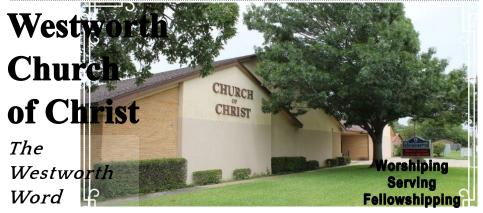
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Sunday, November 3, 2024



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: The Biblical Call to be Thankful

Scripture: Ps. 95:1-7 & 100:1-5

- THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING
- THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING
- A RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE AND BLESSINGS

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I have no idea how many kids will knock on our door this Thursday night. It is always a puzzle how much candy to purchase so that we can provide the treats to those who come with sacks or plastic pumpkins in hand. I remember how much I anticipated the treats when I was one of those little ones knocking on our neighbor's doors.

I was never much into the 'trick' thing. I think it was because of my 'sweet tooth'. It has never really bothered me much about the spooks and ghosts and goblins. I had very good parents that downplayed

the fear of evil spirits. That said, I knew well then as now that evil spirits can haunt us and make life a very miserable experience. But with faith that assures us God is always with us, we have a great light in the darkness: *"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world". I Jn 4:4*

I had the best time pretending to be a hobo, pirate or cowboy. Even more fun was scanning through all the goodies collected from generous neighbors who knew very well where I lived and why I was on their porch that evening. There was never any intent in my mind to play any sort of trick other than trying to disguise myself.

Fond memories flood my soul as I remember taking Sherri and Mark on their neighborhood trick or treat journeys, handing out treats to school children who came by Mrs. Pratt's house and bus riders who would address me Mr. Pratt.

Whatever the turn out this year, past years have provided from my own youth to now a joy to brighten the hearts of children. God intends for us to be inviting to children. He welcomed the little ones to come to him. He declares, "Of such is the *kingdom of heaven" Matt.* 19:14 If we cannot see the innocence of the children, we need a new view.

I know that in our world today alternative ways to 'trick or treat' help make it safe for children to still enjoy dressing up and having a make-believe evening. I appreciate the parents, churches and all who protect the kids.

"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them." Mark 10:13-16

"The disciples asked Jesus, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom?' He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matt. 18:1-5

Max

...ONGOING...

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



This study continues weekly. Join the brief study session on Sunday morning to learn more. 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. 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—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 ...

Nov 5—Election Day

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

also—**Praise and Harmony songfest at** South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford 4-6 pm. More info on the hallway bulletin board.

Nov 10— Wedding Shower for Sarah Dunson & Tyler Nichols. (pg. 8) Nov 17—3rd Sunday Lunch / "Holiday Meal"

December 14—Wedding—Tyler Nichols and Sarah Dunson. (pg. 7) **December 31** (Tuesday evening) - **New Years Eve**—Game Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange. (replaces 3rd & 5th Sunday lunches in December). 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:

Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)—battling Bladder Cancer and recently elevated to stage 4. The latest PET Scan revealed bad Lymph Nodes in one of her lungs and one Hip. Treatment has not yet been determined. Please pray for her and her family as they face this incredible challenge.

Freddy and Connie Heller—They left Wednesday on an extended Pacific Ocean Cruise, flying to Hawaii and beginning the cruise there. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels and an enjoyable adventure. They plan to be back with us in early December.

Ralph Gray— surgery on Tuesday, October 29, in Tulsa went well and he will be in the hospital for 4 days before getting to go home. This is the 'next stage' to repair the condition discovered a few months ago. Please pray for complete healing for Ralph.

Megan Booker—oldest daughter of Jane and Lee Hall. Has been sick recently and learned it is actually pneumonia. Please pray for her recovery

Kelsey - 34 year-old daughter of Teena (Whitecotten) Mason was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer on Oct 1. She underwent a double mastectomy on Tuesday, 10/29. First reports are that it had not spread so a determination of follow-on treatments will be made a bit later. Please pray for full recovery.

Family of Ruth Ann Yates—Max Pratt's cousin who was recently discovered in her home after passing away unexpectedly. Graveside service will be in Amarillo on Mon., Nov. 4. Max and Juan will be traveling to Amarillo this afternoon.

Please continue your prayers for these folks for complete healing and health: Emerson Bellucci—12 y-o girl facing possible lung transplant. Some promising news recently. Please continue to pray for her and her family Jerry Heptner—recovery from jaw surgery is progressing—he can now have soft foods.

Kelly Draper—recovery from back surgery

Bonnie Davis and Maureen Fanta — Breast Cancer surgery and treatments. Randy Binkley—His leg that sustained severe burns is healing and his spirits are good. He is currently on Hospice because of the diagnosis of brain cancer. David Burris — continued healing from his long ordeal.

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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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:

- RAIN
- 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.
- The upcoming election and 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.



It's almost that time again- - -

Our 3rd Sunday Lunch on **November 17** will be our congregational Holiday Meal. Turkey and Ham will be provided by the church, but we need volunteers to cook said meats and the accompanying dressing/ stuffing. If you can help with these tasks, please see the sign-up sheet in the North foyer.

1 Cor 6:19-20

¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy

Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.



NEXT SATURDAY— Hope everyone is planning to be here.

The 'checkered flag' is in site, and there are still tasks to be done. If you can be available to help on Saturday, please talk to Max and offer your services. It's gonna' be GREAT!

November 3, 2024



<u>November Birthdays</u>

Wanda Bryant	1 Nov	John Snell	17 Nov
Cheyanne Vickers	1 Nov 🗼	Nolan Montgomery	19 Nov
Nancy Goochey	13 Nov	Kim Turner	22 Nov
Nathan Keller	13 Nov	Andy Jewell	26 Nov
Lily Keller	15 Nov 🥬 🥰	Melva Campbell	29 Nov
Bill Jones	17 Nov	Tom Reynolds	30 Nov

November Anniversaries

David & Tracy Burris Nov 17



Westworth Church of Christ





In Honor of:

Sarah Dunson & Tyler Nichols

Next Sunday, Nov 10, 2024 following morning worship services.

If you need gift ideas, the couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

Of Course... we will have CAKE.

Please bring fall soups and sandwiches for lunch

<u>– No Desserts Please.</u>

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. New videos of John's trip are available there.

John was still in Malawi on Wednesday. He reports a very productive trip.

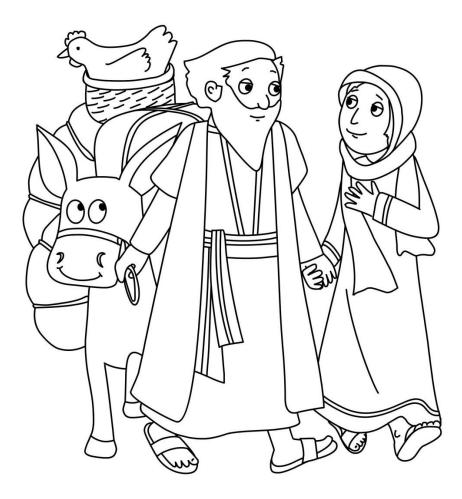
Additionally, John said *"I officially* married Snoden and Susan today." (10/30/24). Great news that helps us understand things are not the same all over the world. More importantly, joy for this couple we have come to love and appreciate. Please keep them and the work there in your prayers.







Abraham went, as the Lord told him. Genesis 12:4



Memory verse:

Proverbs 2:6—The Lord gives wisdom.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

<u> Monday–Women's Virtual Bible Study</u>



Weekly — 7:00 pm via Google meet Current Study

Participants gain so much more than a time of study—the fellowship and support in the group is immeasurable, and some-

thing to be treasured. "Christian family time" is priceless and this is a standing invitation—join any time.

The group will observe a "holiday break" beginning soon. At the new year, a new study will begin and all ladies are invited to join this group.

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 yourChristian family while you study God's word and its meaningfor your life.The invitation to join in is always open.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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-		eading		Justin Snell			
	Lesson		Max Pratt				
		A/V		Christi Kreger			
	COMING WEEKS						
	Date	Nov 10		Nov 17	Nov 24		
Ор	en	Curtis Dunson		Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson		
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So	ngs/Close	Curtis D	Dunson	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson		
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Со	mmunion	David K	Celler	Max Lisle	Brian Flaherty		
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Les	sson	Max Pratt		Max Pratt	Max Pratt		
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Communion Preparation November: Janice Stanfield



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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