



Westworth Church of Christ

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Word*

Worshiping
Serving
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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— Bob Mullen

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Lesson: Finding Contentment in God

SUFFERING CHRISTIANS

“DO NOT REPAY EVIL WITH EVIL, INSULT WITH INSULT, BUT WITH BLESSING, BECAUSE YOU WERE CALLED SO THAT YOU MAY INHERIT A BLESSING.”

I PETER 3:9

Jesus foretold of troubles in this world for all who follow him. Discipleship was never presented as a wonderful gift with no problems, no rejections, no losses. The opposite is evident. Many passages from the Lord's own words and from the pens of inspired men tell of sorrows, suffering and hardships that came upon the Christians of that day. Reading through the history of Christianity tells of suffering and persecution that has taken place on God's people. God's people have suffered much.

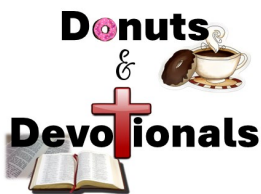
Sometimes I must try and place myself outside of my own lifetime. Living in a country that protects me from religious persecution has kept me from suffering while in other places my brothers and sisters in the Lord have suffered and died because they live by faith. If for no other reason, and there are other reasons, we need to keep the Declaration of Independence governing us; this is it! It says that just because I live by faith, no one can persecute me for it. Take that away and our nation will follow the path of other places where people are killed because they believe.

What helps the most in keeping me aware of suffering for Christ is coming together before the Heavenly Father and praying over the elements of the Lord's Supper. Each week my mind is set on Calvary. The Cross stands tall with my savior battered, bruised, beaten, weakened, broken and bleeding. Sharing in the memory by breaking the bread and drink from the cup of the new covenant, I reflect on how much suffering the Lord did to provide salvation for me and all sinners who have faith in him. I need the reminder. Being protected from suffering, communion draws me back to the reality that most Christians have suffered for their faith.

“Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. So then, those who suffer according to God's will, should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.” I Peter 4:12-13

...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 11—Trustee's meeting. TODAY—Immediately following morning worship services. If you have questions or concerns for our leadership, please be sure to speak with one of the trustees.

August 18— NEXT SUNDAY 3rd Sunday fellowship lunch.



Hope you are planning to join and enjoy the good food and fellowship that are always part of these gatherings. The last 3rd Sunday of Summer.

School Starts— Soon. See the list of students on page 6, and keep them—and ALL students in your prayers; along with the teachers who work so hard to help the students learn.



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 's surgery to replace the plate in his head has been scheduled this week on Thursday, 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— He is recovering well from his recent surgery and hospitalization. He is at home, still taking IV antibiotics, but gaining strength. He has at least one more surgery ahead of him. Please continue to pray for Ralph and Paula as they take all the steps necessary for Ralph's complete recovery.

Wanda Reynolds— Wanda continues to have some less than optimal days as she strives to return to her "energizer bunny" status/strength. Please keep Wanda in your prayers for a return of her strength and stamina.

Tom Reynolds—Currently on one of his regularly scheduled trips to Oregon to spend some time with his children. Wanda reported on Wednesday evening that Tom has tested positive for Covid also. Please pray for swift recovery.

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.

Joyce Ferris—Sharold's 90 year-old mom experienced a fall recently with resulting complications. She is now under hospice care. Sharold and Julie made the trip to Michigan to see her this week. Please pray for comfort for Joyce and for her family.

Cheyenne Vickers—Please continue your prayers for Cheyanne's safety and increased faith as she gets closer to completing Army Basic Training in South Carolina. She should be back with us this week (I think). Please keep her in your prayers.

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.

Kim Turner—Kim reports that her daughter Sara is still excited about her new job in a lawyer's office with 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.

Members with COVID—either just getting over it or currently battling it. Bill & Sherry Jones—"almost" back to normal; Darla Thornton—back with us today;

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Debbie Highfill—tested positive last Monday. Max Pratt tested positive on Tuesday. Ann Gray tested positive on Wednesday as well as Tom Reynolds. (If I've missed anyone, my apologies) Although COVID is now more of a nuisance than it's previous seriousness, we always want to pray for any of our members who are experiencing the discomforts of any type infection or ailment.

Max - continues exercises to gain more flexibility and complete healing following his knee replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for Max's healing and comfort.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—They continue to 'settle-in' in Costa Rico—their latest location for missionary work. 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. Reports are they are having a girl who they plan to name "Cora". Please pray for their young family.

Families of Bob Lane, Samuel Flaherty, Joyce Gray, Nolan Williams and Randy Mason—Please continue your prayers for each of these families that they may have peace and comfort following the loss of loved ones.

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

- ♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Joyce Bennett ♦ Ernie Brawley

Please include prayers for:

- **Teachers and Students**—as the new school year begins, please pray for the teachers that they may teach truth without intimidation and that our students can enjoy a safe and encouraging learning environment.
- **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.



YOUTH NEWS



Our younger set of the Youth Group finally had the opportunity on Thursday to enjoy the reward for their help with the Spaghetti Supper earlier this summer.

On Thursday, 8/8 they met with parents and friends at Forest Park to ride the miniature train!

They reported a very enjoyable outing. I'm also told a "movie/pizza" event is planned "soon".

If you would like to help contact Susan.

The Time Has Come...

Those "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer" are coming to an end. Soon—if not already—our young folks (and teachers) will be returning to school for another term.

Whether home-school, private school or public school, our students need our prayers and support as they work to learn the necessary lessons of school and life. Please include everyone on the list below, along with their families, for a productive and successful school year. And... when you have the opportunity...give them a word of encouragement.



Harley Boyce

Lillie Kirby

Brodie Kirby

Kenzie Kirby

Jack Lisle

Quinn Montgomery

Halleigh Robertson

Justin Snell

Jaeli Snell

Jaedon Snell

Jaquelyn Snell

Jewlianna Snell

Cheyenne Vickers

AND THE TEACHERS:

Susan Flaherty

Kaylie Campbell

Christi Kreger

Tracy Robertson

Bits & Pieces



Samantha's latest blog can be read at:

[Sunshower: When Rain Falls While the Sun is Shining – 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) shares memories and updates pertaining to a particular child that was one of the students early in the mission..

John is planning 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. Samantha may stay in Costa Rica with the family considering this is still a new environment and they may not want to leave 3 young adults (all under 20) for a week to ten days under the circumstances.

Then, possibly in September sometime, they will be briefly back in the states to report on the trip and all that is happening in Malawi.

Please keep them all 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.

August Birthdays

Debbie Simco	04 Aug	Floretta Hubbard	12 Aug
Halleigh Robertson	07 Aug	Kaytlyne Kirby	12 Aug
Lillie Rollins	08 Aug	Jonathan Dunson	20 Aug
Sherry Yates	09 Aug	Jewlianna Snell	20 Aug



August Anniversaries

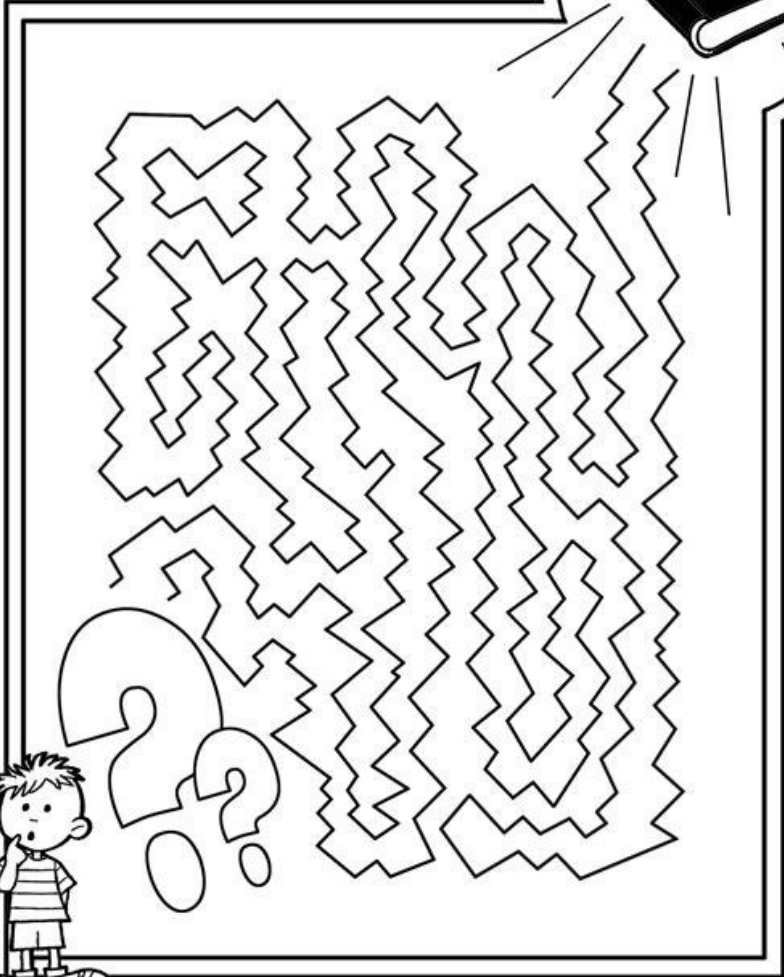
David & Hettie Keller	2 Aug
Ruston & Kaytlyne Kirby	16 Aug
Curtis & Sarah Thompson	27 Aug





Kids Pages

Martin has a problem!
Help him find the answer
in the Bible.





For **GOD**
SO **LOVED**
the world that
He gave His **ONE**
and only **SON**
that whoever
BELIEVES
in HIM
shall not
perish but
have **ETERNAL**
LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

Memory verse:

Colossians 3:2 — Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

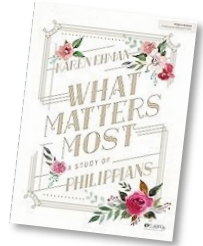
Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study



Weekly — 7:30 pm via Google meet

New Study beginning Aug 19

WHAT MATTERS MOST— A Study of Philipians



Participants gain so much more than a time of study—the fellowship and support in the group is immeasurable, and something to be treasured. “Christian family time” is priceless and this is a standing invitation—join any time.

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 20, 2024 ←

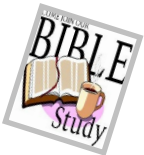
The Men’s group continues to review and consider the concepts presented in this book.

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 fellowship with your Christian family while you study God’s word and get thoughts on how to more effectively apply the word to your life.

The invitation to join in is always open.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—August 11
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Curtis Thompson
Communion	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	Jonathan Dunson
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Aug 18	August 25	Sept 1
Open	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson	
Usher	Jonathan Dunson	Bill Jones	
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson	
Prayer	Sharold Ferris	Max Lisle	
Communion	Max Lisle	Brian Flaherty	
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	David Keller / David & Hettie Keller	
Reading	Cooper Thompson	Jaedon Snell	
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	
A/V	Sherry Yates	Susan Flaherty	

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.



Leadership and Logistics



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