

Westworth Church of Christ



*The
Westworth
Word*

Worshiping
Serving
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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.

From the Pulpit Today



Speaker— Mike Lisle

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’”

Luke 2:8-11

That night in the fields near Bethlehem of Judea shepherds were given the glorious word from heaven. Never again will there be another night like this one. I suspect these shepherds kept sharing their experience as long as they lived. That night they heard the angelic message; they saw the baby lying in manger. They told all they had heard and seen. They spread the good news that this baby born in a stable is Christ the Lord. How many more nights did they look into the night sky and remember hearing and seeing the angel? Would they ever forget the appearance of the great company of heavenly hosts appearing and then declaring, ***“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”?***

I pray that many more today will recall the meaning of Christ’s coming to earth. I would hope that we celebrate Christ Jesus because he came to save us. All the sights, sounds, smells and flavors of the holiday will hopefully bring afresh to our minds the blessed hope of eternal life that our Heavenly Father has given to us in His Son.

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:1

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17

Let us, like the angels and shepherds, give glory to God and tell others as long as we live that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

Max

...OUR "REGULARS"...

DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D) 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. **PAUSED—NEXT D&D JANUARY 5, 2025**

- **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.



... The End is Near! - YEAR end, that is...

December 31 (Tuesday evening) - 6:00 pm until ???

(we know it WON'T be midnight 😊)

New Years Eve—Food, Game Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Because of the limited time between Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as family commitments/expectations for almost everyone, the decision was made to have one December event that combines it all.



Our traditional "New Years" celebration will include something for everyone... Games, Food, Fun, and for those who wish to participate—a White Elephant gift exchange.

Bring your favorite snack foods—sandwiches, chips, - dip, or maybe even black-eyed peas and cornbread—oh, and don't forget the desserts.

Make your plans now to be part of this celebration of love and fellowship that we enjoy so much here at Westworth as we welcome a new year of service to our Lord and Savior.

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:

Wanda Reynolds' daughter Missy—Missy is doing very well following surgery to repair a hernia she had dealt with for a long time. She went home with Wanda for a few days and will go home when she is up to it. Please pray for Missy's recovery and restored health.

Tyler Nichols —made the decision to obey the gospel and be baptized last week. That was done on Friday evening just before the wedding rehearsal. Praise God for Tyler's good decision. Please keep him in your prayers that he may grow in strength and wisdom of God's will.

HUGS for Tomorrow campus in Malawi—a severe storm recently caused serious damage. (see page 7)

Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)—battling Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. Aggressive chemo therapy has begun that will last for many weeks. After 2 treatments, they report she is handling it well. Please pray for her and her treatment and that no more cancer will be found. Prayers for her family also as they face this incredible challenge. Pray also for her husband who is also doing battle with cancer.

Kelsey (Mason) McDowell - developed an infection in the incisions from her recent double mastectomy. The infected tissue was removed, and she now needs to heal from that before chemo therapy can continue. Please continue to pray for Kelsey.

Ralph Gray— Is still recovering from the last surgery to restore what was interrupted earlier this year in treatment of his condition. Ralph reports some days are easier than others and this portion of the treatment is proving to be challenging. Please continue to pray for Ralph's recovery.

Emerson Bellucci—12 y-o girl has made enough improvement that she is no longer on the list for a lung transplant. She is getting stronger every day and beginning to regain some weight. Please continue to pray for Emerson and her family.

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

Kelly Draper—recovery from back surgery. (still in a lot of pain)

Bonnie Davis, Maureen Fanta and Kelsey (Mason) McDowell—Breast Cancer surgery and treatments.

David Burris — continued healing from his long ordeal.

Sharold Ferris—overall health issues and anticipated back surgery.

Julie Ferris— Still monitoring nodes for any change, most recent tests showed no change in her condition (good news).

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

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

John & Samantha Jewell—successful mission efforts in Malawi.

Andy & Lauren Jewell—Kora Elizabeth Jewell was welcomed to their family on Thanksgiving day. Please keep them in your prayers.

Families of all who have lost loved ones this year.

Our “New” Brothers & Sisters—here and in the Lord’s churches everywhere.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us regularly:

- ♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Ernie Brawley

Please include prayers for:

- **RAIN**
- **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 new President and all civic 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.

December Birthdays

Joe Campbell	1 Dec		Christi Snell	26 Dec
Curtis Thompson	4 Dec		Joslyn Dunson	27 Dec
David Burris	24 Dec		Jack Lisle	29 Dec
Darla Thornton	25 Dec		Abe Elizondo	31 Dec

December Anniversaries

Nathan & Andrea Keller	Dec 15
Bill & Sherry Jones	Dec 30
Jane & Lee Hall	Dec 31

Survey — did you get one?

The new survey is available. If you did not receive one please be sure to get one next to the box in the north foyer.

This survey is for ALL members.

After you have considered where you can serve, please complete the form, and be sure to put your name on the bottom.

Please pray about what your contribution might be, and consider what you are in a position—and willing—to do.

The survey includes more than positions during Sunday worship services. Service like maintenance items—beyond weekly janitorial tasks—decorating/redecorating; event planning/coordinating and more.

After completing the form, please return it in the basket designated in the north foyer. If you need time to consider, **please just return the survey by Sunday, December 29.**

An advance “Thank You” for your willingness to help at all levels as another way to honor our Heavenly Father.

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERSHIP AND MISC SERVICE NEEDS SURVEY

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

For the **Men** of the congregation: Please complete the form below, indicating where you are willing to serve during worship services. Thank You **1 Peter 4:10**

(Please check even if you already serve)

Worship Service Roles	Place a check mark where you are willing to serve.
Open Services (announcements & opening prayer)	
Usher (work sound board)	
Lead Songs (choose songs and lead singing)	
Public Prayer	
Officiate at Communion	
Serve Communion	
Public Scripture Reading	
Presenting a Sermon	
Children's Bible Story	

For **Everyone** in the congregation: Please consider the items below and indicate where you are willing to step in and offer your help as needed. Thank You.

Additional Service Opportunities (please check even if you already serve)	Place a check mark where you are willing to serve.
Children's Church Volunteer	
Prepare Communion (monthly rotation)	
Take Communion to shut-ins (as needed)	
Computer (A/V) (during worship service)	
Serve as Greeter (Sunday morning)	
Seasonal decoration of Activity Building	
Plan/Coordinate/assist fellowship activity	
Special Cleaning/Maintenance (as needed)	

Name: _____ (please print)

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.

John and Samantha’s Facebook page shows video of the recent storm damage at the campus and progress on repairs. The storm ripped the roof off two classrooms, and knocked down a major portion of the back security wall. Repairs to the wall were started immediately. All the children had already been dismissed for the day and Snoden diligently searched for all the students after the storm—unlike here, he had to go out and visit homes for this. He found that they had all made it safely with the exception of one minor injury. Please keep this mission work in your prayers—especially at this time for speedy repair to the damages.

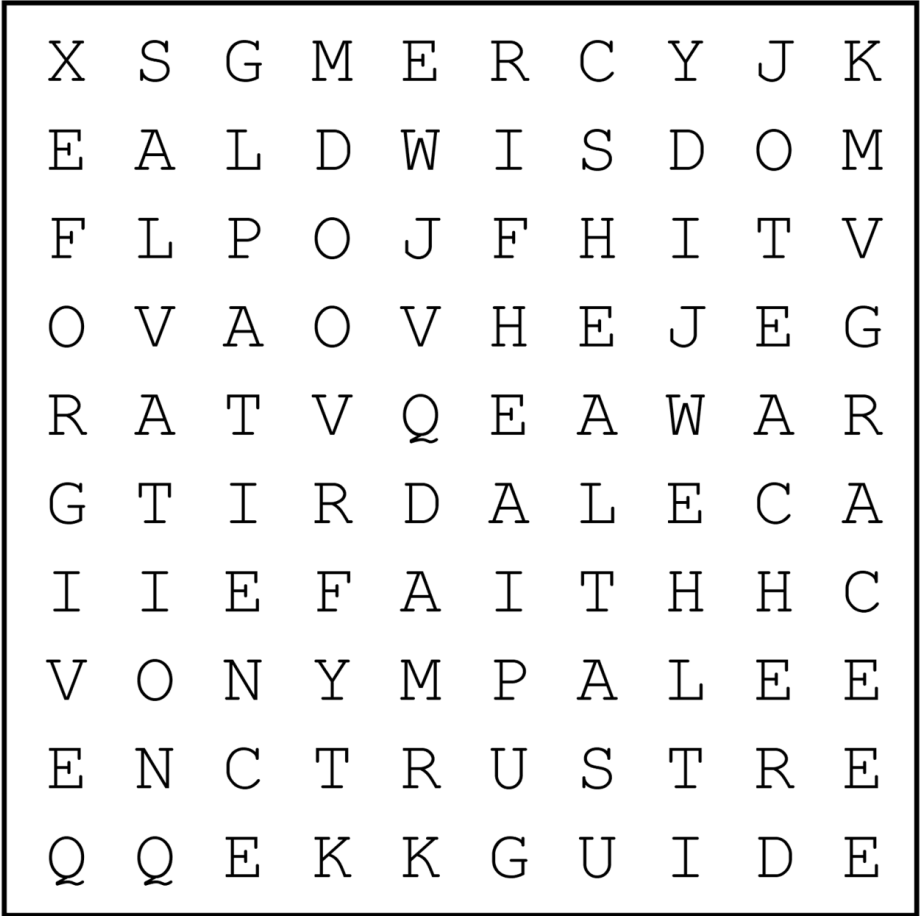
Tentative plans are for John to be here in March to bring the latest news.

Please continue to pray for the efforts on behalf of the children in Malawi.

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness” ²⁰ and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.”

God is Love



Word List

Faith

Forgive

Grace

Guide

Heal

Love

Mercy

Patience

Salvation

Teacher

Trust

Wisdom



Crayons available
in south foyer

Kids Page



Memory verse: **Philippians 4:13**—I can do everything
through Him who gives me strength.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study



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 something to be treasured. “Christian family time” is priceless and this is a standing invitation—join any time.

The ladies group is taking a “holiday break” and will resume in January 2025. Info on new study will be announced when available.

For information regarding materials and access (web-site and passcode) contact: Tracy Robertson at 817-308-0554— or—tracyrobertson1966@gmail.com

Westworth Men’s Group (monthly 1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

Current Study: **If** by Mark Batterson.

“Trading Your ‘If Only’ Regrets for God’s ‘What If’ Possibilities”

Next Session: 1:00 pm, January 7, 2025

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.

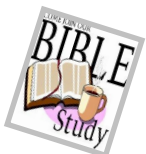


Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

Current Study: 1 Kings — Led by Curtis Dunson

Next Meeting: Wed., Jan 8, 2025

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 December: Brian Flaherty

Date	Today—December 22
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	TBD
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Harley Boyce
Lesson	Mike Lisle
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 29	Jan 5	Jan 12
Open	Curtis Dunson		
Usher	Joun Snell		
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson		
Prayer	Mike Lisle		
Communion	Johnny Box		
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Kylie Campbell & Laurice Reeves		
Reading	Marty Montgomery		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	Susan Flaherty		

Communion Preparation December: Hettie Keller



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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