



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
 - Website:** www.westworthcoc.org
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 - Facebook Group:** Westworth Church of Christ
 - Minister:** Max Pratt
 - Trustees:** Curtis Dunson, Brian Flaherty,
Eric Kreger, Curtis Thompson

SUNDAY

The focus was on two groups in the predawn hours of Sunday morning. The first group were the guards who were on duty at the tomb. The second, a group of women, was busy gathering supplies to finish preparing Jesus' body for burial.

The drowsy guards were listening to chirping crickets and the crackling of a dying fire when the ground roared to life. It boomed as the bedrock was torn in two. The soldiers were knocked to the ground as sparks from the embers rose toward the heavens and the light of the fire was eclipsed by a blindingly brilliant angel sitting on the cover stone of an empty tomb. They became "like dead men" (Matthew 28:4). When they regained their senses, they retreated into the city to report to the chief priests. There they were bribed to blame the disciples for the missing body of Jesus.

While the guards were on the way to the chief priests, they probably passed the women on the way to the tomb. John relates that the women came to the tomb while it was still dark. The group was made up of Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna, and other women (Mark 16:1, Luke 24:10). They may have come from Jerusalem, Bethany, or both. Mary Magdalene seems to have been the first to find the empty tomb. Upon seeing the deserted camp and the empty tomb she ran to tell Peter and John that someone had taken Jesus' body. While she was gone the other women entered to the tomb and encountered either one angel (Mark 16:5), or two angels (Luke 24:4) in white dazzling apparel. Whether one or two angels the result was the same, they were amazed and terrified. They probably dropped everything and fled from whence they came.

We know that Mary Magdalene made the first contact with Peter and John (John 20:2-8). While Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene made a beeline to the tomb the women were returning with the confusing message that Jesus had risen and was going before them into Galilee (Matthew 28:5-7). Some how they missed each other. So, while the women are reporting to the unbelieving apostles (Luke 24:11), Peter and his companions reached the empty tomb. Peter

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and John went in and saw the linen wrappings. Not long after that the other disciples came to see the empty tomb and wrappings. The disciples didn't know what to do. John tells us they went home. Apparently, Mary Magdalene, in confusion and grief, stayed at the tomb. Her love and devotion were rewarded. She was the first to see the risen Lord (John 20:14-17). Jesus told her to report to the disciples. Imagine what went through the disciple's minds when Mary came bursting into the house shouting, "I have seen the Lord."

Jesus made a number of appearances to the disciples in Jerusalem before his appearance in Galilee.

His first appearance after Mary Magdalene was to the other women. This was probably when they were returning to view the empty tomb. Their reaction was the same as Mary's; they tried to cling to him. But he told them not to be afraid and to tell the disciples to go to Galilee. On Sunday afternoon he visited with two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32). They returned immediately to Jerusalem to tell the apostles only to find that Jesus had also appeared to Peter (Luke 24:34). That evening the disciples, minus Thomas, shut the front door hoping that things would quiet down so their frayed nerves could recover. They wanted to have time so they could comprehend what was happening. That's when Jesus appeared out of thin air in their midst. Luke recorded that they were startled and frightened. This is the passage where Jesus reassured them and showed them his hands, his feet, and ate some fish. He also chided them because of their disbelief. Eight days later he

appeared again to the eleven for the purpose of convincing Thomas, which was fairly easy.

There is no other time mark for his appearances until



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the Day of Pentecost. We know that the disciples did return to Galilee. John gives a long account of Jesus encounter with Peter at the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-25). While Matthew records an appearance to the eleven on a mountain in Galilee (Matthew 28:11).

It is here that the end of the gospels and Acts begin to intertwine, and our narrative ends.

But the story did not and does not end. The memory of the risen Lord was irrevocably etched in the memories of the apostles and has become our irrevocable hope of finding the city “whose architect and builder is God.”

David Keller

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

Happy Milestones

April Birthdays

Vivian Keller

Apr 5

Sarah Lisle

Apr 7

Susan Flaherty

Apr 21

Andrea Keller

Apr 23



Johnny Box

Apr 25

Mark Cohen

Apr 26

Tracy Robertson

Apr 27

Nita Parker

Apr 27

No April Anniversaries

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: → May 2, 2023 ← 7pm, Activity Bldg.



It is never too late to join any of the studies and fellowship listed 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



Each week — 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

A new study will begin in May:

Gideon—Your Weakness. God's Strength
by Priscilla Shearer.

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.

NEXT SATURDAY—4/15/23

The mission of Beautiful Feet Ministries is to share the love of Christ by



reaching out to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poor and homeless in Fort Worth, Texas.

Location: 1709 E. Hattie St., Ft. Worth

Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Time: 7:30 am—noon

Extensive information regarding this work can be found on their website: <https://thefeet.org/>

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.

A sign up sheet can be found in the either foyer for those who plan to join this service project.

Because this begins early—please make any carpool arrangements individually.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

3RD SUNDAY LUNCH

Next Sunday—April 16—is our regularly scheduled 3rd Sunday Lunch. Always Lots of good food, but the best part is spending time with our Christian Family. Hope your planning to join in the fun.



This is a special celebration of 5th Sunday.

Let's celebrate the return of Max and Juanita Pratt. Everyone is so happy they have "come home" and we want to be sure they feel the love and appreciation we all feel for them.

Several local congregations have been invited to join this fellowship meal to welcome our "new" minister and perhaps renew old friendships. (As you prepare your food for that day, please keep in mind that we could potentially have a number of guests.)

There will be a receptacle for Cards of encouragement and welcome that you may want to bring that day for Max and Juanita.

There will also be a \$ Tree for anyone who wishes to participate.

Help spread the word by inviting anyone you know who might like to be here, in case they were missed in the mailing.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for April: Brian Flaherty

Date	Today—April 9
Open	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Curtis Dunson
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Mike Lisle
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	No children's church today
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	April 16	April 23	April 30
Open	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Eric Kerger	Tom Reynolds	Samuel Flaherty
Communion	Bill Jones	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Sherry Jones & Susan Flaherty	Max Lisle / Sherry Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Eric Kreger / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Sharold Ferris	John Snell	Jaeden Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Randy Fetters	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation April : Hettie Keller