

# Westworth Church of Christ



*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 #3**

*Scripture: Psalms 19:7-11*

**THE PROPHECY OF THE NEW COVENANT**

**SEEING ALL OF GOD'S GLORY**

**"CONSIDER THE KINDNESS AND STERNNESS OF  
GOD..."**

# Keeping the Marriage Bed Pure

Hebrews chapter 13 is full of concluding exhortations from the inspired writer. In verse four we find this one: "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." For the Christians to whom he wrote initially, and for all of us who take God's Word to be instructions from our Creator and Redeemer, these words follow what God designed in the beginning. A glance in Genesis and we know God made marriage to bless mankind. He said of this special relationship: "A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." When Jesus explained to those who were asking him questions about divorce he told them: "Haven't you read that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female." Then Jesus adds this: "So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate." Without any doubt God designed marriage to be between two and only two. God made Eve for Adam. Men have failed to follow God's plans. The Old Testament supplies us with records of men having multiple wives. Again, nowhere was this in God's plan for mankind. Sadly, man's history has blurred it and abandoned the righteousness of what God has provided.

Listening in on a discussion about open marriages troubled me greatly. Consensual non-monogamous relationships are finding acceptance by many among folks under the age of thirty. One lady said she did not have to give up God to have an open marriage. She had a husband and two children. They moved in another man. All three date other people outside of their relationship. That is about as open as it could be.

I know that since Abraham, marriages have failed to follow God's design of one man and one woman. But that does not give freedom to abandon the way God intended marriage to be. I am not sure how anyone could possibly believe that God is okay with an open marriage concept?

Marriage is not just a traditional institution that men can arrange at will. Marriage is a divinely ordained relationship. God's directions are available in the Bible. We need to listen carefully to the One Who made us male and female. Man is not alone today because God knew how to provide for our needs.

## ...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 ...

**TODAY— 3rd Sunday Lunch.** Hope everyone is planning to join the fellowship following morning worship service.



#### FOLLOWING LUNCH TODAY—

*Westworth Youth and Everyone who plans to help with the Car Show and Family Fun Event on 11/9—please meet with Max after today's Lunch for some preliminary planning*

**Sept 29—5th Sunday Lunch**—This is one of the 4 months in the year with 5 Sundays. Be sure to mark your calendar for this extra opportunity to fellowship.

**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.

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:**

**Kelly Draper**— Mark Cohen’s sister—back surgery on Monday went well. She remained at the surgery center a few days to make sure she was “good to go”. Please continue to pray for Kelly’s healing and comfort.

**Mike Lisle**—Knee repair (laparoscopic) surgery on Wednesday, 9/11 wet well. There will be a rehab period but Mike believes he will be back on the golf course in 3-4 weeks. Please pray for successful repair and speedy recovery.

**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. She reports chemo therapy is not required. Please continue your prayers for her treatment and full recovery.

**Randy Binkley**—Randy has been moved to a nursing facility under Hospice care (as of Tuesday). The doctors discovered brain cancer. Randy is optimistic and feels he will recover. Please keep him in your prayers.

**David Burris** — David ‘s most recent surgery was done on Thursday, August 15, at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. David seems to be making progress in his healing. 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**— Passed away on Friday, Sept 6, following several weeks of deteriorating health. Julie and Sharold returned to Michigan and her service was Friday, 9/13/24. Please pray for the family as they grieve this loss.

**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.

**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

**Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)**

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**—remain 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, Randy Mason, Belva Swanner, Judy Rice, Kathy Lisle, Ana Ramirez &**

**Joyce Ferris**—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.**

**A**s you’ve undoubtedly noticed, there was a bit of excitement around the church building on Wednesday morning this week.

A lady lost control of her car and ran thru the west wall at the back of the auditorium. She was taken to the hospital but is ok.

Efforts are underway to arrange for repairs, of course. For your safety, please don’t walk down the sidewalk on the west side of the building in the meantime. Thanks for your patience.



# YOUTH NEWS

**Not sure what's next for our young folks. I do know Max has plans to utilize their youthful energy during the Nov 9 Car Show event.**

**Can't wait to see the results.**

**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](https://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 Feters	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*

### James 3:16-18

<sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

# Kids Pages

The words in all capitals below are contained in the letters ->.

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 S E S D N U O W Z H A  
 L P R I E S T F E M Y

Words can be found horizontally, vertically or diagonally and may read either forward or backward.

“And by CHANCE there came down a CERTAIN PRIEST that way: and when he saw him, he PASSED by on the OTHER SIDE. And likewise a LEVITE, when he was at the PLACE, came and LOOKED on him, and passed by on the other side. “But a certain SAMARITAN, as he JOURNEYED, came WHERE he was: and WHEN he saw him, he had COMPASSION on him, and went to him, and BOUND up his WOUNDS, POURING in OIL and WINE, and set him on his own BEAST, and BROUGHT him to an INN, and took care of him. And on the MORROW when he DEPARTED, he took TWO PENCE, and gave them to the HOST, and said unto hi,, take care of him; and WHATSOEVER thou SPENDEST more, when I come again, I will REPAY thee. Which now of these THREE, THINKEST thou, was NEIGHOR unto him that fell AMONG the THIEBES?”





Crayons available  
in south foyer

I am created  
in the image  
of God.  
GENESIS 1:27

*Memory verse:*

**Matthew 6:24 - No one can serve two masters.**

## SCHEDULED STUDIES

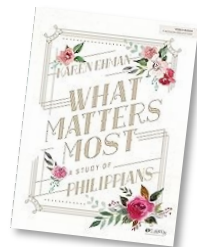
### Monday—Women’s Virtual Bible Study



**Weekly — 7:00 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 started 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—Sept 15</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Marty</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>

**COMING WEEKS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sept 22</b>	<b>September 29</b>	<b>Oct 6</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	<b>David Keller</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>	<b>5th Sunday— no children’s church</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Ruston Kirby</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>	
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>	

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.



### Leadership and Logistics



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