WESTHILL CHURCH OF CHRIST
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NEWS BULLETIN – November 8, 2026

CULTIVATING OUR CHILDREN

A friend once told the poet Coleridge he didn't believe in giving religious instruction to a small child. He insisted that every young person must have an open mind when he chooses his faith. Without replying to his statements, Coleridge invited his visitor into the backyard to look at his garden. The man was surprised to see that part of it was badly in need of attention. "Why, you have nothing here but weeds!"; he exclaimed. The poet answered, "I didn't wish to infringe in any way upon the liberty of this plot of ground, so I gave it a chance to express itself and choose its own product".

The guest got the point!

This point is also the theme of Proverbs 22:5-6. It is interesting to note that quite often we quote Proverbs 22:6 without observing its preceding verse.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked;
Whoever guards his soul will keep far from them.
Proverbs 22:5

Train up a child in the way he should go;
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Children left to themselves would become barbarians, they would quickly be caught up in the thorns and snares of sin. Sadly, this point is not debatable for we can look at our world and see how children too easily get tangled up in perverse things.

However, Scripture not only issues a warning, but it also offers practical advice on how to avoid the thorns and snares. First, we must guard them from sin. Second, we are to teach our children how to guard themselves from sin. The best way to teach children how to guard themselves from sin is to teach them how to cultivate the fruits of righteousness. That is why we are to train up a child in the way he should go.

With this in mind we are truly grateful to all those who are involved in teaching our children in Bible classes and Children's Church. The task of training our children is made easier when the Church Family works together in such a noble and eternal task.

To all our teachers we say Thank You for helping us train our children. We thank you for your unselfish efforts, your preparation, and we thank you for loving our children.

Grace and Peace
Derek McNamara



Special Contribution
November 29, 2026

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

Father, we ask that you empower us to care for and love each other.
"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,
not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another;
and all the more as you see the day drawing near."
Hebrews 10:24-25

ADULT FALL CLASSES

SUNDAY CLASSES

- **Sermon –** The Power of Example – 1st Timothy 4:11-16 – Dr. Derek McNamara – Sunday 10 AM.
- **Complete Joy –** Exploring 1st, 2nd, 3rd John – Dr. Derek McNamara – Sunday, 9 AM – FLC 2.
- **Seasons in the Psalms –** Nathan Brown **–** Sunday, 9 am – Auditorium.
- **Discipleship & Relationships –** Matt Gilbert – Sunday 9 am – FLC 3.
- **Bible Basics –** Steve Cervas & Randy Mayfield – Sunday 9 am – FLC 1.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

- **Shepherding a Child's Heart –** Russell Crook & Russell Cashion – Wednesday, 7:00 PM – FLC 3.
- **A Journey with Jesus –** Luke 10-24 – Dr. Derek McNamara – Wednesday, 7:00 pm FLC 2.

PRAYER REQUEST

Joyce Smith Prayers for Joyce and her mental health & physical health. And prayers for Art that he might provide good care for Joyce.
Mary Bullard Will have a heart Cath procedure on November 3. Prayers for a successful procedure.
Joe & Donna Stuebing (Friends of Ray & Ellen Triplett) Prayers for there health issues.
Garry Howard Is back in Fort Worth Harris Hospital. Prayers needed for Garry & Tammie.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Steve Curlee, Annette Dill, Donna Edwards**,** Jack and Diane Christina Magness, Betty Skaggs, Joshua Stevens, Terri Stevens, Ellen Triplett, Ralph Vaquera, Christy Warenskjold, Kent Williams, Rick Yates, Susan Yates, Elderly and Homebound members, World Bible School at Westhill.

SYMPATHY

Charlotte Haygood (Cheryl Willaimson's sister-in-law) Requesting your prayers for our family.
My sister-in-law Charlotte Haygood went home Wednesday afternoon Nov. 3rd. A long time Prayer Warrior and leader of weekly Bible Study in Sulphur Springs, Tx. Please pray additionally for Charlotte's husband Raymond. He's been by her side every minute over the last couple of months and through many years. His health is suffering both mentally and physically. We sincerely appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Cheryl Williamson.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 6, Bring a Friend Sunday.

November 11	God Squad, Friendsgiving, Parlor, 7-8 pm
November 15	Quilts of Valor Potluck, FLC, right after Worship.
November 15	WSM – Devotional, FLC, 5-7 pm. *(WSM is Westhill Student Ministry)*
November 21	Father & Son Prayer Breakfast, FLC, 8 am.
November 20-22	WSM – "Encounter", LCU.
November 24	Special Thanksgiving Service.
December 12	Ladies Christmas Party. FLC, 9 am to 11 am.

December 20 Churchwide Christmas Lunch, FLC, Following Worship.

NO KOINONIA FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Koinonia will resume in January 2027.

GREETERS SIGN-UP

New Quarter sign-up sheet will be at the "Main Welcome Desk" through the month of November.
Welcome new greeters…and our regulars too!
Gary Patterson

QUILTS OF VALOR

Quilts of Valor fellowship potluck will be November 15, FLC, right after morning worship.

ARE YOU MISSING ANY JEWELRY?

If you are, please stop by the "Main Welcome Desk", by the nursery, see Ginger Patterson.

GOD SQUAD

WED, NOV 11, 7-8PM GOD SQUAD FRIENDSGIVING.

- All 2nd-5th graders meet in the Parlor.
- Wear your God Squad shirt to school and invite your friends! Bring your favorite dish, snack, drink, or dessert to share! Also, bring nonperishable food items to donate to The Bridge for Thanksgiving!

*****Change: no official meeting at Hulen park for the lighting ceremony on Mon Nov 23- I am fixing it on GOD SQUAD Facebook page.**

MON, NOV 23, BRODY DAY AT CHS CODY ARENA.

- Come support CHS boys and girls basketball and Legos for Little Warriors! Bring a new, unopened box of Legos to donate and wear GREEN! (First games start at 10:30am/boys varsity plays at 3pm).

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR WINTER QUARTER

It's that time again- a new quarter is coming up quickly! The Winter Quarter for our children's Bible classes begins Wednesday, Dec 2, 2026. It will run all of Dec/Jan/Feb. As always, the classes for the church's children are dependent on YOU! Without your willingness to help serve by teaching these young disciples, we won't have classes available for them- wouldn't that be shameful? If you would like to teach a class, there are options available on Sunday AM & Wednesday PM, for ages from Cradle Roll through 4th/5th grade. Lesson bags are provided in plenty of time for review prior to the scheduled lesson date. Never taught before, but interested? I would LOVE to talk to you about all the things!! It is such a joy to watch these young ones learn and grow in their love for the Lord! If you would like to be part of teaching these younger Kingdom Workers, please reach out to Misti at (325) 660-9783.



WESTHILL STUDENT MINISTRY

- We had a great turnout Wednesday night for Friendsgiving- 1/3 of our group were guests! Keep encouraging your students to attend class *and* to bring their friends. We are starting to see the fruits of their efforts!
- Doors open this Wednesday at 6pm for open gym and to hangout, followed by youth at 7pm. We are going through our seasonal series, "Gratitude Adjustment," refocusing our hearts and minds on giving thanks.
- Registration for Encounter LE closes TODAY! Signup online now at https://lcucamps.com/encounter-le/, and use coupon code "westhill." Registration and $125/student is due! See me with questions.
  Next Sunday is our next youth devotional, 5-7pm in the FLC. Encourage your student to attend and bring a friend. These are great, low-risk settings to introduce friends to the youth group.
- Registration is open for our Winter break lock-in, coming up December 18. Cost is $50/student, and is due with registration by 12/6. Signup online at: https://forms.gle/zeJxaF1bUd31aaxS8

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

November 8 Betty Waits & Tori Miller.
November 15 Regan LaFon & Belle Gilbert

KINGDOM KID'S HELPERS - OCTOBER

Lenny Hansen, Emma Wilkin, Naomi Davis, & Kelsi Gilber

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

AM Worship	277
Bible Classes	187
Weekly Offering (week of 11/01)	$14,249
Weekly Budget Needs	$11,500

Giving: Venmo@Westhill-ChurchOfChrist.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

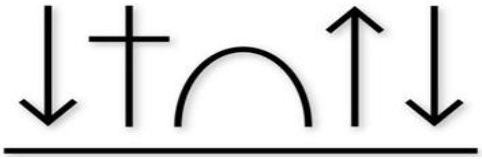
Sunday: Bible Classes for all ages 9 am; Worship 10 am.
Sunday: Silver Eagles, FLC 3, 1 pm.
Monday: Ladies Bible Class, FLC1, 10 am.
Tuesday: Silver Eagles, FLC 3, 3 pm.
Wednesday: Bible Classes 7 pm.

STAFF

Dr. Derek McNamar	Preaching Minister
Jesse Muniz	Youth & Family Minister
Russell Crook	Counselor
Alberto Gamboa	Custodian
Michelle Anderson	Finance Secretary
Gary Patterson	Communications Director
Whitney Ellis	Preschool Director

SHEPHERDS

Larry Brightwell
Russell Cashion
James Cordell
Russell Crook
Brent Easdon
Mike Glover
Aaron Williams



Make & Mature Disciples