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Sunday, July 14, 2024



WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord.

If you are looking for a supportive, Bible-based church family, we believe you have found it at Westworth. You are always welcome to be a part of the warmth and loving nature that is shown here. We have a place for you!

If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Any prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. You may hand it to any member, place it in the contribution plate when passed, or simply leave it in the pew for us.

During the service we will celebrate communion. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is our source of hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.



Today's Message

Speaker— Max Pratt

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Lesson: When All Has Been Heard

Empty Pursuits

A Search for Meaning

The Conclusion

<u>The Voice of The Lord's Church</u>

"And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." II Cor. 5:19-20.

Before Jesus suffered, died was buried and rose again, He spent years preparing His apostles to be 'fishers of men'. He called the fishermen to leave their nets and undergo the intense training to be the voice in the world that carried the Good News of salvation. From its very beginning the church has always been the movement to carry the Gospel of Jesus to every generation.

When the persecution arose in Jerusalem, the disciples were scattered to many places. The record of Acts tell us: **"Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went." Acts 8:4**. That began the testimony of Christians to the glorious hope offered through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

In his great sermon on the mount, Jesus identified His followers in this way: "You are the salt of the earth....You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:13-16.

We have called it the great commission given by Jesus to His disciples just prior to His leaving this earth, where He now sits at the right hand of God: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19-20. From the first century until the end of time, the church of our Lord will carry the message of the Cross to the world.

Jesus said, *"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:5* Since we have been set on our coarse of telling the Gospel to our world today, we must be mindful of every avenue through which we can share it. We should also be aware that each of us in our own individual lives will have the duty and privilege to be God's voice whispering His love, testifying of His grace and shouting out the blessed hope of our salvation.

...ONGOING...

DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D) weekly at 9:00 am in the activity building.



Each week Max leads a brief bible study prior to morning worship services. Material is provided to support the discussion, help us remember the information and put it into practice.

This time also includes coffee and donuts. Everyone is encouraged to invite guests and join the study. Additional fellowship and study time is always a bless-

ing. If you've not yet joined this study...hope you can make it soon.

Any time is the perfect time to join in this weekly additional study and fellowship time with brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank Next delivery will be in July. Please keep this good work in your plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This is definitely a blessing to both giver and receiver.
- WORDS-OF-WISDOM—A number of signs are available. Bring back the one you currently display and swap for a different one, giving someone else the opportunity to use the one you return. Signs are in the activity bldg.



Upcoming - - -

Much less scheduled for July (so far). If you would like to host a fellowship event for the congregation at any time, please make the plans and let it be known. If you need help it can certainly be arranged.

• July 21—3rd Sunday— Fellowship lunch. That's next week. Hope everyone is planning to join.

Celebration of Life—Nolan Williams				
Donna Simco's brother, Nolan Williams', "Celebration of Life" service is				
scheduled as follows:				
Date: Time: Location:	Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:-00 pm The Hills Church, Keller Campus 2525 Florence Rd. Keller, TX 76262			

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. John 5:14



Known Prayer needs and requests:

Donna Simco—Please pray for comfort and peace for Donna Simco and her extended family on the loss of her brother Nolan Williams on Tuesday, June 25. Nolan had been ill for some time. Information regarding his "Celebration of Life" can be found on page 3.

Max, Juan, Ann. Ralph and all the extended family—Please continue to pray for comfort and peace for the extended family following the loss of Joyce.

Wanda Reynolds— Wanda continues to recover from her recent bout with Sepsis. She reports improvement with some continued weakness that results in tiring easily. Please keep Wanda in your prayers for a return of her strength and stamina.

Sharold and Julie Ferris—Julie - please continue prayers for stability with no growth in the nodule they are monitoring. **Sharold** continues preparation for back surgery. He is doing well. Please pray for his overall health.

Cheyanne Vickers—Please continue your prayers for Cheyanne's safety and increased faith while she is away at Army Basic Training in South Carolina. John Snell says she reportedly said she is having "fun".

Our "New" Brothers & Sisters—Please keep those recently baptized, in your prayers for strength and growth in the faith, as well as all Christians for stamina to "run the race" successfully.

The Flaherty Family—Continued prayers for peace and comfort for the family. Healing from such a tragedy requires prayers, time and patience as well as relentless exhibitions of love from their Christian family.

Betty Lane— Please continue prayers for Betty and the family as they adjust to life without Bob.

David Burris — David reports that he will have surgery to replace the plate in his head in mid to late August. Measurements for the new plate will be taken during a scan, then the plate must be custom made. Please continue prayers on his behalf, as well as Tracy and the whole family.

Kim Turner—Kim reports that her daughter Sara was recently started a new job and was looking forward to different experience and new opportunities. Please continue prayers for Sara and her daughters, Blakely and Emma, for improved family situation/circumstances as well as prayers for Kim and her role in their lives.

Max - Recovery from his knee replacement is progressing pretty much as would be expected. He is done with scheduled physical therapy and will continue the exercises on his own. He reports a reduction in the constant pain he

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

had been experiencing. Please continue to pray for Max's healing and comfort.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—They are now in Costa Rica, where they hope to learn how to help combat child trafficking for application in Malawi. Please keep the whole family in your prayers for success as they continue to try to make a difference for God. (more info in "Bits & Pieces", pg .7) Andy and Lauren Jewell—Lauren is expecting. Please pray for their young family.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us regularly:

Pat Straw
Jane Whitley
Joyce Bennett
Ernie Brawley
Please include prayers for:

- Israel and Ukraine—A cease to the war there and safety of Christian brothers and sisters and innocent civilians.
- **Church growth and leadership**—worldwide and especially here. Pray for the wisdom needed by our leaders to help us be the beacon of light for the world.
- Storm Victims—All who have been in the path of recent severe storms or fires.
- Civil leadership—pray for upright leaders at all levels of government worldwide.
- **Parents**—pray for God's guidance and blessing for parents as families strive to navigate these turbulent times.
- Young adults/couples who are beginning their adult walk, pray that they discern the truth and always seek God's will.
- Children who may be food insecure as the school year ends.

Please make known your prayer needs.

<u>July Birthdays</u>

Jaeli Snell	01 July	Happy Birthday	Sharold Ferris	23 July
Justin Snell	02 July	Birthday	Julie Ferris	26 July
Brian Flaherty	03 July		Ann Gray	27 July
Marty Montgomery	03 July		Juan Pratt	27 July
Kenzie Kirby	05 July	ल् न्त	Carla Kerske	27 July
Wanda Reynolds	21 July		Hettie Keller	30 July

Sharold & Julie Ferris 8 July





OUR YOUNG ONES ARE ON A ROLL

As announced last week, the youth group did a fantastic job with the recent Spaghetti Supper. Donations for their efforts exceeded \$1,000.00.

Last Sunday, they met with some of the adults to discuss how to best use the monies they earned.

It had been suggested that a percentage of what was received might be



used as a "tithe" to a cause/ purpose they could agree on. That was easy! There was instant agreement on a \$100 donation to the Malawi Mission. The kids along with their adult advisors are working on how best to get that done. This is another reason for all of us to be proud of this group of young people.

Then the discussion turned to – which "fun" activity would they like to schedule using the funds earned.

That was also a unanimous decision for a visit to NRH²O – the North Richland Hills community water park. The date for that excursion is TBD.



Because there were some very young ones who served to help earn the money, they may get to choose something other than the water park, based on the recommendations from their parents.

1 Peter 3:8-9

⁸To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you would inherit a blessing.

Bits & Pieces



Samantha's latest blog can be read at:

https://hugs4tomorrow.org/pura-vida/

You can always keep up with their work here:

Hugs4Tomorrow.org

The Jewells are now in Costa Rica to work with a group there whose focus includes prevention of human trafficking. The hope is to learn their methods and begin to apply something similar in Malawi to do more to protect the children there. Please keep them in your prayers for successful efforts and of course safety for the whole family.

Upon arrival in Costa Rica—after addressing the issues associated with the stolen wallet—they realized that an incorrect stamp was placed on John's Visa resulting in limited time for his permissible stay. Details are in the blog post noted above. Please be sure to remember in prayer all the Jewell's and their work for the children in Malawi.

There's still time...

To host a fellowship event this summer. June is done, but that still leaves July—at least part of it—and August

If you have an idea for a fun fellowship event...whether here at the building, or at a location of your choos-

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ing...just set a date and ask for help if needed. Let's increase the opportunities to enjoy some time together with our "Family".

Westworth Church of Christ



Kids Pages

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Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

_____How old was Josiah when he became King? (2 Kings 22)

_____What were the names of Joseph's two sons? (Genesis 41)

_____Who was Jacob's youngest son? (Genesis 35)

_____How many sons did Noah have? (Genesis 7)

_____Which child was born into the tribe of Levi and adopted by Pharoah's daughter? (Exodus 2)

_____Who was sold into slavery by his brothers? (Genesis 37)

_____Who was the widow who met baby Yeshua at the Temple? (Luke 2)

_____What was David doing when Samuel called to anoint him King? (1 Samuel 16)

_____When Samual was called by YHWH as a child, who did the think was calling? (1 Samuel 3)

_____At the feeding of the 5000, a young boy provided what food? (Matthew 14)

ANSWERS

- 1. Moses
- 2. Benjamin
- Five barley loaves & two small fish
- 4. Joseph
- 5. Taking care of sheep
- 6. Anna
- Three: Shem, Ham and Japheth
- 8. Eight
- 9. Ephraim & Manasseh
- 10. Eli



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Memory verse:

Ephesians 4:32 — Be kind to one another...

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women's Virtual Bible Study

Weekly – 7:30 pm via Google meet

Current Study: Personal testimonies of faith— "Aha" moments to share and how those moments tested and strengthened our Christian walk.

All ladies are encouraged to join this weekly study, any time is a perfect time. Participants gain so much more than a time of study. As with most of our activities, the fellowship and support in the group is immeasurable, and something to be treasured.

For information regarding materials and access (web-site and passcode) contact: Tracy Robertson at 817-308-0554 or—tracyrobertson1966@gmail.com

Tuesday-Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

Current Study: <u>If</u> by Mark Batterson. "Trading Your '**If Only'** Regrets for God's '**What If**' Possibilities"



Next Men's Group → 7pm, July 16, 2024 ←

The Men's group continues to review and consider the concepts presented in this book.

Many good conversations and biblical considerations are provoked when looking at things from someone else's viewpoint.

Join this group for additional insight and a time of fellowship.

Wednesday Night Bible Study-Weekly @ 7pm-

Wednesday Night, July 17, 2024



Wednesday Night Bible Study is currently studying the book of Hebrews led by David Keller. Take advantage of another opportunity to study God's word and get thoughts on how to more

effectively apply the word to your life. Hope you will join soon.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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charge	Communion	Johnny Box			
Trustee in charge for July: Eric Kreger	Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones			
	Reading	Tom Reynolds			
	Lesson	Max Pratt			
	A/V	Christi Kreger			

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Date	July 21	July 28	Aug 4
Open	Mike Lisle	Eric Kreger	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson	
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle	Eric Kreger	
Prayer	Sharold Ferris	Max Lisle	
Communion	Curtis Thompson	David Keller	
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Max Lisle / David & Hettie Keller	
Reading	John Snell	Marty Montgomery	
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger	

Communion Preparation July: Laurice Reeves - 11-

What we want you to know about Westworth Church of Christ

We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important message for everyone in the world. Christ's message of salvation is packed with blessings for individuals, families, and community. Our mission is to share His gospel.

Our message comes from the inspired word of God. We teach that we are all sinners, and need saving from our sins. We are not saved by our own goodness or merit, but by the grace of God through our faith and obedience to the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus came to be our savior.

We believe...

- Jesus is the Son of God (John 11:27).
- in the Gospel Invitation (Matthew 11:28-30).
- the confession of our faith leads to our salvation (Romans 10:9-11).
- Godly sorrow turns a person away from sin to living a righteous life *(Luke 5:32, 2 Corinthians 7:10).*
- Baptism is one's new birth; when we bury the sinful man and rise up into a new spiritual life (*Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21-22)*.
- by living a faithful life God is glorified (Hebrews 13:15-16).

You are always welcome here. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about our beliefs please contact any member, call Max Pratt directly, or call the church office or to arrange time with him.

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