

Westworth Church of Christ

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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— Max Pratt

Lesson: This Thing Called Love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 8A & 13



The Bible is God's love letter to Mankind

God teaches us Love / God Is Love

Jesus Exemplifies God's Love

Love is the Greatest



IT IS OUR CHOICE—HEAVEN OR HELL

That is it! There is no more. Set before us in holy writ is a choice to be made. We choose one or the other: ***“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”***

Matt. 7:13-14

Parable or not, Jesus told about the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man had all he needed and much more in this life, while Lazarus had nothing. When they died, Lazarus was taken by angels to live in luxury. The roles are reversed. The rich man, who could have helped Lazarus in life, but refused to do so, is now the one who has need. He lives in torment. Jesus went on to tell how there was no crossing over from one place to the other. The rich man wanted to have Lazarus give him relief from the fire that tormented him. Even more so he wanted his brothers warned not to follow him into torment. But again, Jesus tells how there are plenty of witnesses that can tell the living about the joy of heaven and horrors of hell. They could make their choice as did their brother. It all depends upon the choice.

Some folks balk at believing in God because they cannot believe in a God of love and grace who would send people to hell. They have missed the point. God doesn't send anyone. **People make the choice.**

The gates of heaven are open. God has already made the provision for sinners to be cleansed and sanctified to entrance into eternal life. It cost the life blood of Jesus. The only sacrifice that could pay the debt of sin was given at Calvary. All who choose life in Jesus name are welcomed through the narrow gate where peace and comfort are to be found.

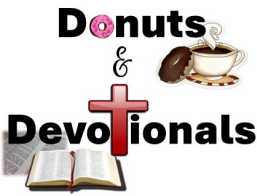
The broad path that has a wide gate is more often chosen. It is a popular choice. Satan makes sure that like the rich man, no one thinks their making a choice that leads to destruction. Deceit is still his best method of fooling humanity into thinking bad about the Creator. Remember Jesus died for you and me so the small gate and narrow way is even there. It is a choice we have been given.

The Lord's invitation is: ***“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*** Matt. 11:28-30.

Let's choose to follow Lazarus into the joy of our Lord!

...ONGOING...

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



Each week Max leads a brief bible study with supporting materials, prior to morning worship services. This time also includes coffee and donuts.

Everyone is encouraged to invite guests and join the study. If you've not yet joined ...hope you can make it soon for additional study and fellowship.

- **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank**

Next delivery will be in August. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This is definitely a blessing to both giver and receiver. Please keep this good work in your plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord.

- **WORDS-OF-WISDOM**—If you haven't taken advantage of this very easy ministry, now's the time. Signs are available in the activity bldg. You just have to grab one and 'plant' it in your yard. For more information, chat with Max.



Upcoming - - -

TENTATIVELY— Wednesday—September 4 - Dema—our brother from the Ukraine— is planning a visit and our time with him will be on Wednesday. He will report on the work there in the Ukraine and answer any questions. We hope everyone can arrange their schedule to be here that evening. A light meal will be provided to help relieve busy evening schedules.

September 19— 3rd Sunday Lunch.

Church Work Day— Saturday, Oct 19—it has been 2 years or more since we scheduled a general work day. Put it on your calendar then put on your work clothes and be part of the day. This day is intended to do some "deep" cleaning or other maintenance items that are beyond weekly cleaning and repairs.

Harvest Festival and Car Show—Saturday, Nov 9—this will be something new for us and will replace the Fall Festival (but we will still have some fall festival activities).

Looking for volunteers and suggestions.



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:

Bonnie Davis—Christi Kreger’s Mom—Double Mastectomy/Breast Cancer surgery on Wednesday. Please keep Bonnie in your prayers for her complete and swift recovery.

Maureen Fanta - Breast cancer surgery on Monday went as expected. Additional treatments will follow. Please continue your prayers for her treatment and full recovery.

Kelly Draper— Mark Cohen’s sister—was hospitalized for a week but was released on Monday. She is home and reports the typical resulting weakness from being in the bed for extended periods. She also says that the doctors recommended she see several specialists for various issues that were discovered. Please continue to pray for Kelly that she can receive the right care for complete recovery.

David Burris — David’s surgery was done on Thursday, August 15, at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He was released to go home on Saturday, Aug 17. David reports he seems to be free of migraine headaches!! That is such good news! Please continue prayers for his complete healing, and for Tracy and the family as they go forward.

Ralph Gray— He is doing well as he continues to recover at home. There will be another surgery after a lengthy time of healing. Please continue to pray for Ralph and Paula as they take all the steps necessary for Ralph’s full 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—While spending time with his children in Oregon he developed Covid and Wanda reports he is recovering nicely. Please continue prayers for his wellness and safety while traveling.

Joyce Ferris—Sharold’s 90 year old mother— is now under hospice care following a fall and subsequent hospitalization. Sharold and Julie are still in Michigan with the family. Please continue to pray for comfort for Joyce and for her family.

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—returned from her summer of Army Training in South Carolina, just in time to start her senior year in Azle High School. Prayers of thanks that she is back home and well.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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.

Max - had a follow-up visit with his surgeon on Tuesday. He 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 Rica—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, Randy Mason, Belva Swanner and Judy Rice—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 gets into full swing please pray for 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.

Please make known your prayer needs.



YOUTH NEWS

Not sure what's next for our young folks. Since school has started, they will be busy with those things required of each one—from pre-school to High School seniors.

The Youth Group sponsors are reviewing potential activities—both fun and service projects.

If you have a suggestion or would like to help, please contact Susan Flaherty or Kaylie Campbell.



Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations He has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Bits & Pieces



Samantha's latest blog can be read at:

[Hadji and the Great Rift Valley – 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) includes the shocking news that the continent of Africa is splitting in half!!! As well as the story of one of the kids who aspires to be a tailor.

John hopes to make a "quick" trip to Malawi as soon as all can be arranged. It has been over 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. A major building project has begun and anticipation of the multi-purpose building (lunch room, chapel, auditorium) is adding excitement to the school.

Possibly in September sometime, they will be briefly back in the states to report all that is happening.

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.

September Birthdays

Joyce Bennett	16 Sept		Jane Whitley	19 Sept
Brodie Kirby	17 Sept		Jessica Snell	26 Sept
James Kreger	19 Sept		Stacy Fetters	26 Sept
Quinn Montgomery	19 Sept		D'Ann Bristol	30 Sept

August Anniversaries

No known September anniversaries. Please let me know if that is incorrect. *Sherry*

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



Kids Pages

Find the hidden objects.



In the fields near Bethlehem,
some shepherds were watching over their sheep.

Find and circle the objects hidden in the picture.



Memory verse:

Ephesians 6:1 — Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

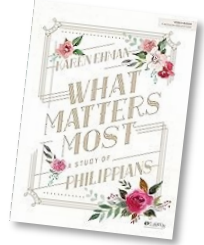
Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study



Weekly – 7:30 pm via Google meet

Current Study

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”



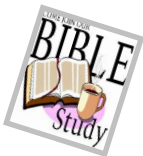
Next Men’s Group → 7pm, September 17, 2024 ←
(the Men’s group will skip the day after Labor Day—9/3)

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.

Similar to the ladies group—the additional fellowship and study time serves to bring us closer as family. See Bill Jones or Tom Reynolds for more info.

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 its meaning for your life. **The invitation to join in is always open.**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for September: Brian Flaherty

Date	Today—August 25
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	Brian Flaherty
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15
Open			
Usher			
Songs/Close			
Prayer			
Communion			
Bible Story Kids Church			
Reading			
Lesson			
A/V			

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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