

# Westworth Church of Christ

*Worshiping  
Serving  
Fellowshipping*

**W**ELCOME VISITORS!  
**Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord.**

If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor’s card found on the back of each pew. Your prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. At the close of service you can hand it to any member, place it in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium or simply leave it in the pew and we will collect it.

During the service we will celebrate communion. (Sacraments are available on the table in the entry foyer.) This is a time that we partake of unleavened bread and juice from the fruit of the vine to remind us what Jesus has done for us. Communion is not only about Jesus’ death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is the source of our hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

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- Address:** 5728 White Settlement Road  
Westworth Village, TX 76114
  - Office Phone:** 817-738-7536
  - Worship Services:** Sunday 10:00 am
  - Bible Study:** Wednesday 7:00 pm
  - Men’s Group:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
  - Website:** [www.westworthcoc.org](http://www.westworthcoc.org)
  - Email:** [Westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net)
  - Facebook Group:** Westworth Church of Christ
  - Trustees:** Curtis Dunson, Brian Flaherty,  
Eric Kreger, Curtis Thompson

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

## Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group



All men of the congregation, friends, neighbors and family are invited to join the men's group on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Currently they are looking at concepts and ideas in the book:

**IN A PIT WITH A LION ON A SNOWY DAY** by Mark Batterson

**Next Meeting: March 7, 2023, 7pm - Activity Bldg.**

It is never too late to join the study and fellowship offered here.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study—

Each week @ 7pm—Activity Bldg.

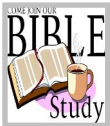
Current study: **1 & 2 Samuel**

*This is a great opportunity to learn more from God's word and enjoy casual fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.*



## Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

All ladies are welcomed to join this group at any time. A great deal of learning and fellowship occurs from the comfort of your own home.



**Each week on Thursday — 7:00 pm via Google meet**

For information regarding access - web-site and passcode contact:

Tracy Robertson at 817-308-0554— or—snowgirlntx@yahoo.com

Current Study: **Encountering God**—*Cultivating Habits of Faith through the Spiritual Disciplines* by Kelly Minter

**The current study will soon be completed. If you haven't been able to join this group previously, watch this space for what will be coming up next, and put it on your calendar to join the group. This is a great time of fellowship for the ladies and much good information comes out of these studies.**

# Happy Milestones

## March Birthdays

Pat Straw	Mar 2		Kate Thompson	Mar 9
Richard Hromek	Mar 3		Abby Kreger	Mar 9
Ben Jewell	Mar 3		Sarah Thompson	Mar 12
Lanette Lisle	Mar 5		Debbie Highfill	Mar 21
Jaquelyn Snell	Mar 7		Mike Lisle	Mar 23
Cooper Thompson	Mar 8		Ernie Brawley	Mar 29
Annie Thompson	Mar 9			

## March Anniversaries



Mike & Lanette Lisle	Mar 15
Max & Sarah Lisle	Mar 21

## WHAT'S AHEAD

**March 12**—Trustee's meeting. Be sure to present your questions or suggestions to one of our Trustees. **AND** Daylight Savings Time begins.

**March 19**—3rd Sunday Lunch—Always good fellowship and delicious food

**March 13-17**—**Spring Break**— Azle ISD, Birdville ISD Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD, Fort Worth ISD, Northwest ISD—most area school districts

**April will be busy...**

**April 2**—Max Pratt joins us as full time minister - we will celebrate on 4/16

**April 9**—Easter

**April 15**—Our service project at **Beautiful Feet** from 7:30 am to noon.

**April 16**—3rd Sunday Lunch—Special "Welcome" for the Pratt's

**April 30**—5th Sunday Lunch

# THE 7 LAST DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE

Day 3 in the series

## Monday

Jesus rolled out of bed on Monday focused on one target. The temple. Herod started renovating Zerubbabel's temple around 20 BC. The renovations were not completed until 63 AD, 67 years after Herod's death. So, when Jesus was in Jerusalem for the last time the temple was under construction. Herod's temple was mammoth. It was larger than Solomon's, but not as opulent. In Solomon's temple everything was overlaid with gold, even the floor. But Herod's emphasis was on size. We are told that Herod expanded the size of the temple grounds. Though the size of both court yards is conjecture, the point is they were really big. Herod's temple took 76 years longer to complete than Solomon's temple, so it's easy to visualize that it became larger. It was the main symbol of Judaism and Jesus was going to attack its religious significance.

We find in Mark 11:12-14 an unusual event. Jesus apparently got up early and set out for Jerusalem before eating. On the way he tried to get some figs from a fig tree. The tree was a disappointment. It had leaves but no figs. The reason that there was no fruit was that it was too early in the season. When Jesus didn't find any fruit, he cursed the tree. Jesus didn't give a reason for the curse. However, some scholars believe it showed God's disappointment with the Jewish nation, which should have been more evangelistic toward the gentiles. If one thinks Jesus was a tad angry, you could be right. Though Jesus' actions and words were divinely calculated that does not negate the possibility that Jesus was upset. (See Numbers 11:10). From the fig tree Jesus goes directly to the temple, but this visit is NOT peaceful.

Mark records that Jesus entered the temple area where the moneychangers and the sellers of sacrificial animals had their shops. He turned their tables and drove them out. He said, "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." Verse 18 tells us that the that the chief priests and

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teachers of the law wanted to kill Jesus because they were afraid of him.

Why would they fear Jesus? Because he was threatening their chief source of income. The high priest's office had been bought and sold for over 100 years, and the house of Annas was in control of the temple from 7 AD to 68 AD. They charged Jews bringing tithes and offerings exorbitant prices to exchange foreign money into Jewish shekles, cheated those wanting to purchase animals for sacrifice.

When you threaten the mob's source of income your days are numbered. Jesus was challenging their long-held concept of what it meant to be Jewish, and the importance of the temple. Without the temple there would be no worshipers, no control over the people, and the wealth it generated would wither and die. Think about it. If you want to be noticed by our government go to the headquarters of the IRS in Washington DC, enter the building, chase the workers out, overturn their desks, overturn their files, and delete all their tax records. If you survive the visit, you will definitely be on their radar. They will want you BAD. The chief priests wanted Jesus BAD.

We don't know how long this encounter lasted. Probably not long. Maybe 5 to 15 minutes. But as soon as it was over Jesus left. He had poked the beast hard, and they would want their pound of flesh. As Jesus and the apostles walked back to Bethany can you imagine what the apostles thought and/or said. Growing up there were times when I wanted to get as far away from my brother as I could because he was in serious trouble. No matter how much I loved him it was time to stay out of the line of fire. Though at this time the apostles showed no signs of abandoning Jesus you wonder if they were starting to feel the need to distance themselves from him and the high priests retribution.

In 3 days, they would bolt.

*David Keller*

**John 6:27**

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.

# INFORMATION PLEASE

Did you know the **church website [www.westworthcoc.org](http://www.westworthcoc.org)** -is a wealth of information every week?

- Each week the audio recording of the previous Sunday's lesson is posted on the church website. If you need a mid-week boost, there is a large library of past lessons available there.
- Did you miss the Sunday bulletin? Maybe you were unable to attend but would like to see the latest Bulletin. Those are also available on the church website. Additionally, it is emailed each week to all members. If you don't receive this email and would like to, please notify Sherry.
- For all our members who serve in worship service or Children's Church, communion preparation or as greeters, the monthly worship schedule is also available on the church web site.

View any of the above items from the drop down menu on the right side of the home page. Just look for "Bulletins", "Sermons", or "Worship Schedule".

## We also have a Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc>

Events, announcements, and reminders are posted there.

## New editions available:

- **The Christian Appeal**—February 2023 issue. "When you Don't Understand" and other essays by Joe R. Barnett. The thoughts presented in this booklet are always worth the short time it takes to read it. An abundant supply of past issues are available in the library also.
- **Power for Today**—April to June issue. If you haven't taken advantage of this small but powerful daily bible study aide I encourage you to pick up one and see how it may help you develop the habit to dedicate a few minutes daily. Included is a brief scripture reading, the short devotional based on that scripture, a suggested song, and a closing prayer.



**KID'S COLORING PAGE**



Crayons are available in the south foyer, along with other pages for the children.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Trustee in charge for March: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—March 5
Open	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Randy Fetters
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	David Keller
A/V	Christi Kreger

**COMING WEEKS**

Date	March 12	March 19	March 26
Open	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Curtis Thompson	Bill Jones	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Bill Jones	David Keller	Tom Reynolds
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Mike Lisle / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	John Snell	James Kreger	Jonathan Dunson
Lesson	Kent Benfer	Bob Mullen	Kent Benfer
A/V	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty	Randy Fetters

Communion Preparation March: Wanda Reynolds