



Westworth Church of Christ

*Worshiping
Serving
Fellowshipping*

WELCOME 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 |
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| 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

TODAY—Trustee's meeting. Be sure to present your questions or suggestions to one of our Trustees.

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

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

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. We will be inviting local "sister" churches for this special event. Plan to feed extra that day. Bring cards of welcome and we're thinking "money tree" as a gift.

April 30—5th Sunday Lunch

THE 7 LAST DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE

Day 4 in the series

Tuesday

Two grandpas were about to come to blows. I sat there in shock. This was a church board meeting, and menacing individuals were the minister and a deacon. Nothing in my ministerial training had prepared me for this impending disaster. Being new to the board, and knowing little of their back-ground I was frozen to my seat. Fortunately, the Federal District Court Judge sitting beside me was more familiar with these individuals and was able to calm things down. One was a real range-riding cowboy, and the other was a former oil field welder. Both had strong convictions and were willing to take things to the next level.

On Tuesday we find Jesus defending his teachings and the Beast, religious leaders of the day, attempting to take things to the next level to maintain their positions of power in the Jewish religious community.

Paul writes, "I box in such a way, as not beating the air." (I Corinthians 9:26). So, I will relate the confrontations on this day in terms of a boxing match.

When Jesus left Bethany for Jerusalem he was headed toward a spiritual confrontation with the religious leaders of the Jewish nation. The ring would be the temple. The punches would be parables, and questions with their answers. I do not have the space to delve into the all the spiritual implications of these confrontations. So, I will instead attempt to show the results.

As he approached Jerusalem there was an ominous sign. The fig tree he cursed on Monday had died. When Peter pointed it out Jesus turned it into a lesson on faith, prayer and forgiveness.

The spiritual confrontation began when Jesus entered the temple. The chief priests, scribes, and elders had not forgotten that Jesus had closed down their temple businesses yesterday. In their eyes it had been an attack on the very foundation of Judaism, the temple. If Jesus survived temple worship would die. Their problem, however, was Jesus' popularity. Remember the crowds had wel-

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came Jesus into Jerusalem as king on Sunday. The chief priest’s job on Tuesday was to erode that popularity. So their questions must be designed to alienate Jesus from his followers.

The questions would concern Christ’s authority, taxation, the resurrection, the law, and the last question, by Jesus, concerning the connection between David and Jesus.

The chief priests, scribes, and elders laid the first trap (Mark 11:27-33) with the question, “By what authority are you doing these things?” Now, if Jesus answered from God, then they could charge him with blasphemy and have him arrested. If Jesus denied his authority was from God, the crowds would leave him. But Jesus laid a trap for them. He told them he would answer their question if they would answer his question. “Was John’s baptism from God, or from men?” If they said from God then Jesus would say “Why didn’t you believe him,” but if they said from men the people might stone them. So they replied, “We don’t know,” and Jesus with disgust said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. Their trap failed and made them appear small and false.

Jesus followed the questions with three parables (Matthew 21:28-22:14) aimed at the chief priests, scribes and elders. The first was the parable of the 2 sons who were asked to work in their father’s vineyard. The second was about the owner of a vineyard who rented it out and then went on a journey. He sent representatives and even his son to collect the profit. But they were beaten and some like his son were killed. The owner returned, exacted revenge, and rented it to others. Jesus then quotes Psalm 118, about the stone that the builders rejected. It hit the mark. They were mad. Luke tells us that after that they tried to “lay their hands on him but were afraid of the people.” The third parable was concerning the king who was giving a wedding feast for his son. Those who should have been glad to attend refused. So, the king sent his servants out to bring everyone they could find. If it were a boxing match the chief priests, scribes and elders took a standing 8 count.

The next trap was set by the Pharisees and Herodians (supporters of Herod and Greek culture). Their question was “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?” If Jesus replied in the negative then the Herodians

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would have him arrested for promoting rebellion. Not many years earlier there had been a bloody tax revolt. If, however, Jesus advocated paying taxes to Caesar his popularity would plummet. Jesus' answer was so profoundly simple that Matthew, Mark, and Luke record that his questioners left in utter amazement. Jesus won that round as well.

The Sadducees were the arrogant upper echelon of the Jewish religious society who denied the resurrection. Theirs was the high priesthood. They rubbed elbows with Herod and the Roman governors and oppressed the lower classes. But they had the power. They controlled the Sanhedrin. Their question doesn't make sense if they were trying to have Jesus arrested or destroy his popularity. It was concerning the issue of the resurrection which they and the Pharisees had been debating for over 100 years. They apparently borrowed the story of Sarah in the book of Tobit whose first 7 husbands died. They asked, "Whose wife will she be in the resurrection." Jesus informed them there will be no marriage in heaven, and points out that eternal life is implied in the only part of the Old Testament that the Sadducees considered inspired. The unstated question by Jesus to the Sadducees is, "Why don't you believe?" The Sadducees melted away as Jesus took the round.

The next question from the religious leaders to Jesus was similar to the previous question in that it was not an attempt to get Jesus arrested or decimate his popularity. It was another probing question that conscientious Jews had been struggling with for hundreds of years. "Which is the great commandment in the Law?" (Mark 12:28). Though Matthew also records this encounter I like Mark's rendition because it records that the questioner respected Jesus' answer to the Sadducees. To answer the scribe Jesus quotes the Shema (Deut. 6:4-5), which every Jew was to recite every day. However, he adds Levit. 19:18, which is about loving your neighbor. The scribe agreed with Jesus, but also adds the words "to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Jesus was impressed with the scribe and told him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

At this point Jesus had won every encounter so convincingly that the chief priests, scribes, elders, and Sadducees ceased asking any questions. They were still monitoring Jesus, but now they were not initiating confrontation. So, Jesus took the initiative. Jesus directed a rhetorical question to the Pharisees to probe their understanding of the

relationship between David and the Messiah. He asked them, “How is it that they say the Christ is David’s son.” The Pharisees did not respond, so Jesus quoted Psalm 110:1, and asked them, “David himself calls him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?” The Pharisees were silent, and Matthew informs us that no asked him anymore questions.

But Jesus was not finished. Matthew records Jesus’ teaching on Tuesday for another 3 chapters (Matthew 23-25). These teachings include his characterization and condemnation of the Pharisees, the destruction of the temple, the tribulation, and the end times.

Tuesday ends with two significant statements. The first is that Jesus told those who were listening that in two days he would be crucified. The second is that the chief priests, elders, and Caiaphas started to refine their plot against Jesus.

As Jesus retreated to safety in Bethany that evening both he, and Beast he has been battling know that he will die.

David Keller

EVENTS DETAIL

Beautiful Feet Service Day—Saturday, April 15, 2023 - 7:30 am—12

A sign up sheet has been prepared for those who plan to join the service project at Beautiful Feet ministry in Ft. Worth. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this opportunity to serve. There will be a variety of ‘jobs’ for everyone, so even youngsters can participate. Please check your schedules and take this opportunity to be of service. It will be a benefit to your hearts and minds—as well as your soul.

Ladies Day — Saturday, March 25, 2023 — 10:00am—2:00 pm

Azle Church of Christ, 336 Northwest Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020

A copy of the invitation from Azle Church of Christ is in every mail box.

“Glimpses of Glory—Learning To See God In My Mirror”.

A Ladies program by Mary Hollingsworth, author and international speaker.

A salad lunch will be provided and they have requested an **RSVP by March 19**. The sign-up sheet is also in the North foyer. Please indicate if you will be attending and I will do the RSVP for Westworth as a group. The sign up sheet includes a space to indicate if you would like to “carpool” for those coming from areas in Ft. Worth, and that can be coordinated before the date.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for March: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—March 12
Open	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Mike Lisle
Communion	Bill Jones
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Kent Benfer
A/V	TBD

COMING WEEKS

Date	March 19	March 26	April 2
Open	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Thompson	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	
Prayer	Johnny Box	Sharold Ferris	
Communion	David Keller	Tom Reynolds	
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Mike Lisle / David & Hettie Keller	
Reading	James Kreger	Jonathan Dun- son	
Lesson	Bob Mullen	Kent Benfer	
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Randy Fetters	

Communion Preparation March: Wanda Reynolds