



## At a Glance

Our mission as the Westwood Church of Christ is to **Love God, Love Others and Love Serving.**

Westwood Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN is currently seeking a preaching minister. This profile is designed to acquaint prospective applicants with the congregation and the opportunities it presents. This document was produced by our Search Committee after extensive consultations with the congregation.

## What do we value?

Love, Family, Acceptance, Friendliness...Those are the top four words used to describe Westwood in a recent poll of our congregation, and we feel they truly embody the heart of the Westwood family. At Westwood, we value relationships built upon the grace of God through living like Jesus. We feel that outreach and service to those in our community is vital as we strive to emulate the life of Jesus and live in unity as the body of Christ.



## Who are we?

Our mission as the Westwood Church of Christ is to **Love God, Love Others and Love Serving.**

We believe that we are fulfilling that mission when we are:

- Living out the commandments of Jesus to love, serve, and forgive one another (John 14:15; Matthew 5-7; John 13:1-17; John 13:35; Luke 18:21-35)
- Caring for the least among us (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Teaching believers through the Bible how to live God-honoring lives (Romans 6:12-14; Colossians 3:1-10)
- Sending those believers back out into the world to share with others the Good News about Jesus (Romans 10:13-15; Acts 1:8)

We believe **salvation** is a gift from God and deep reflection of His grace and mercy towards us. By placing our faith in God's great work through Jesus Christ, we are saved from our past, set free in the present, and given hope for the future. This pivot towards God and away from our own selfish pursuits and desires is referred to in the Bible as repentance. As a response to God's love towards us in Jesus, we respond in obedience to Him through baptism; recognizing God's work through Jesus alone as our hope for salvation. (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 6:23; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5)

We believe **baptism** is one of the most exciting moments in a person's journey of faith. Baptism is a powerful moment in which we publicly identify ourselves with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as we surrender our ways to His way. We celebrate baptism in a variety of ways. People have been baptized in front of large crowds during our Sunday morning worship, late at night surrounded by a small number of friends and family, in pools at church camp, even in the ocean on a family vacation. Regardless of the time, the place or the number of people watching – we love to celebrate as people choose to acknowledge their dependence on Jesus through baptism.

Westwood Church of Christ is a family of believers focused on growing closer together and to God. We are imperfect people striving daily to look more like our perfect Savior, Jesus Christ. We invite anyone to come as they are and experience the love and grace of God at Westwood.



## MINISTRIES



## KIDS

Westwood Kids Ministry exists to partner with parents to inspire kids to **Learn** God's Word to **Live** like Jesus as we walk in the **Light** of the Holy Spirit.

Westwood Kids is our Children's Ministry that ranges from Pre-K through 5th grade. Our kids have several activities throughout the year to play games, serve and be involved with families. Some examples of these activities are Easter, Summer Camp, Fall Fest and Christmas. One of our biggest events is VBS which is held during the summer where kids get an interactive approach to learning more about God's Word.

Our kids' classes use curriculum that works on their heart with a Gospel-centered message. We also offer Kids Cave for ages 3 through 2nd grade on Sunday mornings during the sermon. This is a time for our younger ones to hear a message and learn in an environment geared toward them.



## YOUTH

Westwood Youth Group is made up of 6th-12th grade students who are learning what it means to become like Jesus. We have an average of 35 students in Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible class. The youth group does several weekly activities together as well as many annual trips. We realize that teenagers walk into a lot of dark places. The schools they attend, the teams or clubs they are involved with and places they work can sometimes be dark places. What we desire is to equip teenagers with the light of the gospel (JESUS!) so that no matter where they go, they shine. We want our students to be the light in the middle of the darkness. One light in the dark makes all the difference!

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:5-7

**CROSSWAY 5:11**

Our Crossway Ministry is where many paths cross to find The Way. Whether you are just out of high school, working, parenting or whatever stage you find yourself in, you are welcome at Crossway for class and various events throughout the year. We hope to live out the verse, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11.

**BELLES & BEAUS**

Westwood has a wonderful outreach program for our widows and widowers; our "Belles" & "Beaus". Throughout the year the Belles & Beaus committee will have various activities for them, such as game night, plays, picnics, holiday parties, trips and luncheons.

**DAY SCHOOL**

Westwood Day School includes one 3-year-old-class, two 4-year-old classes and one Kindergarten class. The mission of the Westwood Day School is to provide a Christian atmosphere in which students may acquire academic, social-emotional, and developmental skills needed to be successful in their environment while being ready for elementary school.

**LIFE GROUPS**

Since April 2016, the Westwood Church has been involved with Life Groups. Here at Westwood, we have Life Groups that meet at various times on Sunday afternoon or evening and other times throughout the week to study the Bible, pray and draw closer to God and to each other. Some groups meet at the homes of members while others meet at the church building.

**OUTREACH**

The Westwood church family is a mission-minded group of people. We are involved in local missions as well as international missions. Some of the mission efforts we have supported include Honduras, the Dominican Republic, and Baja, Mexico.

On Sunday mornings a small service and communion is provided for the residents of one of McMinnville's Senior Living facilities, Riverview Terrace.

Every August we are blessed to partake of the Steve and Kate Smith Trust to provide backpacks and school supplies for students throughout the county. We are also involved in providing supplies as well as other activities throughout the year for the kids of Hamilton Street.

Westwood offers a food pantry which is stocked by generous donations from the congregation. This is a program to help those in our community in need of food.



## ONGOING EVENTS

**WIFFLEBALL**

The Westwood Wiffleball Association is made up of several teams including members and friends of Westwood that play in the West Woods behind our church building during the Fall. You can catch many games livestreamed on the WWA Facebook page.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

We believe in the Resurrection of Jesus and strive to celebrate that daily, but especially during the traditional time when the world is reminded of Easter Sunday. Our kids' classes and worship are focused on this pivotal belief in our faith. We also hold an Easter Event for kids and families around this time.

**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS**

We also celebrate the birth of our Savior throughout the year and around Christmastime. On Christmas Eve we have a short candlelight service to honor and worship Him. We also hold another event for kids and families around this time to celebrate His birth.

**FALL FEST**

Every last Wednesday in October we meet in our gym for fellowship, food, fun and competitions. We have "trunk-or-treat" style booths set up for kids to experience and receive candy.

**LADIES RETREAT & LUNCHEON**

The ladies of the congregation enjoy an annual rotation of Ladies' Luncheons or a Ladies' Retreat where they fellowship and worship together.

**MISSION KITCHEN**

On Wednesday nights we serve dinner at Mission Kitchen and receive donations to raise money to help those who are committed to being a part of various mission trips.



## SHEPHERDS

**Westwood is led by godly Shepherds who care for the spiritual needs of the flock and provide oversight for the church's ministries. Just as the Good Shepherd did, our Shepherds seek to lead in love and grace.**

**Jerry Blankenship** and his wife, Beth, live in the Centertown Community and own Blankenship Farms and Nursery. They have been married since 1993 and love spending time with their children, Katie Beth Stanfield (husband Ethan), Emilie, and William. The Blankenship Family has attended Westwood since 1996 and Jerry served as a deacon prior to becoming an elder in 2022. Jerry enjoys being crew chief of his son's racing team and visiting national parks with his family.

**Terry Boyd** was born in May 1956 to Terry Donald and Betty Allen Boyd in McMinnville. He and Patty were married in May 1980. Terry and Patty are both retired. They are the previous owners of Korner Market and Patty is retired from Ben Lomand Connect. They have two children, Julie Hyder of Panama City Beach, Florida and Clint Boyd of Houston, Texas. Terry and Patty have three grandchildren who they love to visit and spend time with. Terry was baptized into Christ on November 26, 2006 at Westwood Church of Christ. Terry served the congregation as a deacon from July 2011 until February 2017 at which time he was appointed an elder. Terry enjoys listening to bluegrass music, old trucks, fishing and college football. He also cherishes the time spent camping and playing card games with friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Mike Corley** graduated with a BS from Lipscomb in 1977 and UT with a JD in 1979. He married Amy Puckett in 1984 and they have two sons, who served as officers in the US Army. They also have two grandchildren who live in Idaho. Mike served as a deacon at the Smithville and Woodbury congregations, and as an elder at Woodbury and Central church. Mike is semi-retired as V.P. and General Counsel at Middle Tennessee Natural Gas. He is a former municipal judge and county attorney. Currently Mike is a Board Member of Short Mountain Bible Camp, private pilot and LTC in the Tennessee State Guard. Mike appreciates the wonder of God's creation.

**Neal Cox** was born September 23, 1950 to Lorena Hitchcock and Joe G. Cox in McMinnville, TN. Graduated from McMinnville City High School in 1968 and MTSU in 1973 with a degree in Accounting. Neal retired from McMinnville Electric System in 2017 after 44 years as Assistant Manager/Director of Finance. He served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher at Central Church of Christ before placing membership at Westwood in 2016. Neal married Norma Jo Phillips Cox on October 29, 2016. Neal has a son, Kyle Cox and wife Brandy...three grandchildren, Byron, Katelyn & Ean of McMinnville. Neal also has two Step-sons, Greg King & wife Helen of Arlington Heights, IL and Phillip King & wife Ashley of Tullahoma; six step-grandchildren...Megan & Mallory King of Arlington Heights, IL and Grant, Jackson, Ryan & Connor King of Tullahoma. He is a past President and current member of McMinnville Breakfast Rotary where he has been chairman for 15 years of the annual River Clean-Up, Vice President of Habitat for Humanity, past Board Member for CHEER Mental Health and is active in both Special Games and the Horsin' Around programs that benefit individuals with special needs. Neal & Norma are retired and live on an 80 acre horse farm. They enjoy riding horses, fishing, all sports, especially Warren County Pioneer baseball, Titans' and UT football, boating & traveling.

## SHEPHERDS CONTINUED

**Tim Deason** was born on November 18, 1964. Tim and his wife, Beth were married in 1984. Tim has worked for Dr. Pepper for over 30 years. Beth has worked with children who have special needs for over 25 years. Tim and Beth have three children and three grandchildren. Their son, Cody and his wife, Sumner live in Knoxville with their two kids, Levi and Annie. Their daughter, Kara and her husband, Nathan also live in Knoxville with their daughter Olivia. Their daughter, Kenzi, is studying radiology in Chattanooga. Tim and Beth began worshiping at Westwood in 1998 and Tim served as a deacon for 18 years before being appointed as a shepherd on February 26, 2017. Tim's shepherd's quote: The shepherd and flock relationship eloquently implies at least three qualities of spiritual leadership: availability, commitment and trust.

**Neil Helton** was born to Roy and Kay Helton on May 19, 1967, and grew up in Smyrna, Tennessee. In 1993 he married Deborah Sloane Helton (Debbie). Neil has been a State Farm agent in McMinnville since April 2004. Debbie is Assistant Director of the Hamilton Street Activity Center and the volunteer coordinator for Warren Country's developing CASA program. Neil and Debbie have two children: Madison Helton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Brooks Helton, student at Trevecca University in Nashville, TN. Neil was baptized into Christ at LaVergne Church of Christ in March of 1979. Debbie and Neil started attending Westwood Church of Christ in April of 2004. Neil has previously served Westwood as a deacon and a teacher. Neil enjoys fly fishing, duck hunting and spending time teaching life lessons through baseball. His favorite activities are those he spends with his family, especially Madison and Brooks.

**Jeff McKinley** and his family have been worshiping at Westwood since 2010 and Jeff has been serving as an elder since 2014. "Dr. Jeff" is a doctor of chiropractic and has been practicing in McMinnville since 1990. He is a song leader, Bible class teacher, and lectures nationally to doctors on spinal biomechanics. He and Lynette married in 1987 and are the proud parents of four girls: Kathryn, Laura Beth, Caroline and Abigail. They are also the proud grandparents of one granddaughter, Helen.

**Glenn Mitchell** and his wife Vickie have been members of the Westwood church since 2009. He served as a deacon from 2011 until 2017, upon being appointed as an elder in February 2017. He served until August, 2021. He was reappointed to serve the church as an elder in June 2022. Glenn and Vickie consider themselves to be tremendously blessed to be part of the Westwood church family. They have two children, Jane Ann (Tim) Bryant of McMinnville and Phil (Callie) Hitchcock of Murfreesboro. They are also the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

**Jimmy Priestley** and his wife Teresa have been members at Westwood since 1975. Jimmy has served as an Elder since 2003. They have seen many new ministries and much growth in the congregation. Both are active in many areas of the work of the church. They love the Westwood family.

**Deacons**

**David Britton** - Security, Belles & Beaus

**Patrick Carr** - Life Groups, Missions, Outreach

**Tommy Foster** - Fellowship, Special Days

**Nathan George** - Children & Young Families, Bulletin Boards

**Clint Gribble** - Worship

**John Hanson** - Empty Nesters, Men's Ministries

**Dale Jaco**

**Kirk Mullican** - Baptistry Maintenance, Signage, Grounds

**John Rasori** - Building Maintenance, Grounds, Benevolence

**Joseph Stotts** - Outreach, Riverview Terrace Worship

**Curtis Triplett** - Building Maintenance

**Jeff Vance** - Special Days, Youth, Missions

**Leon Yoder** - Communication, Communion

**Travis Byrd** is the youth minister at Westwood. Travis grew up in Hendersonville, TN and has previously served as Youth Minister in Athens, GA. He holds a Communications degree from Lipscomb University where he met his wife Karley. They both have a heart for ministry and love to show students that they have a place in God's story. Travis loves baseball, sweet tea and Chick-Fil-A.

**Karley Byrd** is the Children's Minister at Westwood. Karley graduated from Lipscomb University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and there she met her husband, Travis. The two of them love to be outside and cheer on their favorite sports teams. Karley loves coffee and any type of chocolate. Travis and Karley have one daughter, Evie Sue.

**Jaci Hamilton** is the Church Secretary at Westwood. Jaci grew up in Grove City Ohio, then moved to Orlando, Florida, where she graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. In 2015 she moved to Tennessee and that same year met her husband Jeremy, a native of Warren County. She has lived in McMinnville with her husband since 2018 and began attending and working at Westwood in 2021. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, boating, and watching Buckeyes football.



## CHURCH HISTORY

On April 7, 1952, nine men, Henry Boyd, Robert S. Brady, Oliver Cook Sr., James A. Dillon Sr., Jack Hennessee, Dr. B.C. Smoot, Clyde Winters, J.D. Womack and Noel Womack, met in the office of the J.D. Womack Company to discuss the feasibility of establishing a congregation in the Westwood section of the city.

A second meeting was held two weeks later, April 21, 1952, at which time a general meeting was scheduled for May 12, 1952, at 7:30 p.m. at the Boyd Nursery building on Morrison Street in Westwood. It was also suggested at this meeting that a letter be requested from the Elders of the Central congregation that this new congregation in no way represented a faction or split from the Central Church and that its establishment was being made with their approval.



Approximately 70 residents assembled at the May 12th general meeting. Henry Boyd, serving as chairman, advised those present that the F.C. Boyd family had offered property for the construction of a church building, if the decision were made to proceed. Ministers of the Central, East End and West Riverside congregations gave words of encouragement. Five men were appointed to serve as Trustees: J.A. Dillon Sr., Chairman, Henry Boyd, Treasurer, Clyde Winters, Secretary, R.S. Brady, and J.D. Womack.

The Westwood church met for the first time the following Sunday, May 18, 1952, in the Boyd Nursery barn then located across the street from the Church's present location. John High, a popular local funeral director and member of the Central church spoke at the first service. Hulon Flatt served as song leader. Robert Brady made the announcements. Noel Womack served at the table assisted by Herman Mitchell, John Deadman, Cecil Prater and David Ray. Prayers were led by J.J. Walker and Hillard Molloy.

Within a week, on May 24, the trustees arranged for Stanley McNery to move from the Morrison church to become Westwood's first minister. He began his ministry with Westwood June 1, 1952, and served until October 9, 1955. Westwood's first baptism occurred early in his ministry when Ramsey T. Boyd, son of Tallman and Sara Boyd, was baptized, August 7, 1952.

Plans for a building were drawn and ground was broken for construction on July 28, 1952. Under J.D. Womack's supervision, a beautiful colonial style brick edifice was constructed and completed by the end of the year. The first service in the new building occurred December 28, 1952. By 1957, the membership had grown from 135 to 228 and by the fifth anniversary of the first meeting, the balance on the building debt had been retired in full. Construction was completed on a two-story classroom wing in 1964.

In January 1974, the Lynwood Smith property, a spacious home now used as the minister's residence, adjoining Westwood's property was purchased. A beautiful, covered picnic pavilion was completed in 1981 and has been used for church picnics and group fellowship activities. The pavilion, as well as an adjoining ball field is also sometimes used by local community groups throughout the year and is currently home to the Westwood Wiffleball Association.

In January 1995, an auxiliary building to house our former bus and general storage was completed. In March 2002, a 70 X 116 building for classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, walking track & gym play area was completed and is now home to the Westwood Day School and many church activities. In 2010, an auditorium expansion, which added 100+ seats, was completed to accommodate growth in attendance.

Over the last several years we have remodeled the youth room and created a chapel, study room and coffee shop. During 2020-2021, the auditorium and foyer were completely remodeled with new paint, lighting, audio and video system, along with a new security system for the entire campus. The bathrooms have also been renovated and the outside of the building has undergone some updates.

**McMinnville, TN** sits along the Eastern Highland Rim near the base of the Cumberland Plateau in Middle Tennessee. Rolling hills and beautiful valleys surround McMinnville, the largest city in and the county seat of Warren County. McMinnville is located approximately 35 miles south of Cookeville, 70 miles northwest of Chattanooga and 75 miles southeast of Nashville. The population was 13,788 at the 2020 census.

The McMinnville area includes over 50 business and manufacturing plants and over 450 nurseries. The nursery business generates over \$300 million in revenue and has given the area the title of "Nursery Capital of the World".

McMinnville, like many smaller American cities and towns, has gone through a revitalization of its downtown area. "Main Street McMinnville" serves as the city's non-profit revitalization organization funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Tennessee's own Main Street Program. Their vision is to create a safe, culturally rich and architecturally preserved downtown which is vibrant and eye appealing, family and community oriented and commercially viable. Our Main Street hosts multiple events including Main Street "live" concert series, Autumn Street Fair and our restored Park Theater is the home of frequent plays, movies, and concerts.

Warren County also has much to offer in the form of outdoor recreation including the Cumberland Caverns, Rock Island State Park, and kayaking on the Barren Fork River. The city of McMinnville also has a newly renovated recreation center featuring a community pool, gym and sporting courts and fields.

Warren County School district consists of approximately 6,500 students. We have 12 schools; 3 Pk-5 grade elementary schools, 5 PK-8 grade schools, an alternative school, a middle school, a high school annex and a high school. There are also two private schools located in Warren County, F.C. Boyd Christian School and Covenant Academy.

With our advantageous location, Warren County has quick access to many higher-level educational institutions, ranging from the community college located near the heart of the county to universities in Nashville, Murfreesboro, Cookeville, and many other cities.

- Motlow State Community College - Many graduates and residents opt to attend Motlow because of its location and affordability. Motlow is a two-year, open-door college.
- The Tennessee College of Applied Technology - For people wishing to pursue a technical career, the TCAT campus in McMinnville provides students with specialized education and workshops that give them the skills for immediate job placement.



McMinnville also has a full-service hospital, Ascension Saint Thomas River Park. They offer 24/7 emergency care and deliver care for life-threatening injuries and illnesses. The care teams listen to quickly understand your health needs and deliver care that's right for you. Ascension Saint Thomas River Park is a local destination for specialty care - including heart and vascular care, orthopedics, breast health, obstetrics and maternity services. Our OB-GYN maternity care teams at our Family Birthing Center deliver a personalized birthing experience and advanced neonatal care for sick babies. We offer a wide range of minimally invasive procedures, imaging, lab tests and rehabilitation services, all on one campus.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your consideration in the preaching minister position at the Westwood Church of Christ. We will consider all applicants for this position carefully and with many prayers. We are seeking to find a minister who will be a fit with our congregational family so that we can serve God together. In order to make the most informed decision possible, we will need information on your qualifications, professional history and your ideas about the ministry.

We are accepting applications at this time and through the Spring of 2023 or until which time we have hired a new minister at Westwood Church of Christ.

Each applicant should submit the following information by email to [jaci@westwoodchurchofchrist.com](mailto:jaci@westwoodchurchofchrist.com) or by mail to 511 Morrison Street, McMinnville, TN. 37110.

- Résumé
- 3 Job Related and 2 personal references
- Philosophy of preaching (2 pages or less)
- Please provide two sermons (audio or video) from 2022.

May God continue to bless you,

Westwood Church of Christ Search Committee



**WESTWOOD**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**Purpose:**

The Preaching Minister of the Westwood Church of Christ serves with passion and sincere love for God and promotes relationships with the Lord, with one another, and with the lost. We seek a leader to help us all glorify God in word, worship, and daily lives.

**Scope of Responsibility:**

The preaching minister will collaborate with the Elders and serve under their direction, lead the ministry staff team, and provide the guidance necessary for our ministry effectiveness.

**Responsibilities:**

- Pulpit preaching
  - Preach at Sunday morning service
  - Develop sermons, plans, and themes for preaching which are consistent with the mission statement and overall direction of Elders
  - Study the Word of God to present deep, biblically sound, relevant, and interesting lessons
- Teaching
  - Provide study outline and discussion guide for Sunday evening Life Group leaders centered around Sunday morning sermon
  - Teach a Bible class Sunday morning
  - Speak at Wednesday evening devotionals, and teach a Bible Class one or two quarters per year
- Worship leadership - Work with song leader and coordinators to plan and lead relevant and energetic worship
- Collaborate with Elders
  - Available to attend Elders' meetings
  - Attend quarterly business meetings
  - Provide periodic updates concerning activities, issues, conflicts, concerns, expenses, and needs
  - Participate in an annual performance evaluation with the Elders, establishing a self-improvement plan with short and long-term goals
- Congregational leadership
  - Develop an understanding of Westwood's various ministries
  - Promote activities that encourage members to be closer to God and the community
  - Coordinate planned ministry and congregational activities that reflect biblical objectives
  - Establish an outreach ministry to reconnect with less-involved members and gain new members
- Staff leadership
  - Schedule, lead, and participate in weekly church staff meetings
  - Support Westwood Kids and Westwood Youth
- Office administration
  - Coordinate office procedures to facilitate an efficient service center
  - Schedule regular office hours
- Community ministry
  - Maintain Westwood's strong reputation within the McMinnville community and be involved in outreach efforts outside the community that are reflective of Westwood's mission and identity
- Contribute regular posts to Westwood's social media
- Provide relevant content and announcements to the weekly bulletin when applicable
- Work alongside elders to maintain visits to members who are hospitalized, shut in, or in nursing homes
- Counseling
  - Provide pre-marital counseling and other counseling to congregational members
  - Regulate counseling commitments according to time and expertise, utilizing a referral network to area mental health professionals
- Attend scheduled congregational assemblies and fellowships
- Maintain reasonable availability by phone
- Family should demonstrate strong, active, and visual support



## JOB DESCRIPTION

**Qualifications:****Mandatory:**

- Member of the Church of Christ
- Humble heart of a servant
- Strong faith and commitment to the call of serving the Lord as a preaching minister
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both verbal and written
- Ability to lead Bible studies, organize activities and use time effectively
- Strong organizational skills
- Leadership skills
- Ability to appeal to all age groups
- Previous ministry experience
- Desire to invest in a long-term relationship with our congregation

**Preferred:**

- BS/BA degree in Bible
- At least three years experience as pulpit minister
- Small group (Life Group) experience
- Outreach focused
- Missions experience
- Staff/Office management experience
- Adequate background in counseling to provide pastoral care to those in need, with awareness of referral strategies for serious cases

## MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

**Mission Statement**

As a reflection of His grace...we love God, love others, love serving.

**Church Habits**

1. Gather weekly for Worship, Bible Study and Life Groups.
2. Give generously of time, talent, and treasure.
3. Grow through engagement in a Westwood ministry.

**Vision Statement**

The vision of the Westwood Church of Christ is for God to help us embody each of the following characteristics as we fulfill our mission to love God, love others, and love serving.

1. To personify the refreshing invitation of Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30), reflect his heart as an oasis for the weary, and assure everyone of God's grace, mercy, and redemption, regardless of their past.
2. To demonstrate the importance of strong family bonds and a vibrant youth and children's ministry.
3. To exemplify the moral and ethical teachings of Jesus and the apostles and build redemptive relationships with others as part of sharing the gospel.
4. To exhibit active faith through participation in Bible classes and small groups that equip us to be disciples and make disciples.
5. To express genuine community and share faith experiences that allow us to experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).
6. To bear witness to the happiness of unity through diversity as together we fulfill our common mission to love God, love others, and love serving.
7. To unite around the shared goal of spiritual maturity as each member employs their spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ.
8. To make the teaching about God attractive (Titus 2:10) by the positive difference we make in our community and beyond, and thereby draw others to Him.