



# PRESTONCREST CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Passion for God... Compassion for People*



# *A year in review*

2024 ANNUAL CHURCH & MINISTRY RECAP



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*Dear Prestoncrest Family,*

God has continued to richly bless our congregation in so many ways during 2024. With every challenge and need that has been placed in front of the congregation, our family has continued to rise up to meet or exceed each of these needs. As we look back at the successes of the year, we celebrate these good works and the many blessings from the hand of God.

We read in James 1:17 that “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” Throughout the scriptures we see where God has provided for those who follow according to His unchanging will. This is a promise from which we gain great confidence, both as individuals and as a congregation.

At Prestoncrest, we seek to follow according to His will in all that we do. And we are so encouraged by our members daily, as we see you selflessly serving others as you are able. One only needs to look at the good works of this church to know that you are a praying, serving, encouraging, and loving congregation that seeks above all things, to serve God.

We encourage you to read through this booklet and review the many good works done to glorify God during 2024. Our programs have thrived across all facets of our membership - our kids’ programs, our youth activities, our adult education programs, our women’s ministry, and our outreach to so many individuals and organizations, both local and around the world.

We pray that God will continue to bless each of you and are confident He will continue to bless Prestoncrest as we steadfastly follow His unchanging will.

*~ Your Prestoncrest Elders*

JOHN CAWYER • JEFF CLEVINGER • PHIL JACKSON • CHARLES JOHNSTON  
GEORGE MILLER • STEVEN MILLER • TODD MILLER • MIKE PIPKIN  
KEN POLK • BRYAN PRUITT • RANDY TUCKER • DON WITT



# Missions

[www.prestoncrest.org/serve/missions](http://www.prestoncrest.org/serve/missions)

Since Prestoncrest began in 1972, it has been committed to mission work. Today, Prestoncrest's mission efforts reach into Africa, Latin America, Guatemala, Europe, and the Middle East.

A small glimpse of these mission efforts are shown here, and a new brochure now available at the Welcome Center and on our website provides a more comprehensive look at each of these good works.

Prestoncrest supports missions in two ways: through oversight, which includes financial support, spiritual guidance, and accountability, or through partial financial support, where another congregation provides leadership.

We are blessed to partner with mission families, charitable works, and congregations to help others know Jesus. Please pray for these efforts and consider how you can engage.

For more information, contact the Missions Executive Committee: Dane Altman, Lance Atchison, Terry Brantley, Dennis Harris, Teresa Holifield, and Todd Robertson at [missions@prestoncrest.org](mailto:missions@prestoncrest.org) or visit [www.prestoncrest.org/serve/missions](http://www.prestoncrest.org/serve/missions)



## WorldCare 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

[prestoncrest.org/worldcare](http://prestoncrest.org/worldcare)

Each 5th Sunday in 2024, donations were collected for our 5th Sunday mission efforts outside these regular budgeted works. In 2024, \$110,144 was given!

### MISSIONARY & MISSION EFFORT ONE-TIME NEEDS SUPPORTED IN 2024:

- Tim Yeager (World Bible School)
- Clay & Emily Fowler (Japan)
- Next Generation for Christ
- Javier Leon (Special Medical Needs)
- Guatemala Mission Trip Supplies
- Water for West Africa
- World Christian Broadcasting
- Great Cities Women's Conference
- Enoch Mbaihondoum (Chad)
- GTS Life (Caleb Elrod)

### RUSSIA: ARTASH ANDRIASOV\*



Born in 1986 to Armenian refugee parents, Artash moved across former Soviet Republics before settling in Russia. At 15, he became a Christian, studied the Bible, and preached while working as a tailor and DJ. He attended a preaching school, later serving as pulpit minister in Rostov, where he inspired youth. The congregation now worships in their own building, seating 50 people.

### GREECE: DINO & DEBBIE ROUSSOS\*



Dino's faith began when his father became a Christian in 1963. Baptized at 17, Dino preached before earning bachelor's and master's degrees at ACU, where he met and married Debbie in 1977. Supported by Prestoncrest since 1982, they've established Churches of Christ in Athens and Crete and hold worship services in several languages each Sunday.

### CHAD: DJONGA FELTOING & ENOCH MBAIHODOUM\*



Djonga Feltoing became a Christian in 1994. He was trained at the Biblical Training Center in Cotonou, Benin. After working for 6 years in Cameroon, Djonga returned to Chad in 2007 to start a mission in Moundou. Enoch Mbaihondoum joined the efforts in 2013, and helps Djonga further the gospel. They evangelize using Bible correspondence courses and preaching on the radio to reach the lost.

### CONGO: HILTON TERRY BIBLE SCHOOL\*



The Hilton Terry Bible School opened in September 2004 to train French-speaking evangelists, teaching them to preach the gospel. The school offers a 3-year program for 15 students at a time. As of 2024, 128 students have graduated and are involved in church growth across 9 provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including Kinshasa, with 500+ members in 6 congregations.

### MIDDLE EAST: KELISANET\*



Nathan, born in Iran, became a Christian in 2007. In 2008, he started discipling the first house church in Iran while using the internet to share the Gospel across the country. Arrested in 2011, he was jailed for 38 days before fleeing Iran. Nathan and his wife Mahsa now plant house churches online from Turkey and the US, having established over 80 churches and baptized hundreds.

### CONGO: KIKWIT CHURCHES\*



The Church of Christ in Kikwit was established in 2020 by Elder Charma Wampie. Charma was introduced to the Church of Christ's teachings, and began proclaiming the gospel of salvation, contrasting with the prosperity teachings of the other area churches. By 2023, 2,000 were worshipping in 10 new churches, with 4,000+ attending. Rural areas of the DRC are hearing and responding!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. ~ Psalm 22:27

### **GUATEMALA: ADAN & MIRIAM BENAVENTE\***



Adan and his wife, Miriam, live and work in Solola, Guatemala with their 5 children. Adan graduated from the Bible Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and began his ministry in Quetzaltenango in 1987. Since moving to Solola in 1998, they have planted a church as well as started two new congregations. Adan also helps teach and train new preachers through various institutes.

### **GUATEMALA: SIMEON & MARIBEL SAPON\***



Simeon Sapon, born and raised in Antigua, earned his BS in Antigua and Theology in Honduras. He studied Administration in Guatemala City before moving back to Antigua to preach. In October 1996, he married Maribel and they planted a church in Chimaltenango. Each year, Simeon coordinates outreach with local preaching students following Prestoncrest's summer mission trip.

### **GUATEMALA: WERNES & MARIA TOBAR\***



Wernes Tobar was born and raised in El Salvador, attended BICA, and holds a BS in Science and Math. He served as a preacher in Ahuachapan (2008-10) and in Palmares, Costa Rica (2011-14) before moving to Guatemala. In 2015, he became the senior minister at Antigua CoC, where he led significant growth and started community programs. Wernes and Maria have a daughter, Tiara.

### **GHANA MISSIONS: YENDI, SABOBA, & BEYOND\***



Ghana Missions began in 2010 to partner with evangelists to spread the Gospel. By 2024, 3,400+ baptisms and 100+ congregations have emerged, with attendance nearing 6,000. Evangelists receive training through Heritage Christian College. Prestoncrest provides oversight of the work in Saboba and partners with the Nsawam Road Church of Christ who provides oversight in Yendi.

### **AUSTRIA: BILL & MARIE-CLAIRE MCDONOUGH**



Bill served 4 years in the US Air Force, worshiping with missionaries worldwide. After his service, he pursued missions, planting churches in Germany. He led medical teams to the Caribbean and launched humanitarian efforts in Eastern Europe. Bill and his wife Marie-Claire planted churches in Cambodia and Burma. Now in Austria, they work with refugees who've turned to Christ.

### **PHILIPPINES: BIBLE STUDY CENTER**



Barry and Sherry Murrell moved to Cebu City, Philippines, in 1980, raising four children while ministering to the local community and founding the Bible Study Center. Their daughters, Sara and Amy, now run the center with their husbands, offering free Bible classes. Together, they also help lead the local Church of Christ, continuing the family's multi-generational mission work.

### **SPANISH CHURCHES: JAVIER & KARLA LEON**



Javier León began the "Avanza Líder" ministry in 2019 to foster Biblical leadership in smaller (30-50 member) Hispanic CoCs that lack Elders and effective leadership processes. As of 2023, the ministry has worked with 18 congregations across multiple countries, focusing on leadership development, coaching, church growth, and video lessons to provide 6 months of small group Bible study.

### **KENYA: MADE IN THE STREETS**



The mission of MADE IN THE STREETS (MITS) in Nairobi, Kenya, is to love and equip children from the streets, meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Since 1995, MITS has served children by providing first aid, Bible study, food, counseling, and friendship. Those ready to leave the streets can attend MITS boarding school for education, counseling, and learn more about Jesus.

### **MISSIONS SUPPORT: CLYDE & GWEN ANTWINE**



Clyde holds his B.A. in Bible from ACU. He and his wife, Gwen, are veterans of the mission field in Europe, serving in Germany and Switzerland. Now retired from the mission field, Clyde works with the Helpers In Missions (H.I.M.) program at Oklahoma Christian, recruiting and mentoring young adults for missions. They also encourage local churches in Germany and Switzerland annually.

### **UKRAINE: DENNIS ZOLOTARYOV**



After graduating from the Ukrainian Bible Institute, Dennis Zolotaryov and his family relocated to Irpin, Ukraine to work with the Irpin Church of Christ. Due to the Russian invasion in 2022, Dennis' ministry has more recently shifted to humanitarian aid and refugee support. His family has sought refuge in Croatia, while he remains in Ukraine to serve those in need.

### **RED RIVER FAMILY ENCAMPMENT**



The Red River Family Encampment (RRFE) in Red River, NM is held annually the 4th Sunday in June. With over 1,500 attendees (including Prestoncrest members), this event features gospel preaching, Bible study, singing, and fellowship amid stunning scenery. Executive Director Jerry Lawlis coordinates the event and ministers to small congregations across Northern New Mexico.

Prestoncrest's support of each good work is categorized as either OVERSIGHT – or – PARTIAL SUPPORT. Efforts for which Prestoncrest provides OVERSIGHT are noted with an asterisk\* above.

\*OVERSIGHT = Prestoncrest provides financial support, spiritual guidance, and accountability.

PARTIAL SUPPORT = Prestoncrest is financially engaged, but spiritual guidance and accountability is provided by another congregation.

*Our first  
priority is  
always  
to God  
and our  
passion  
Reaches  
Up to  
Him.*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

[prestoncrest.org/sermons](https://prestoncrest.org/sermons)

Preaching Minister Dr. Gordon Dabbs delivered a strong list of impactful series in 2024. These included "Master Your Money," "Fruit of the Spirit," "Last Words," "Biblical Foundations for the Family," "Unsuccessful," "Questions from Jesus," "Daniel," and "Advent."

To enjoy these again any time, visit our YouTube or podcast channels by scanning the QR code.



## SUNDAY NIGHTS

[prestoncrest.org/sermons](https://prestoncrest.org/sermons)

Sunday nights in '24 featured 2 great sermon series: "O Lord, My God" (Psalms) and "Witnesses" (Acts) by Preaching Minister Dr. Gordon Dabbs and Young Adults Minister Dr. Jacob Hawk. Also featured were the Chili Cookoff, LTC Awards, Guatemala Packing, Back-2-School Prayer+Pizza, and Children's Christmas Program with a NEW tradition added... Dinner with Santa!



## COMMUNITY-WIDE WORSHIP

[marchdallas.org](https://marchdallas.org)

Four special Sunday evenings in 2024 featured worship services alongside other congregations, coordinated by the M.A.R.C.H. Dallas organization (a "Cover Dallas With Love" partner). Each were well attended and enjoyed! Events were hosted at Cedar Crest CoC on January 28, Prestoncrest on April 21, Cliffview CoC on July 28, and Saturn Road CoC on October 13.



## LIVE STREAM ~ YOUTUBE

[prestoncrest.org/livestream](https://prestoncrest.org/livestream)

Live streamed via YouTube, our Sunday mornings/evenings, funerals, special events, and more are a wonderful opportunity of connection for those unable to join us in person. Each stream resonated far beyond our church building with viewers from 50+ nations. Total subscribers doubled from year-end 2023 to 2024, as well (6,860 subscribers as of Dec 31, 2024).



## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

[prestoncrest.org/bible-classes](https://prestoncrest.org/bible-classes)

Over 50 class leaders and 60+ teachers served our 17 adult Bible classes in 2024. Executive leaders provided support, curriculum development, and guidance for this ministry that serves 1000+ adult members, the majority of our church family. In October 2024, a special Saturday teacher training by Curtis Hartshorn (from Oklahoma) was offered, as well.



## PCYG CLASSES, MINISTRY & SGs

[prestoncrest.org/pcyg](https://prestoncrest.org/pcyg)

Did you know 1 in 8 families were part of our youth group in 2024? Sunday Bible classes helped 100+ students (7th-12th) grow in faith. Over 75 were also able to plug in to Small Groups in the evenings and enjoyed learning, fellowship, and fun. (Special thanks to the 19 Small Group leaders and 7 host homes for their teaching, hospitality, and support.)



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

[prestoncrest.org/breakfast](https://prestoncrest.org/breakfast)

Prestoncrest's "Men's Breakfast" events in 2024 featured a great lineup of both local and guest speakers: Matt Coats (Apr 6), Dr. Jacob Hawk (July 20), and Curtis Hartshorn from Oklahoma (Nov 2). Special thanks to the team of volunteers - deacon/coordinator Caleb Jones and the crew of dedicated deacons and volunteers that cook/serve at each event.



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

[prestoncrest.org/ltc](https://prestoncrest.org/ltc)

LTC was held March 29-31 and studied the life of Moses. A total of 98 Prestoncrest 3<sup>RD</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> graders participated in 1 or more LTC events: Bible Bowl, Art, Bulletin Board, Chorus, Drama, Poetry, Power Point, Puppets, Scripture Reading, Service, Sign Language, Teaching, and more. Bible Bowl Sunday Night practices (Jan-Apr) featured games, prizes, and interactive study.



## WOMEN OF WORSHIP

[prestoncrest.org/wow](https://prestoncrest.org/wow)

On Tuesdays at 9:30am during the school year, this diverse group of 80+ ladies gather for great studies, service projects, and fellowship. Opening Day (Sept 10) featured guest speaker Stacey Taylor, and studies included Habakkuk, Matthew, Jonah. Service projects included a weekly card ministry, care kits for the needy, and donations for ChristianWorks.



## MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER

[prestoncrest.org/contact](https://prestoncrest.org/contact)

Monday nights in 2024 continued to be a dedicated time for our Elders to gather and pray for needs requested by members and visitors. The needs of our church, community, nation, and world were also lifted to the Father in prayer. Needs can be submitted via email, phone call, or online: [info@prestoncrest.org](mailto:info@prestoncrest.org), 972-233-2392, or [www.prestoncrest.org/contact](http://www.prestoncrest.org/contact) (or scan QR).



## BAPTISMS, NEW MEMBERS, & PC101

[prestoncrest.org/pc101](http://prestoncrest.org/pc101)

In 2024, 50 new adults (& 10 children) placed membership and we praised God for 17 baptisms! Many of our new members also attended one of the PC101 "coffee and conversations" during classtime. Hosted by a minister, elder and staff, PC101 hosted 65+ guests in 2024. In addition, the Elders and wives hosted a "New Member Meal" on Sunday night, September 29.



## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

[prestoncrest.org/quilt](http://prestoncrest.org/quilt)

Prayer quilts integrate prayer into a quilt for those seriously ill, grieving, or in crisis. This ministry began in 2021 with 12 quilts and a few quilters. Now with 67 supporters and 25 quilters, 2024 saw this group gift 14 quilts (grand total of 71), create prayer squares for our HS seniors and shut-ins, hem church banners, and create "pocket" prayer squares for our Prayer Room.



## CHRISTMAS AT PRESTONCREST

[prestoncrest.org/christmas](http://prestoncrest.org/christmas)

December began with our Children's "Emoji" Christmas Program on Sunday night, December 8 followed by the NEW "Dinner with Santa." Our "Share the Joy" Toy Drive provided toys to 428 children on December 18 and 20. The December 22 Candlelight Service enjoyed 370 in attendance. We were also blessed by the "Arrival" sermon series December 8, 15, & 22.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH & BIBLE CLASSES

[prestoncrest.org/kidslife](http://prestoncrest.org/kidslife)

Bible Classes and Children's Church on Sunday mornings at Prestoncrest are a favorite for kids! About 40 volunteers each week make the birth - 6th grade classes happen... that's 2080+ hours in 2024! In addition, ages 2 1/2 to 2nd grade enjoyed Children's Church during the sermon/worship service, each led by 6 adults & 10 teens (over 830 hours of sharing Jesus!)



*He is  
our fuel,  
our salvation,  
our very  
source of life.  
Everything  
we do builds  
upon our  
relationship  
with Him.*

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

[prestoncrest.org/sf](http://prestoncrest.org/sf)

From spiritual direction, training, and resources, to group experiences and retreats, this ministry offers a variety of ways to be renewed. A total of 36 made the Spiritual Journey group 12-month commitment in 2024. A total of 37 attended one of the 2 retreats in 2024, as well. New, free resources were made available online and at the SF display in the foyer, as well.



## SUNSHINE SCHOOL

[prestoncrest.org/sunshine](http://prestoncrest.org/sunshine)

This tuition-based preschool for ages 1-5 is held on Mon, Tues and Thurs during the school year, 9a-2p. It teaches social skills, academics, and how much Jesus loves them! Open to members and community alike, this program has developed into a vital neighborhood outreach. Of the 68 enrolled in the '24-'25 school year, over 80% are from the community!



## LADIES' DAY: UNITED LOVE

[prestoncrest.org/ladies-day](http://prestoncrest.org/ladies-day)

On Saturday, April 20, 2024 this 1-day retreat in the Fellowship Hall was an uplifting time of celebrating all that unites us in Christ! Over 200 ladies enjoyed new friends, words of encouragement, and fun activities. Five different speakers gave us fresh perspectives on faith and unity, plus a time of prayer for the church. It was a blessing to all that participated.



## TUESDAY PRAYER ROOM

[prestoncrest.org/prayer-room](http://prestoncrest.org/prayer-room)

Hosted by the Ministry staff, the Community Prayer Room at Preston Place is open Tuesdays, 9a-6p. Members and community alike are invited to this welcoming space for quiet time, alone, with God. Ministers are available to pray, if requested. The area is staffed by security for extra peace of mind, as well. Be sure to stop by any Tuesday to enjoy this weekly opportunity.



## SMALL GROUPS

[prestoncrest.org/sg](http://prestoncrest.org/sg)

Are you part of a small group? In 2024, 37 different groups (572 members) met in homes around the metroplex each week. Find yours today! Days/times, an interactive map, and descriptions of each group are available online and the Small Group brochure in the foyer. Check out the resources available on our website (email signups, Right Now Media, and more).



## HEART SISTERS

[prestoncrest.org/heart](http://prestoncrest.org/heart)

Heart Sisters matches younger women with older mentors in small groups that meet once a month in homes around Dallas. This blend of women of all ages has become a special, unique way for each to grow together in Christ while building new, lasting friendships. In 2024, 9 Heart Sisters groups enjoyed fellowship, food, and studying God's word.



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*One kind of neighbor is already in the body of Christ and our Compassion Reaches In to our spiritual brothers and sisters.*

## TELLING THE STORY CONFERENCE

[prestoncrest.org/story](https://prestoncrest.org/story)

The 2024 *Telling the Story: Church Growth and Evangelism Conference* was our 2nd annual event, and proved to be a wonderful weekend. Keynote speakers included Gary Smith, Mitch Wilburn, Lamont Ross, Dr. Steve Cloer, and Dr. Bruce McLarty. It was a banner year with over 800 attendees from 106 different churches from around the country. Challenging and encouraging topics were presented by 32 different leaders, grouped into 6 study tracks: *Shining The Light, Faith Foundations, Redemption & Salvation, Ladies' Ministry, Next Generation, and Equipping The Church*. Lunch and children's program were both available on Saturday. Special thanks goes out to our ministers, volunteers, TTS planning committee, director Dr. Jacob Hawk, and his faithful "sidekick" Kellie Wilkinson for their year-'round work on this event. To see 2024 event photos and to learn more about the next event (Feb 28-Mar 2, 2025), scan the QR or visit [www.prestoncrest.org/story](https://www.prestoncrest.org/story).



## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BRAZIL & GERMANY

[prestoncrest.org/ministers](https://prestoncrest.org/ministers)

Did you know 2 of our ministers were also missionaries? Dr. Gordon and Ila Dabbs served in Rio de Janeiro (1998-2008) and Robert Stolte in Dresden (2000-2005). Prestoncrest's Elders support their commitments to visit their former mission fields to encourage and support the local ministers and congregations. From Feb 26-Mar 5, the Dabbs visited Rio, and Dec 13-23 Robert visited Germany.



## DAYBREAK: A MORNING MESSAGE

[info@prestoncrest.org](https://info@prestoncrest.org)

In 2024, members began receiving "Daybreak: A Morning Message" via email each Wednesday. Coordinated by our Elders and authored by Dr. Jacob Hawk, these weekly thoughts and reflection questions are geared to be an encouragement for continued devotion and growth in our journey with Christ. (Not receiving this email? Contact us: [info@prestoncrest.org](mailto:info@prestoncrest.org))



## MEMBER RESOURCES

[prestoncrest.org/resources](https://prestoncrest.org/resources)

PODCASTS • CHURCH LIBRARY • YOUTUBE CHANNEL/LIVESTREAM RIGHTNOW MEDIA • YOUVERSION BIBLE APP • ONLINE BULLETIN CHURCHTEAMS "ME" PAGE = DIRECTORY, BULLETIN, & MORE  
Are you taking advantage of all the resources available as Prestoncrest visitors and members? Links and details can be found on the *RESOURCES* website page by scanning the QR!



## SERVING SHUT-INS & WIDOWS/ERS

[prestoncrest.org/serve/church](https://prestoncrest.org/serve/church)

In 2024, many of our shut-ins worshipped via live-stream with us. Over 100 were contacted regularly by our staff, the ministers, deacons, Elders and the Living Faith Class. Elders and wives also visited shut-ins at Thanksgiving with a basket of treats and a "prayer square" from the Quilt Ministry. Widows/ers enjoyed a new "5th Sunday" lunch hosted by the Rooted class.



## BABY BLESSING

[prestoncrest.org/kidsevents](https://prestoncrest.org/kidsevents)

This special Sunday on March 17, 2024 honored our newest additions. Prestoncrest's Elders prayed blessings over 17 little ones and their families during each worship service, and a celebratory brunch was held for the families. Each baby was given a personalized scripture book, as well. Prestoncrest is committed to being an encouragement to families every step of the way!



## SENIOR SUNDAY: CLASS OF 2024

[prestoncrest.org/pcyg-events](https://prestoncrest.org/pcyg-events)

This annual event was held April 28, 2024 and honored 20 graduates. Each senior created their own photo display for special tables in the foyer. Elders highlighted and prayed for each during worship, presenting them with a Bible with personalized notes. A special brunch was held that morning, and a dinner at Prestonwood Country Club capped off the day.



## BAKE SALE & FAJITA FUNDRAISER

[prestoncrest.org/pcyg](https://prestoncrest.org/pcyg)

Special thanks to this church for their generous support of our youth group's annual missions fundraisers! The 2024 Bake Sale was held, as usual, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Over 100 members signed up to donate baked goodies, and over \$4,000 was raised. Our annual Fajita Fundraiser lunch in March was also well supported, and raised over \$11,000.



## APPLES OF GOLD

[prestoncrest.org/apples](https://prestoncrest.org/apples)

This mentoring program is inspired by the command in the book of Titus for older women to train younger women. Hosted March-April, weekly gatherings feature appetizers, cooking demonstrations, a Bible lesson, and a delicious "themed" meal. In 2024, 10 young women enjoyed the hospitality of 8 Prestoncrest women and lessons from 6 different mentors.





## ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

[prestoncrest.org/golf](https://prestoncrest.org/golf)

This 5th annual event at the Texas Star Golf Club in Euless was held Tuesday, October 15, with 58 players enjoying golf, fellowship, and a great fajita lunch. Each went home with a dark green, 5th anniversary golf shirt, as well. The winning team, engraved on the Leron Blanks Memorial Trophy: Don Goodlow, Alexa Goodlow, Anthony Verastiqui, and Todd Limburg.



## CHILI COOKOFF

[prestoncrest.org/chili](https://prestoncrest.org/chili)

As one of our most anticipated Sunday evening events, this friendly competition is held annually on MLK weekend. Our 2024 event barely skirted icy weather, and still enjoyed a great turnout with an impressive variety of recipes entering the "heated" competition. Winners: Don Carroll (1st), Brian Patterson (2nd), and Gideon Galdiano (3rd & "Crowd Favorite").



## SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

[prestoncrest.org/weekly-bulletin](https://prestoncrest.org/weekly-bulletin)

Special thanks to the 100+ hostesses that coordinated 22 showers in 2024. These ladies invested love and time into making each a fun, memorable blessing for each bride or mom-to-be. Our weekly online and paper bulletins both feature each upcoming shower, inviting all to celebrate. In 2024, a total of 14 wedding and 8 baby showers were held!



## BIBLE TRIVIA NIGHT

[prestoncrest.org/trivia](https://prestoncrest.org/trivia)

This 2nd annual fun and friendly competition was well attended by 80 adults/kids/teens, teamed up to compete for prizes! Held again in August, it was a great evening of potluck food, fun, and making new connections. Prizes were given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Adults, as well as Kids and Teen teams. Visit the website to find out who our winners were and see photos!



*With a  
one-another  
love we  
follow  
Jesus  
by  
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other.*

## FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGY

[prestoncrest.org/sermons](https://prestoncrest.org/sermons)

Upgrades in 2024 were made in a number of areas. These included the Auditorium's worship computers and microphones, in addition to more lighting and larger monitors. Classroom updates included better audio for the S.H.O.U.T. and Discover classrooms, as well as The Zone's A/V system. Our safety team also invested in additional handheld radios.



## KIDSLIFE FUN & FELLOWSHIP

[prestoncrest.org/kidsevents](https://prestoncrest.org/kidsevents)

In 2024, the popular "God's Guys (G2)" & "Faithgirlz" for 3rd-6th graders featured a monthly devo, service projects, and fun activities. Summer was a huge hit, with T.A.C.O. Tuesdays (K-2nd) and T3 Thursdays (3rd-6th), featuring devos and fun activities. Our "PoPs" summer fellowships for the littles (Nursery-PreK) and their families were enjoyed by many, as well.



## SINGLES 35+ MINISTRY

[prestoncrest.org/singles35](https://prestoncrest.org/singles35)

Did you know about 1/4th of our member families are singles, ages 35+? (Just over 200 of our 800+ families!) This diverse ministry enjoyed an array of opportunities during 2024. Offerings included Together Forever Workshops, DivorceCare Workshops, service opportunities, social events, plus weekly Bible Classes, Small Groups, and more.



## ALL-CHURCH CAMPOUT

[prestoncrest.org/campout](https://prestoncrest.org/campout)

About 125 members and friends enjoyed our 6th annual event at Tawakoni State Park on April 12-14. Campers enjoyed the annual devo/singing/s'mores on Saturday night, plus kickball, fishing, and more. Nick and Levi Zboch earned their 2nd cornhole tournament trophy, and Julian Trujillo lead a special Sunday morning worship to wrap up this great weekend.



**DISASTER RELIEF**[prestoncrest.org/give](https://prestoncrest.org/give)

In 2024, members gave generously to help those who suffered from various disasters, including Texas wildfires in March, Oklahoma tornadoes in May, tornadoes in Valley View (north of Denton) in June, and Hurricane Helene in November. A total of \$58,868.58 was collected in 2024 to provide necessities for many impacted. We are so very thankful for your giving hearts!

**COVER DALLAS WITH LOVE (CDWL)**[prestoncrest.org/CDWL](https://prestoncrest.org/CDWL)

Prestoncrest's Cover Dallas With Love ministry has been loving and serving our community since 2007. Many of our activities fall under the CDWL umbrella: Food Drive, Toy Drive, DivorceCare, GriefShare, Together Forever, Camp Sunrise, Area-Wide Worship, Transform Dallas, and more. The CDWL brochure at the Welcome Center is a great way to find out more and plug in!

**PUMPKINFEST**[prestoncrest.org/pumpkin](https://prestoncrest.org/pumpkin)

This year's FREE community event was Sat, Oct 19, 2024 with 2,038 in attendance! Kona handed out 1,020 snocones, and volunteers served up popcorn, chips, drinks, pickles, hot dogs, and member-donated candy. HUGE thanks our 24 Trunk-or-Treat cars, those that baked 100+ goodies, worked jobs, and the 40+ teens that staffed our games/inflatables.

**MEN'S PRISON MINISTRY**[prestoncrest.org/prison](https://prestoncrest.org/prison)

Prestoncrest's prison ministry team works in partnership with the local minister, Freddie Anderson. As Freddie is able to schedule our team for a visit (3 or 4 Sundays per year), this group of dedicated men travel to Huntsville to worship, deliver Bible lessons, and share their love for the Lord with the inmates. In 2024, they visited on June 2, September 8, and December 8.

**FRIENDSPEAK**[prestoncrest.org/friendspeak](https://prestoncrest.org/friendspeak)

The FriendSpeak program is based on using the Bible to practice conversational English. This proven system has been offered at Prestoncrest since 2002! We have developed a relationship with the Taiwanese Student Assoc at UTD, and host their new student orientation each August, and introduce FriendSpeak. Most of our 16 students in 2024 came from that introduction!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**[prestoncrest.org/vbs](https://prestoncrest.org/vbs)

On June 4-7, 2024, ages 4-6th grade enjoyed 4 days under the sea. Signups of our 316 spots filled up fast, and over half of them were visitors! Over 70 adult and teen volunteers volunteered at VBS, with many helping during the workdays before VBS. Members donated 300+ drinks and snacks, and gave 1000+ hours to help with prep work and decorating!

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**[prestoncrest.org/fooddrive](https://prestoncrest.org/fooddrive)

In 2024, signups were promoted at local elementary schools, Bachman Lake Together, and Richardson Family Place. More than 300 bags of Thanksgiving meal ingredients were donated by members! These bags, along with a turkey, were shared with families in need on November 22. Thanks to each that donated, and for the many volunteers that helped on giveaway day.

**"SHARE THE JOY" TOY DRIVE**[prestoncrest.org/toydrive](https://prestoncrest.org/toydrive)

In partnership with local schools, Bachman Lake Together, and Richardson Family Place, families in need once again shared their children's wishlists with us, and Prestoncrest members "adopted" and shopped! Each of the 428 kids, ages 2-12, received toys, clothes, books, and more. We are so thankful for each member that helped collect, sort, and bless each child!

**CAMP SUNRISE**[christian-works.org/camp-sunrise](https://christian-works.org/camp-sunrise)

This FREE weekend camp for grieving children (ages 6-17) was held July 26-28, 2024 at Timberline Camp in Lindale. Prestoncrest's CDWL has served in key roles for this camp since it began 15 years ago. Once again, this church provided most of its 70 volunteers in addition to generous support from members, Bible classes, small groups, and Women of Worship.

**TRANSFORM DALLAS**[dlftx.org/transform-dallas](https://dlftx.org/transform-dallas)

This 6th annual Community Service Day was held Saturday, June 22, 2024. Prestoncrest members volunteered in many different ways for this workday of kindness, prayer, painting houses, and cleanup in our nearby Hamilton Park neighborhood. Prestoncrest's CDWL is a key partner of the Dallas Leadership Foundation, helping coordinate this effort since it began.



Another  
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## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSIONS

[prestoncrest.org/pcyg-events](https://prestoncrest.org/pcyg-events)

In summer 2024, most 11<sup>TH</sup> and 12<sup>TH</sup> graders were able to travel to serve in Guatemala with our medical team (see below.) For most of the 9th and 10th graders, Oklahoma City was this year's destination, as 37 students and sponsors spent 5 days working on special missions projects while sharing Jesus' love. The final "fun" day was enjoyed at the lake .



## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

[prestoncrest.org/missions](https://prestoncrest.org/missions)

For the July 6-13, 2024 trip, our 25-person medical team oversaw the 4-city medical clinic that served 1,077 patients. This year, 53 from PCYG also made the trip (11th+12th grade students & sponsors). Food and water filters were given to 80 households, 200 children attended the VBS, and construction projects were accomplished for the glory of God!



## PACKS & PENCILS

[prestoncrest.org/pnp](https://prestoncrest.org/pnp)

Upwards of 200 PreK-6th graders and their families were welcomed to the church parking lot on Saturday, August 10, 2024. During this come-and-go event, each received goodie bags and a backpack filled with school supplies. They also enjoyed snacks, games, and inflatables. Special thanks to the 25+ volunteers that helped host/serve these families in the name of Jesus.



## TOGETHER FOREVER

[prestoncrest.org/together](https://prestoncrest.org/together)

Engaged? Seriously dating? This workshop offers tools for a marriage rooted in the Bible and centered on God's plan, and is open to members at Prestoncrest and the community. In 2024, 9 student and 9 mentor couples attended one of our 13-week workshops (offered in the spring and fall). This class is a certified TWOGETHER IN TEXAS initiative, supporting marital success.



*Every heart filled with Jesus is a missionary. Every heart without Christ is a mission field.*

## GRIEFSHARE

[prestoncrest.org/grief](https://prestoncrest.org/grief)

Prestoncrest's 2 annual GriefShare workshops were offered in person in 2024 for our church and community. Held Sunday afternoons at the church building, a total of 14 attendees (5 in the Spring, 9 in the Fall) were blessed by this time-tested, small group program. Each participant received education, encouragement, and community alongside others that were grieving.



## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)

[prestoncrest.org/fpu](https://prestoncrest.org/fpu)

This workshop authored by Dave Ramsey has been led by Prestoncrest members since 2007. Each January, this team of FPU alumni alternates between teaching adults and teens. In 2024 it was the teens' turn! Our youth group's 11<sup>TH</sup> and 12<sup>TH</sup> graders learned valuable, biblically-centered financial basics to help them in their journey into "adulthood."



## GHANA MISSION SUPPORT

[prestoncrest.org/missions](https://prestoncrest.org/missions)

Since 1989, Bob Chisholm has made an annual trip to Ghana to teach and mentor 25+ local ministers. After joining the ministry team at Prestoncrest in August 2002, he began taking a small group of volunteers to serve, as well, in some of the different ministries there. In 2024, Bob visited once again in the fall to teach, train, encourage, and support.



## SAFE CONVERSATIONS

[prestoncrest.org/sc](https://prestoncrest.org/sc)

This immediately successful, one-day workshop began in 2018, with Prestoncrest as a flagship partner. Based on the revolutionary work of Drs. Hendrix & Hunt, partnering with Preston Place Counseling, ours is the ONLY location offering this event FREE of CHARGE. The 2024 workshops were held Saturdays, March 2 and October 5 with 113 registered participants.



## JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER MISSIONS

[prestoncrest.org/pcyg-events](https://prestoncrest.org/pcyg-events)

Our Junior High "ServeStrong" annual event features 4 days serving DFW community. The 2024 event was attended by 23 of our 7th and 8th graders. Projects included washing cars at Christian Care Center, sorting clothes at Mission Arlington, visiting some of Prestoncrest's widows and shut-ins, plus cooking and serving an evening meal for our Elders, ministers, and staff.



## DIVORCECARE

[prestoncrest.org/divorce](https://prestoncrest.org/divorce)

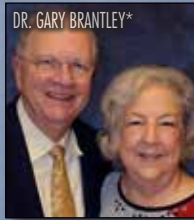
The DivorceCare 13-week series is offered at Prestoncrest twice a year for our church and community. Held on Wednesday nights at Preston Place, it features education, support, and connection for those going through separation or divorce. In fall 2024, 10 attended Prestoncrest's workshop. Since 2005, Prestoncrest has hosted over 200 participants!



# Elders

[www.prestoncrest.org/elders](http://www.prestoncrest.org/elders)

We are so thankful for the 13 Elders that served in 2024. Their voluntary, selfless commitment to this congregation through servant leadership, prayer, and example is a blessing beyond measure.



DR. GARY BRANTLEY\*



JOHN CAWYER



JEFF CLEVINGER



PHIL JACKSON



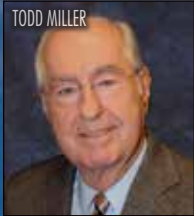
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*\*The congregation enjoyed a memory book signing in May 2024 for Dr. Gary Brantley, celebrating his retirement as an Elder at Prestoncrest. Dr. Brantley served in this role since December 1988.*

# Ministers, Directors, and Support Staff

[www.prestoncrest.org/ministers](http://www.prestoncrest.org/ministers) • [www.prestoncrest.org/staff](http://www.prestoncrest.org/staff)

Prestoncrest's ministers and office support staff are invaluable assets to this congregation, and served this church with love and intentionality in 2024. We are thankful for their time, talents, and commitment.



BRYAN BORDEN

YOUTH MINISTER



BOB CHISHOLM

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & SMALL GROUPS



GARY COCHRAN

URBAN MISSIONS & SINGLES 35+



DR. GORDON DABBS

PREACHING MINISTER



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MINISTRY SUPPORT



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RAE ANN PIERCE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR, PREK-2<sup>nd</sup>



LISA PIPKIN

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>



LESLIE SCOTT

ADULT ED & PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT



KELLIE WILKINSON

YOUTH GROUP COORDINATOR

Our ongoing appreciation also goes out to the numerous teachers, nursery workers, additional part-time support staff, parents, and volunteers who served in so many ways in 2024.



JIM WALL

FACILITIES



TOM WENZEL

FACILITIES



DANA PALACIOS\*

SUNSHINE SCHOOL DIRECTOR



AMY PATTERSON

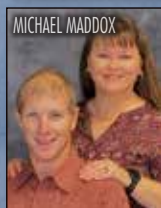
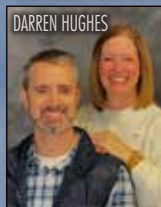
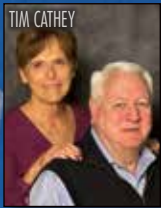
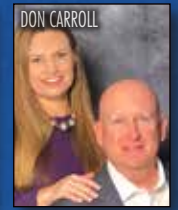
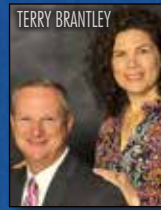
SUNSHINE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

*\*Special note: Thanks to Jeffrey Rasco for serving as interim Worship Minister as the Elders searched to fill the role. We welcomed Rod Hawkins to the staff as our full-time Worship Minister in May. In addition, after 12 years of service in Sunshine School (2 years teaching, 10 years as Director), Dana Palacios resigned to pursue a new career path. We will miss you, Dana!*

# Deacons

[www.prestoncrest.org/deacons](http://www.prestoncrest.org/deacons)

The 64 men that served as deacons in 2024 continued to be a key part of our church's ministry, and a blessing to all. Their selfless service was integral in so many different and necessary capacities.



\*\*The Rasco Family moved out of town in August 2024.

# LOOKING BACK AT 2024

At the end of each year, it is such a joy to look back at all the wonderful experiences that have occurred at Prestoncrest, and 2024 is no different. This report provides a summary of all the ministries and outreach to those at Prestoncrest and in our community. This congregation once again displayed its generosity by contributing almost \$5 million, allowing us to fund all operating needs and complete specific capital needs. With your consistent, committed giving, we were able to assist in sending 78 members (adults and youth group) to Guatemala to serve the churches we support along with their surrounding communities. We again hosted our largest community event, Pumpkinfest, with over 2,000 in attendance. Our Thanksgiving Food Drive provided baskets of meal ingredients and turkeys for over 300 families, and the “Share the Joy” Toy Drive blessed 428 children in need at Christmastime. Thank you for your continued support of Prestoncrest’s vision: *Passion for God, Compassion for People.*

To find out more about giving at Prestoncrest, visit [www.prestoncrest.org/give](http://www.prestoncrest.org/give)



## 2024 GOOD WORKS PLAN

### MINISTRIES

Local, domestic and foreign evangelism . . . . .	\$1,065,189	25%
Family, Singles, Women’s and Men’s Ministries, and Fellowship . . . . .	474,640	11%
Providing assistance to church members, our community, and those in prison . . . . .	294,216	7%
Developing our children’s spiritual lives, nursery - 6th grade . . . . .	267,374	6%
Providing a spiritual haven for our youth group, grades 7-12 . . . . .	300,295	7%
Equipping adults through enriching Bible classes and involvement . . . . .	300,243	7%
	<b>\$2,701,957</b>	

### MINISTRY SUPPORT

Administrative resources to carry out God’s ministries. . . . .	776,596	18%
Facility and technology resources for God’s ministries . . . . .	852,756	20%
	<b>\$1,629,352</b>	

**Total Good Works Financial Support . . . . . \$4,331,309**

**Funding sources for additional ministry and congregational needs . . . . \$168,691**

**>> Annual Planned Contributions . . . . . \$4,500,000**

**>> Weekly Planned Contributions . . . . . \$86,538**



### GOOD WORKS VIDEOS

Shown during worship service, these videos share many ways our giving is used for God’s glory. See them again any time on the Prestoncrest YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/prestoncrest](http://www.youtube.com/prestoncrest).

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