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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

Today's Lesson

God Called Jonah to Go

Scripture: Luke 24:46-49; Acts 8:1-4; Acts 11:19-21

- · GOD SENT JONAH TO PROPHESY
- GOD IS STILL CALLING
- THE MESSAGE

Troublesome Times

The nation of Israel fell to pagan nations because they had been unfaithful to God and to the Covenant he had made with them at Mt. Sinai. God made promises of blessings to his people if they worshiped only him and rejected other gods. The final blow came upon the Northern tribes at the hands of the Assyrian invasion. Judah and Jerusalem were spared at the time. However, Babylon came and conquered the people and the land. The mourning over the coming captivity was difficult for the prophet Jeremiah to announce. It was also difficult to accept that God would use those seemly evil to punish his people. But God did bring about judgment on his chosen. He had warned Israel from the beginning of what would take place if they rejected him and turned to other gods.

There were many Roman leaders who during their reign persecuted the church of the Lord Jesus. While the church was in its early days on earth, before the turn of the first century, the number of Christian martyrs must have led to great grief for God's people. Why would God allow such things. When I read from Paul and Peter's instructions to submit to civil authorities, even today the corruption and worldly ways of rulers haunts the soul. We pray for leaders to be placed over us who fear God and respect his Word. Yet, that does not always happen.

There are places in the world where radical unbelievers are killing God's people because of their faith in Jesus as the Christ. It brings sorrow among those who have lost so much. It troubles our hearts who hear of the cruelty that exists. While all of this is disturbing to us, we who trust in the Lord know without question that He is sovereign overall. Although we may wonder why, we believe in His holiness and in His providential care for us. *"If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord". Rom.* 14:8

Max

...ONGOING...

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



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 ...

Trust in th Lord with all your heart"

3rd Sunday Lunch—October 20 - TODAY 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".

Nov 2—Birthday celebration for Wanda Bryant and Betty Lane (pg. 8)

Nov 3—Standard Time returns —"Fall Back" one hour

Nov 5—Election Day

Nov 9—Family Fun Event and Car Meet (pg. 6)

Nov 9—South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford 4-6 pm—a Praise and Harmony songfest. The invitation can be seen on the hallway bulletin board.

Nov 17—3rd Sunday Lunch / "Holiday Meal"

Nov 28—Thanksgiving Day (less than 4 full weeks until Christmas)

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

December 25—Christmas Day

December 31 (Tuesday evening) - New Years Eve—Game Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange. (replaces 3rd & 5th Sunday lunches in December).

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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 5)

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:

- Hurricane Victims in Florida and southeastern U.S.
- 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.

FINAL DAY-TODAY Hurricane Relief Collection



Today is the last day to contribute to a special collection designated for storm relief from Hurricanes Helene and Milton in Florida and the southeast U.S. <u>This Week</u>, the funds will be sent 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

www.Hugs4Tomorrow.org

Hope you are taking the opportunity to enjoy Samantha's skills as a writer and story teller on the "BLOG" section of the website above.



One water storage unit (to overcome the challenge of intermittent water outages in the village) has been purchased and construction will be complete next week. John is leaving Monday for a 11-day trip to Malawi to meet with the folks there and get the latest updates. Please pray for his safe travel, and for the Jewell family (who remained in Costa Rica) while he is away, as well as continued success of those working on behalf of the kids in the HUGS school in Malawi.



...to Everyone who took time to join the "Church Work Day" on Saturday. A lot was accomplished and your help made a tremendous difference.

The repairs and 'remodel' continue. Please pray for this effort.



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.

Celebrate

together with our families Tyler Nichols & Sarah Dunson joyfully invite you to their wedding 12.14.24

Mark your calendars and plan to join the celebration for Tyler and Sarah.



<u>October Birthdays</u>

John Jewell Jane Underwood Christian Lindsey Betty Lane Tony Kerske 3 Oct 4 Oct 8 Oct 12 Oct happy vrRthda 14 Oct

Caleb Dunson	17 Oct
Christi Kreger	19 Oct
Curtis Dunson	23 Oct
y Randy Fetters	24 Oct
Lily Kirby	31 Oct

October Anniversaries



Doug & Tracy Robertson Oct 24

Won't you Join Us to Celebrate...

Two of our Dear and Special (to us) members...

Betty Lane—On Oct 12, celebrated 95 years

Wanda Bryant—On November 1, will celebrate 96 years

Lovely ladies who have been part of this congregation longer than any other Sister. In those many years of faithful service they have served as examples and encouragement to everyone who had the pleasure of meeting them and—with any luck—spending some time with them.

To celebrate the joy and love they bring, we want to take the opportunity to let them know what a "treasure" they are to us.



Saturday, November 2, 2024

2:00-4:00 pm

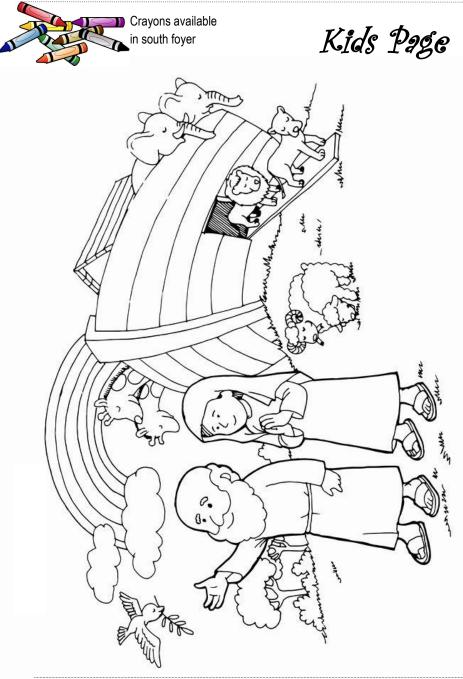
"Come & Go" Birthday Party

Please bring a card with your best wishes, and if you have it, a special memory to include.

We will have cake and punch and other standard birthday celebration fare.

Romans 3:21-24

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.



Memory verse:

1 Thessalonians 5:17 — Pray without ceasing.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women's Virtual Bible Study



Weekly – 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study

<u>WHAT MATTERS MOST</u> <u>A Study of Philippians</u>

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

Next Men's Group → 7pm, November 5, 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

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Eric Kreger	Date Te		oday—Octol	ber 20		
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ober:	Usher Bi		rian Flaherty			
r Octo	Songs/Close		Eı	Eric Kreger		
rge fo	Prayer		Johnny Box			
in cha	Communion		David Keller			
Trustee in charge for October:	Bible Story Kids Church		Curtis Thompson / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson			
	Reading Ja		ames Kreger			
	Lesson M		1ax Pratt			
	A/V C		C	Christi Kreger		
COMING WEEKS						
	Date	0	oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 10	
Open		Mike Lisle		Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	
Usher		Bill Jones		Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	
So	ongs/Close Mike Lisle		Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson		
Prayer		er Tom Reynolds		Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson	
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Bible Story Kids Church		Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones		David Keller / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Max Lisle / David & Hettie Keller	
Reading Ru		Ruston	Kirby	Justin Snell	Jonathan Dunson	
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A/	V	Eric Kre	eger	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty	

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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