Be on the lookout for fundraisers and opportunities to sign up and be a part of our growing Youth and Children's Ministry! As we wrap up our year in youth, I want to extend my gratitude for allowing me to grow with your students this year. It has been one of the biggest blessings of my life to be here with you and all of them! This month we have a lot to look forward to our *Holy Smokes BBQ*, Mother's Day, and of course our very own Rylan is graduating this year and moving on to college! Please keep him in your prayers as he moves to the next chapter in his life.

**Jesse Vera**

Youth Minister

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# *Easter Lily Donations*

## *Thank You!*

**Westmont Family:** Thank you so very much for the donations made toward the purchase of the Easter Lilies for Resurrection Sunday. They were truly beautiful, and these flowers enhanced our worship experience as we gave adoration to our Risen King. The following individuals and families gave these precious donations with thoughts of honor, memory, adoration, and thankfulness.

**Larry Anderson**

*In Memory of Betty & Larry's Parents*

**Canzada Bray**

*In Memory of David Bray & Jackie Haile*

**Jimmy & Gayla Dirks**

*To the Glory of God!*

**Michael & Cindy Dunn**

*In Memory of our Dads*

**Michelle Fox**

*In Memory of Mack & Ann Duran*

**The Hansen Family**

*In Memory of Ruby Hansen*

**Bo & Katie Hargrove**

*In Memory of Maxine Reynolds,  
Jean James, & Tracy Burrows*

**Dahlia Hood**

*In Memory of Marc Hood*

**Jessica Johnson**

*In Honor of Alex, Tessa, & Kristian*

**Jan Keene**

*In Memory of Bob Keene, Greg Keene, & Laura Barto*

**Jim & Sheri Killion**

*In Memory of Pat Killion, Dean Killion,  
G.B. Wright, & Charlotte Wright*

**Anne Klein**

*In Memory of John Klein  
In Honor of Todd, Manda, & John Frances Klein  
In Honor of Tom & Lyndee Klein*

**Jarid McCool**

*In Memory of Rudy Petschaver*

**Scott & Su Miller**

*In Memory of Virginia Birk Miller & Ruth Cate Wentworth*

**Cheryl Moore**

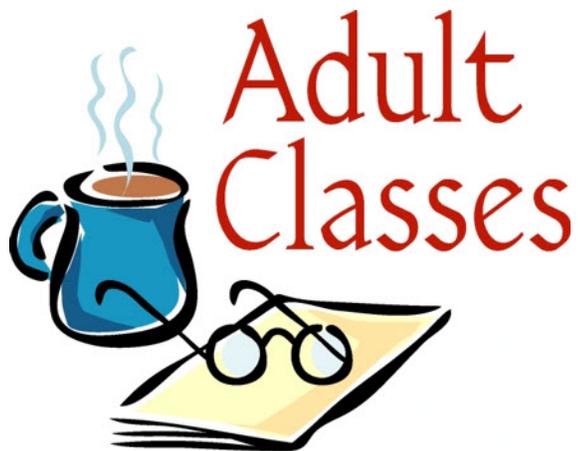
*In Memory of Rus Moore*

**The Sanchez Family**

*In Honor of the Westmont Staff*

**Sheree & Steve Toal**

*In Honor of our Grandchildren:  
Saegan, Sawyer, Graham & Baby Ramos*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Sincere Seekers Class**

Leader: Joel Robinett

Study: *Unshakable Hope - Building our Lives on the PROMISES OF GOD* by Max Lucado.

\*Location: Fellowship Hall (9:30 a.m.)

### **Journey with God**

Leaders: Canzada Bray & Jan d'Orsay

Study: The Book of Acts

\*Location: Church Library (9:30 a.m.)

### **Koinonia Class**

Leader: Cynthia McKinney

Study: *The Complete Guide to the Bible* by Stephen Miller. This is a reliable, jargon-free handbook for average people who want to better understand the Bible. All 66 books are reviewed and discussed.

\*Location: Green Room (9:30 a.m.)

## WEEKLY CLASSES

### **Fresh Air Fellowship**

Leaders: Jan d'Orsay & Canzada Bray

Study: *The Lord's Prayer* by Adam Hamilton

\*Location: Church Library (Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.)

## MONTHLY CLASS

### **Young Adult & Family 242** (resumes July 13, 2025)

Leader: Nicole Sanchez

Study: T.B.A.

\*Location: Fellowship Hall (2nd Sunday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m.)





**Joys & Concerns:** Jan Fry – Medical 04/24

Jan d’Orsay – Brother, John Andrews, is having health issues. 04/29

Anne Klein - Co-worker son, Edgar Herrera, having knee surgery. 04/29

Scott & Su Miller – Their daughter, Merry Janson and husband Michael, both majors of USAF are deploying with 3 children to Okinawa, Japan. Prayers for safe travel and their new life in Japan. 04/13

Carolyn Wood – serious automobile accident – in hospital – may possibly be away from work at Westmont for 3 months. 4/06

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

Nicole Sanchez – local federal employees, for job security & adaptability to changes as several have lost their jobs. 2/16

Melissa Barto – medical 2/2

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

**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:** Christy Robinett – Aunt Lue passed Sunday morning 4/27. 4/29 Juliana Roy – Her sister, Lidia, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Juliana has travelled to Bandung, Indonesia to be with her family. 04/09

**Praise:** Cienna & Ray are expecting! 04/27 We hired three nursery workers, Isabelle, Jasmine, and Joyfull. 04/29 Scott & Su Miller – Answers to prayers, thank you God! 03/23

**Fellowship Team Praise:** Thank you to everyone who brought egg casseroles and other sides to the Easter Brunch and for all who helped in the kitchen and with clean-up. Fellowship Team, you are awesome! To God be the glory! Thank you from Cindy Dunn & Neta Hansen (Fellowship Co-Chairs).

“...By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6b

WORSHIP SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
April 06	57
April 13	70
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	49
April 20	168
April 27	71
<b>April Average</b>	<b>83</b>



The Church Office will be **closed on May 26, 2025** for **Memorial Day** as we remember and honor those who have given their all for our great country.

The Church Office will reopen on Tuesday, May, 27, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

	March 2025	Year-To-Date
Income	\$32,799	\$78,255
Outreach	-\$1,514	-\$3,725
Expenses	\$27,866	\$89,878
Gain/Loss	<b>-\$3,399</b>	<b>-\$15,348</b>

“Repentance is more than just being sorry for our sin; it is a **complete turning away** from our total depravity.”

Billy Graham

*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

**Isabelle Schultz**, Childcare Provider

**Jasmine Puente**, Childcare Provider

**Joyfull Gladrich**, Childcare Provider

## 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

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

**Youth Instagram:**

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

**YouTube:**

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