

Westworth Church of Christ

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Word*



Worshiping
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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: Psalms 24:1-6



Lesson: Standing on Holy Ground

- MOSES AT THE BURNING BUSH
- ISRAEL AT MT. SINAI
- ISAIAH CALLED
- PETER FISHING WITH JESUS
- JOHN THE REVELATOR

THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS

“Jesus called out in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’ Therefore, many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the chief priest and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. “What are we accomplishing? They asked. Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” John 11:43-48

There was a great division among the Jewish people. Many came to believe in Jesus. Others rejected Him and His teachings. They rejected His claim to be the Messiah. In our text the Jewish religious leaders were afraid of losing their position among the people because of Jesus. They began to plot his death. And Jesus began to seclude Himself from public places until it was time for Him to go to Jerusalem, observe the Passover and then face His accusers.

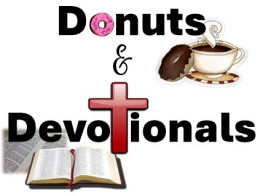
I am amazed each time I hear the statement made by the Pharisees, chief priests and the members of the Sanhedrin: ***“If we let Him go on like this,....”***. Jesus had just raised His friend Lazarus from the dead after he had been in the grave four days. Jesus had healed the lepers, opened the eyes of the blind, healed the lame, deaf and mute. What in comparison would these men do? Nothing at all! Yet, they had the audacity to think they could stop Him. They discounted all His powers demonstrated through miracles.

I am sure when Jesus gave Himself over to be crucified, they thought they had silenced Him by their cunning and deceptive ways. They had only contributed to accomplish God’s plan of salvation through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. When the tomb was found empty, they did all they could to deny that He had risen. Denial, denial, denial! We did not see the empty tomb. We have not been among those who came face to face with the Lord. His miracles were witnessed by others who have testified to us. Still, we believe.

“Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God’. Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:27-29

...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 blessing. 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 August. 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 - - -

August 8—Forest Park Train Ride—Several youth and some parents will join the younger set for a ride on the historic Forest Park Train. More information on page 6.

August 18—3rd Sunday fellowship lunch. Add this to your calendar now and enjoy the good food and fellowship that are always part of these gatherings. The last 3rd Sunday of Summer.

School Starts—from early to mid August. Some start-date info for local school districts is on page 6.

“And the days dwindle down, to a precious few, September, November...” (yeah, yeah, I know—a REALLY OLD reference)

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:

David Burris — David reports that the surgery to replace the plate in his head has been scheduled for August 15 at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Dave has had some very rough days recently, with extreme migraine headaches. Please continue prayers on his behalf, as well as Tracy and the whole family.

Ralph Gray— Ralph was admitted to the hospital in Tulsa last week with pneumonia. While there, severe abdominal pain came upon him. After many tests and evaluations, it was determined that he has sepsis and peritonitis and a small tear in the large intestine. He is being treated with strong antibiotics and is making progress. The doctors say he will recover, but it will be a slow process. Please pray for Ralph's complete and quick recovery.

Randy Mason—Teena Whitecotton Mason's husband. (Teena grew up in this congregation.) Randy has serious health issues and was preparing for spinal surgery on Tuesday, but Monday, on the way to pre-op he collapsed with no breathing or pulse. Teena performed CPR until paramedics arrived and transported him to the hospital. Late Tuesday the word was that he had pneumonia and sepsis and he has had a stroke. Tests and treatment continues and the family expected to know more on Wednesday.

Joyce Ferris—Sharold's 90 year-old mom. She recently had a bad fall that included an injury to her back and a blow to her head. After a short time at home, then some time at her son Danny's house, she is now in care/rehab center. Please pray for comfort and healing for Joyce.

Families of Bob Lane, Samuel Flaherty, Joyce Gray and Nolan Williams— Please continue your prayers for each of the families. The prayers that are offered are, no doubt, heard by God and felt by the families.

Wanda Reynolds— Wanda seems to be on the mend with a number of days feeling better and better. 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.

Cheyenne Vickers—Please continue your prayers for Cheyenne's safety and increased faith while she is away at Army Basic Training in South Carolina. John Snell reports she is almost done with this project and is getting somewhat "homesick" for family and friends. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our "New" Brothers & Sisters—Please keep those recently baptized, in your

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

prayers for strength and growth in the faith, as well as all Christians for stamina to “run the race” successfully.

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 as 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 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.
- **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 while not in school.**

Please make known your prayer needs.

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.



AAALLLLL ABOOARRD!



Soon the younger ones get their “reward” for a job well done during the Spaghetti Supper.

They have scheduled a ride on the Miniature train in Forest Park/Trinity Park.

This 5-mile, 40 minute train ride will be a great adventure and we can’t wait to hear the reports on their day in the park.

The excursion is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Thursday, August 8, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am

All youth group members and parents are welcomed to join this nostalgic train ride. I remember the excitement of this ride when I was young. Makes me want to join them!

You can read more about this train and its history at :
<https://forestparktrains.com>

Wait... What happened to Summer?

Here we are ... late July, right? I started thinking about how little of summer was left for our students, and went to look up local school start dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

YIKES ! ! !

Here are some of the area school district start dates:

August 7—Castleberry ISD (no joke... AUGUST 7)

August 13—Fort Worth ISD, Lake Worth ISD

August 14—Azle ISD, Northwest ISD, Springtown ISD

Bits & Pieces



Samantha's latest blog can be read at:

[Border Run – HUGS for Tomorrow \(hugs4tomorrow.org\)](https://hugs4tomorrow.org)

You can always keep up with their work here:

Hugs4Tomorrow.org

Hope you are taking the opportunity to enjoy Samantha's skills as a writer and story teller. The latest blog (website noted above) takes you along on an 8 hour bus ride, just to cross the border into another country, then within hours, board the bus again to return to Costa Rica—It's a Visa thing.

I spoke with John on Tuesday and he is anticipating a "quick" trip to Malawi in late August if all can be arranged. It has been almost a year since they were there last, and Snoden continues to plea for John's return to see the progress that has been made, as well as provide personal direction and plans for the future.

Please keep them in your prayers for successful efforts and of course safety for the whole family, as well as all those who are working with the kids in Malawi.

July Birthdays

Hettie Keller 30 July



August Birthdays

Debbie Simco 04 Aug

Halleigh Robertson 07 Aug

Lillie Rollins 08 Aug

Sherry Yates 09 Aug

Floretta Hubbard 12 Aug

Kaytlyne Kirby 12 Aug

Jonathan Dunson 20 Aug

Jewlianna Snell 20 Aug

August Anniversaries

David & Hettie Keller 2 Aug

Ruston & Kaytlyne Kirby 16 Aug

Curtis & Sarah Thompson 27 Aug





Kids Pages



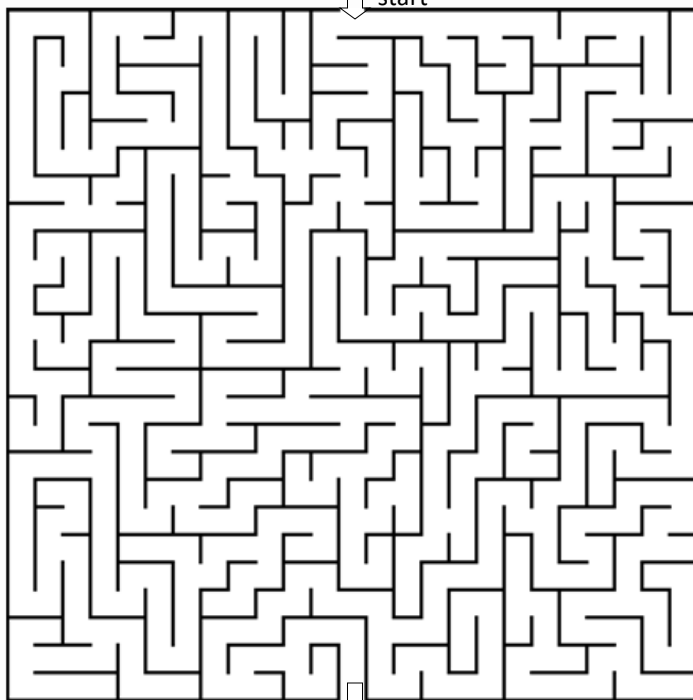
Bible Pathway Adventures

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PAUL'S JOURNEYS

Help Paul get to Jerusalem to keep the
Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost).

start



finish

"Paul decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 20:16)"

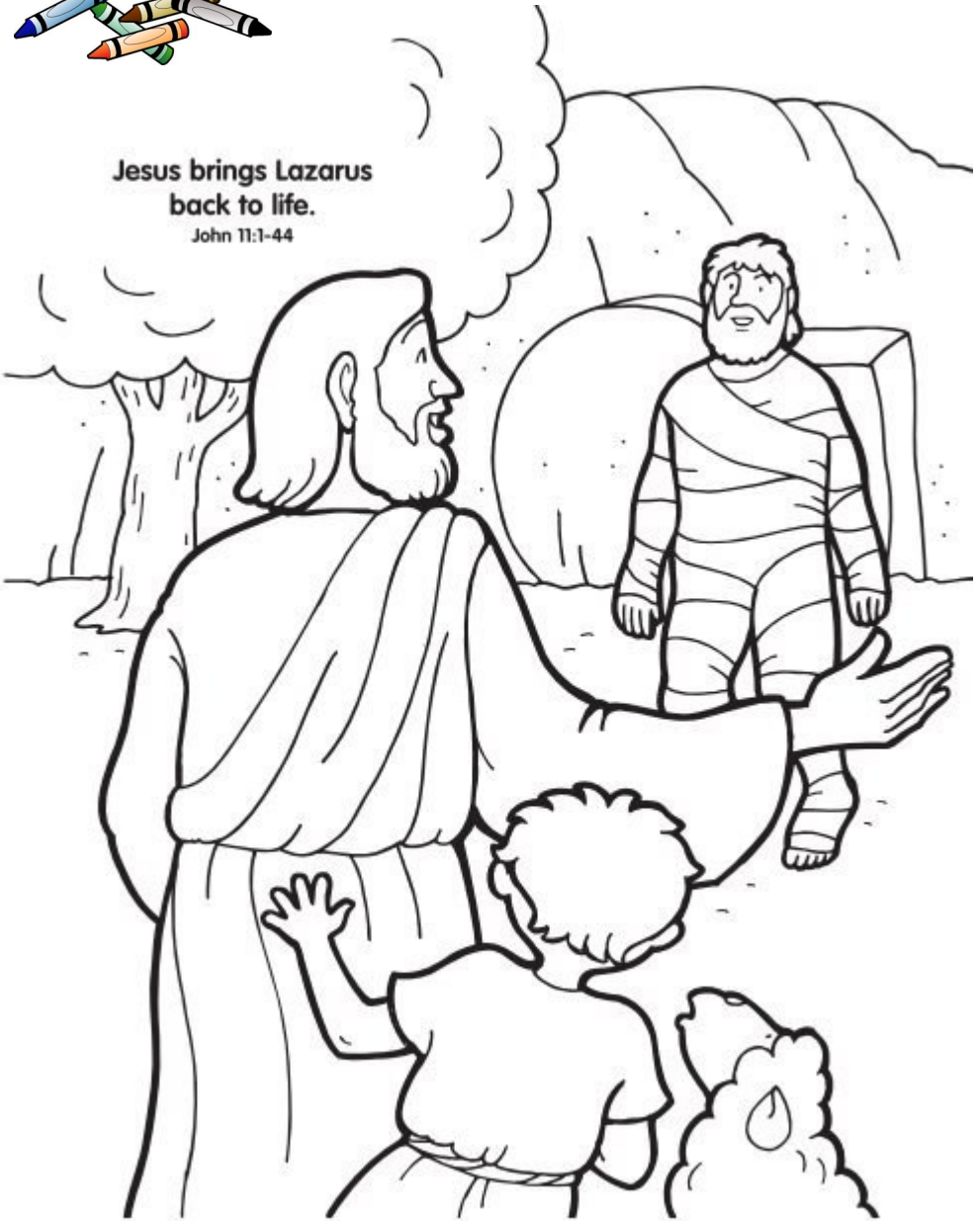


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Jesus brings Lazarus
back to life.

John 11:1-44



Memory verse:

Isaiah 26:4 — Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study

Weekly — 7:30 pm via Google meet

Current Study: currently reviewing options for the next study period.

All ladies are encouraged to join this weekly study. Any time is a good time, but with a new study about to begin, this is the perfect opportunity to be part of this group. 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: **If** by Mark Batterson.
“Trading Your ‘If Only’ Regrets for
God’s ‘What If’ Possibilities”



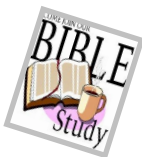
Next Men’s Group → 7pm, August 6, 2024 ←

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 Bible Study group 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—July 28
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18
Open	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle
Usher	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Jonathan Dunson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Johnny Box	David Keller	Max Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	James Kreger	Jonathan Dunson	Cooper Thompson
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty	Sherry Yates

Communion Preparation August: Donna Simco

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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