

Westworth Church of Christ

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*The
Westworth
Word*

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

Series: To Know Our God

Lesson #2: Refuge in Him

Scripture: Psalms 34:8-22



TO KNOW OUR GOD IS TO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

SEEING GOD IN JESUS

REFUGE IN GOD—PSALMS 2, 18, 34, 25, 46, 71, 91, 144

A FINAL WORD

✝ Lies & Deception ✝

In recent weeks my study preparation for our early Sunday morning devotionals have been taken from the record of Genesis. I have tried to highlight the people we are introduced to, the places where they lived and the events that are recorded for us. There is a common thread flowing through the Scriptures as we make this journey. We took note of all the lies and deceptions throughout the record. The first note was of course Satan's lies to Eve. She fell for the devil's trap to distrust God and his word about the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. How the world changed because of the lies of the Evil One! Cain followed up with his lie to God. Although God knew what had happened to his brother Abel, God asked Cain where is your brother? Cain answered I do not know. He knew very well his brother's body lay in a pool of blood in the field where he had taken his life. We get over to the account of Abraham and this chosen man to be the father of the nation began telling lies. Twice he told others that his wife Sarah was his sister. Yes, she was his half-sister, but he purposely lied to hide the fact that she was his wife. His son Isaac followed in his father's ways and told lies about his wife Rebekah. The king asked him why did you say, she is my sister. If you remember the account of Jacob. He and his mother told lies to his old and blind father, Isaac. He stole his brother's blessing. Laban, Jacob's uncle deceived him. On the wedding night when Rachel was to be his wife, Laban gave him Leah, her sister. Troubles between sisters began. Neither Jacob nor Laban ever trusted one another. Finally, the big lie to Isaac came. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery and led his father to believe a ferrous animal had killed his son. They all lived under the consequences of that lie for years. Potipher's wife lied about Joseph marrying this good man. He was innocent yet spent years in prison

Since the fall of men into sin, lies and deceptions have been spoken bringing great harm upon the earth.

These words come from the apostle John, ***“Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.”*** John 2:24-25 We need to be cautious

like our Lord Jesus. The apostle Peter gives us this warning: *“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”* 1 Pet. 5:8

Max

...ONGOING...

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

Donuts

&



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

Devotionals



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 ...

September 15— 3rd Sunday Lunch.—NEXT WEEK. Hope everyone is planning to be here.

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.

Car Show and Family Fun Event —Saturday, Nov 9—more on pg 6.

2 Peter 3:17-18

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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:

Ana Ramirez family— Anna and her daughter Rachael and other family members have visited with us many times while in Ft. Worth visiting their son who works at Lockheed. They live in El Paso. They were here last week, and Ana shared the tragic news that her daughter had passed away this year from leukemia. It was swift and her daughter was at peace. Please keep this family in your prayers for healing and comfort. Also they are looking for a home here to move closer to their son. Pray for an easy transition process and that they will want to continue worshipping with us.

Eric Branham—Bill & Sherry Jones son-in-law—was admitted to the hospital in August with some serious symptoms. He has recovered, and continues to regain stamina. Please offer prayers of thanks for his healing, and for continued return to strength. (*My apologies to the family for the late report—Sherry Y*)

Bonnie Davis—Christi Kreger's Mom—Double Mastectomy/Breast Cancer surgery on Wednesday 8/21. Please keep Bonnie in your prayers for her complete and swift recovery.

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

Randy Binkley—remains at Harris Hospital where they are reviewing his overall health for conditions that may be preventing healing. At last report, he was not responding well to the surgeries and there is great concern for his recovery. Please keep Randy in your prayers.

Kelly Draper— Mark Cohen's sister—remains at home recovering from her hospital stay and scheduling all the doctors visits necessary to approve back surgery. Please continue to pray for Kelly's comfort and return to health.

David Burris — David's surgery was done on Thursday, August 15, at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Stitches were removed last week and he is working to regain his strength. 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 heal from the surgery. Please continue to pray for complete recovery before scheduling of a known follow-up surgery.

Joyce Ferris—Sharold's 90 year old mother— continues under hospice care. 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

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

back surgery. He is doing well. Please pray for his overall health.

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 - continues his healing from knee replacement. He took a fall while working at the “farm” last week and has some residual soreness. Please continue to pray for Max’s complete 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, Judy Rice, Kathy Lisle & Ana Ramirez—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.



First "Annual" (?)

**Westworth Church of Christ Car Show
and Family Fun Event**



Saturday, Nov 9, 2024 — 10:00am—2:00 pm

**Parking Lot—Westworth Church of Christ,
5728 White Settlement Rd., Ft Worth 76114**



**This family event includes
something for all ages.**



**Games and fun activities for the
young ones, as well as games for
young and young-at-heart adults.**

**Spread the word and invite
family, friends and neighbors.**

Looking for volunteers — contact Max.

Bits & Pieces



Samantha's latest blog can be read at:

[My Short Career in Real Estate – 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 an interesting story associated with her brief early career in Real Estate.

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.

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

September Anniversaries

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

Sherry

Judy Rice—Celebration of Life/Memorial— today, 3:00 pm at the Ridglea Theater on Camp Bowie. Details are available at:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/7890438597751069/?ref=newsfeed>

Kids Pages

BIBLE NAME VOCABULARY

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JEREMIAH

ABRAHAM

GOLIATH

SOLOMON

SAMSON

BARUCH

ISAAC

JUDAH

JACOB

JESUS

ADAM

NATHAN

JOSHUA

JOSEPH

DANIEL

ELIJAH

DAVID



Crayons available
in south foyer



Memory verse:

**Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

SCHEDULED STUDIES

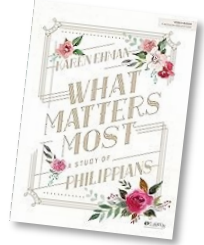
Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study



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”



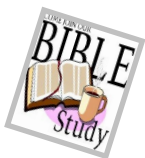
Next Men’s Group → 7pm, September 17, 2024 ←

The Men’s group 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 will begin a new study on Wednesday, Sept 11, in the activity building.

New Study: 1 Kings — Led by Curtis Dunson



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—Sept 8
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Jim Allen
Communion	Mike Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Sept 15	Sept 22	September 29
Open	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Tom Reynolds	Eric Kreger	Johnny Box
Communion	Johnny Box	David Keller	Curtis Thompson
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Thompson David & Hettie Keller	5th Sunday— no children’s church
Reading	Marty Montgomery	Ruston Kirby	Tom Reynolds
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation September: Wanda Reynolds



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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