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This Week’s Meetings/Events

Cub Scout Pack Meeting: Monday at 6 p.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday at 10 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday at 6 p.m.
Session Meets: Saturday at 10 a.m.

Upcoming

Elder Training: Began August 17 at 9:15 a.m., taught by Pastor Rhett
(in the library-continuing for the next 8 weeks)
Adult Sunday School: Will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15
(for the next 8 weeks, while Pastor Rhett does Elder Training in the library)
Genesis Project after-school program: Starts Wednesday, August 20
LifeHouse Youth: Sunday, August 24, 5-7 p.m.
Potluck: Sunday, August 24 after morning worship *(note date change)*
Lunch Bunch Meets: Friday, August 29 at 11:30 a.m. *at Jalapeño Grill*

Financial Report (YTD through June 30, 2025)	
2025 Annual Budget	\$320,738.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$182,976.92
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$174,295.92
Last Week’s Budgeted Receipts	\$ 3,602.00

The Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne, Interim Pastor
Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session
Jane Bloss, Treasurer

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Cummings King	Lynda Gary	Mark Alspaugh
Property	Discipleship Formation	Property
Rachel Price	Jim Roberts	Ben Stone
Missions	Property	Personnel
	Scott Winter	Pat West
	Asst. Clerk and Worship	

STAFF

Alice Bellanger, Youth Director
LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
Angela Hudson, Nursery Care
Jeanie Pollard, Organist
Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager
Chip Westbrook, Personnel Committee Chair

Westminster’s Mission Partners

Boy Scout Troop 209	Cub Scout Pack 209
Feed My Sheep	Girl Scout Troop 3542
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry	Gulf Coast Rescue Mission
GHS Counselors’ Fund	Genesis Project
Pass Road Elem. Counselors’ Fund	Bethel Free Health Clinic
GCMS Counselors’ Fund	French Camp Academy
Medical Benevolence Foundation	MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti
Foundation for Reformed Theology	Kindness Foundation
Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan	Belhaven University

Duty Elder
Scott Winter

Missions Spotlight for August, Missions Spotlight for August: Lisa & Werner Schobesberger

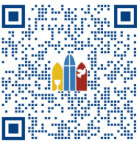
Werner and Lisa have been working with refugees for the last 24 years. They have been in Linz, Austria since 2011. The refugees come primarily from Muslim nations, and the most open to the gospel have been from Iran, Afghanistan and Turkey (Kurds). They are working right now with Kurds, as Kurds are the largest group currently entering Austria. One friend has been baptized and another couple is in a baptism class right now. There have been two weekly Bible studies and an International Cafe for men on Tuesdays and another for women on Thursdays.

Specific Prayer Requests: Please pray for Mary and her two young adult children. They are from Syria and are waiting on an asylum decision. Please pray for our Kurdish friends to continue to remain open to the Gospel.

Missions Collections:



- **Tissues & Disinfecting Wipes Collection for Pass Road Elementary:** We are collecting tissues and disinfecting wipes for Pass Road Elementary School, now through the end of August. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart in the Narthex.
- **Cardboard Tube Collection:** We’re collecting empty cardboard tubes for the Genesis Project. We have a collection box in the narthex. Empty tubes from paper towels, toilet paper, wrapping paper, etc. are all welcome.
- **Paperback books collection for Mississippi Prisons:** We are accepting donations of paperback books for the Mississippi Prison System. A box has been placed in the Library for donations. See Pat West for additional information.
- **Toiletry Collection for Gulf Coast Center for Non-violence:** Westminster continues to collect toiletry items for the Gulf Coast Center for Non-violence. *However, they do not accept any other types of donations. Please donate items of clothing or other goods to your favorite thrift store (i.e. Youth For Christ, Humane Society, Good Will, etc.).* See Rachel Price for additional information.



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for the World In Jesus Christ”

August 17, 2025