# 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 Guest Speaker Max Lisle

Max and Juan Pratt are in Ballinger this weekend. We are blessed to have other qualified speakers among our number.

Thank you to our 'other' Max for stepping into the pulpit today.

#### **Troublesome Times are Here**

"In this world you will have trouble, but be of good courage, I have overcome the world." Jn. 16:33

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places." Matt. 24:6-7

Jesus never said that life would be easy for those who follow Him. For so very many who have lived at times and in places where persecution has been unmerciful, and severe famines have prevailed; these words of Christ have been realized. The blessings of living under the freedom laws of the USA have sheltered us from troublesome times. I pray our faith will be strong if such a time comes, and we face persecution because we are of Christian faith.

Lots of speculation is taking place about what is happening around the world. The hymn that I have sung for many years in worship entitled: *Jesus Is Coming Soon*, addresses the Lord's return and declares: "*Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with fear, freedom we all hold dear now is at stake;....*" It draws our attention to the truth that Jesus will return, and the trumpet will sound, and the righteous will be heavenward bound. It also shares the true message that judgment is coming upon evil. We sing that we should be aware that whether at morning, noon or night Jesus will come, all the dead will rise, and the Righteous will meet in the sky. The overall message from the song is the assurance of the glory the Righteous will share.

I would have us in our troubled times to remember that hearing of the wars and rumors of wars should not alarm us. We live in a fallen, broken world. Every generation is crooked and depraved as the apostle Paul wrote of his day (Phil. 2:15). The apostle Peter said on the day of Pentecost, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Acts 2:40.

Last Sunday in our assembly our Bro. Sharold reminded us in his prayer that the Lord our God is overall.

He is sovereign. Because we are His we are sheltered in the arms of God. Everyone is invited by Jesus to have "The peace of God which transcends all understanding" (Phil. 4:7).

Max.

#### ...ONGOING...

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

**Donuts** 

This study now continues the journey through Exodus. Join the brief study session on Sunday morning to learn more about the history and peoples of the Old Testa-**Devolionals** ment. Donuts are part of this fellowship. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join this weekly event.

- Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank 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. Deliveries are made each month.
- 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 ...

Church Work Day - Saturday, Oct 19-NEXT SATURDAY - 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. Focus will be on the activity building and some landscaping items as we continue repairs and updates to our buildings.

3rd Sunday Lunch—October 20 - NEXT SUNDAY Let's do burgers and hotdogs!! The Trustees have agreed to do the grilling. Members will bring the "trimmings" for the burgers and dogs (mayo, mustard, onions, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, relish, etc.), along with any side dishes and desserts. Hope you'll plan to join the congregational "cook out".

Family Fun Event and Car Meet —Saturday, Nov 9—more on pg 6. **Invitation to sing**—The church received an invitation to join South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford on Saturday evening, Nov 9, 4-6 pm for a Praise and Harmony songfest. This would be a wonderful way to finish the day of our Family Fun Event and Car Meet. The invitation can be seen on the hallway bulletin board.

**December 14—Wedding—**Tyler Nichols and Sarah Dunson. (pg 7)

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:

**Emerson Bellucci**—a 12 year-old girl was given antibiotics a while back that caused major damage to her lungs. She is currently in Houston at Texas Children's for further evaluation and determination whether lung transplant or extended healing time will be necessary. Please pray for Emerson and her family during this incredibly stressful time.

**Jerry Heptner**—Surgery to repair his broken jaw was done on 10/1 at Seaton Hospital in Round Rock. Doctors feel the surgery was successful. Please keep him in your prayers for complete and speedy recovery.

Please continue your prayers for these folks for complete healing and health:

**Kelly Draper**—back surgery

**Bonnie Davis and Maureen Fanta** —Breast Cancer surgery and treatments.

Randy Binkley—currently on Hospice (diagnosed with brain cancer)

**David Burris** — continued healing from his long ordeal.

Ralph Gray— complete healing and success in upcoming surgery (10/29).

**Sharold Ferris**—overall health issues and anticipated back surgery.

Julie Ferris— stability of the nodule that is monitored (potential cancer).

Kim Turner's daughter and granddaughters—improved family conditions.

John & Samantha Jewell—successful mission efforts in Malawi. (pg 8)

**Andy & Lauren Jewell**—new family/baby in late November.

Families of all who have lost loved ones this year.

Our "New" Brothers & Sisters—here and in all the Lord's churches.

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**—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.

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

• 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.

Correction—In my haste to spread the joyful news about Curtis and Sarah's new grandson last week, I left one digit off his birthdate. He was born on October 2, 2024 (10/2/24). - not 1/2/24 as shown in last week's bulletin. My apologies.

Sherry

#### Special Collection— Hurricane Relief

Leadership has decided to make a special collection designated for storm relief from Hurricanes Helene and Milton in Florida and the southeast U.S. This special offering will go to **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort\*** (https://www.disasterreliefeffort.org). This organization is well equipped to deliver aid in such situations and is already at work in the region. A box is available for your convenience in contributing to this fund. Thank you for your consideration of the special needs of those suffering the effects of these devastating storms.

\*for more information regarding this organization, please visit the website

Ephesians 2:3-5

<sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of

our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.



A big "Thank You" to Susan Flaherty for the flyer to advertise the upcoming special event. Copies are available in either foyer for you to take and distribute to your friends and "car 'guys'". There is still plenty to do to prepare for the big day. If you can help, please let Max know. Can't wait for our new "annual" event.

### Bits & Pieces

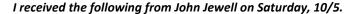


October Birthdays

Tony Kerske	14 Oct	HALPA M. M. GO	Lily Kirby	31 Oct
Betty Lane	12 Oct	happy virthday	Randy Fetters	24 Oct
<b>Christian Lindsey</b>	8 Oct		<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	23 Oct
Jane Underwood	4 Oct		Christi Kreger	19 Oct
John Jewell	3 Oct		<b>Caleb Dunson</b>	17 Oct
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#### October Anniversaries







Dear Church Family... I hope this finds you all well in His service. This is just a quick report to update you on current happenings with our family and with the ministry in Malawi. We

moved to Costa Rica at the end of July and have been busy the last two months furnishing our home and settling in. We found a small, all Spanish-speaking church of Christ to worship with whose minister has been a huge blessing, helping me navigate our new city and assisting me with finding the best bargains along the way. Samantha found Lauren a great doctor and I'm happy to report that baby is scheduled to be here at the end of November and all of her visits to date have been met with good reports. We have devotions as a family each weekday morning, followed by Spanish class. Andy and Ben have both enrolled in online classes and for now, at least, things seem healthy, productive and stable.

Thanks to wonderful technology, I am able to communicate with Snoden weekly and stay abreast of the day to day challenges in real time. We are so excited to announce the completion of our fifth grade classroom project and the addition of another 21 children to our program!

That means 21 more children will get to go to school, receive at least two meals a day (5 days a week), be provided with a uniform, and get necessary medical exams and treatment if necessary. Most importantly, it means that those 21 children will hear (most for the very first time) the gospel of Jesus Christ. The program has grown to 170 children and has become a lighthouse of hope to the hundreds of families that surround our campus.

We have more exciting news to come in the next months, including the construction of our on-campus chapel, which has already been fully funded. Please consider visiting our blog at www.hugsfortomorrow.org to receive updates and learn more.

As always, thank you for your prayers and your support. Our time in fellowship with Westworth family will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Love, John



Memory verse:

Philippians 4:4 —Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice.

#### SCHEDULED STUDIES

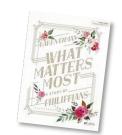
#### Monday-Women's Virtual Bible Study



#### Weekly – 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study
WHAT MATTERS MOST—
A Study of Philippians

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

#### <u>Tuesday-Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)</u>

Current Study: <u>If</u> by Mark Batterson. "Trading Your 'If Only' Regrets for God's 'What If' Possibilities"

Next Men's Group → 7pm, October 15, 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—



Current 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

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today—October 13	
Open	Curtis Dunson	
Usher	Curtis Thompson	
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	
Prayer	Max Lisle	
Communion	Tom Reynolds	
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	
Reading	Jaedon Snell	
Lesson	Max Lisle	
A/V	Susan Flaherty	

Trustee in charge for October: Eric Kreger

#### **COMING WEEKS**

Date	Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 3
Open	Eric Kreger	Mike Lisle	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Mike Lisle	
Prayer	Johnny Box	Tom Reynolds	
Communion	David Keller	Johnny Box	
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	
Reading	James Kreger	Ruston Kirby	
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	
A/V	Christi Kreger	Eric Kreger	

Communion Preparation October: Max & Juan Pratt



## 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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