

# Westworth Church of Christ



*The  
Westworth  
Word*

**Worshiping  
Serving  
Fellowshipping**

## **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— Max Pratt***

***Lesson: Because He Lives***



**Scripture: John 14:15-21**

- **Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow**
- **Because He Lives All Fear is Gone**
- **Because He Lives I Know Who Holds The Future**
- **Life Is Worth The Living Just Because He Lives**

# TIME TRAVEL

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I think we are all time travelers. No, not the fictional time travel when folks travel ‘Back to the Future’.

I mean the time travel when our thoughts move us back through the memories we have made over the years. We place ourselves in those scenes of long-ago experiences. Some of them bring us tears while others some of the deepest joy humanity offers.

Once again, I found myself traveling through time due to the events of the present and those that happened decades ago. While preparing the wedding ceremony for Sarah and Tyler memories of our granddaughter’s birth and childhood came flooding back to my mind. It was like looking at the many photos from birth to adulthood. She grew up and we are now celebrating her marriage. Wow! God blessed the journey!

One week later we gather with family to celebrate my brother and his wife’s fiftieth wedding anniversary. The pictures displayed for the reception took us back over those five decades of time. To the day we celebrated their wedding day and many days since. Although I could not recall what I said during their wedding ceremony, they said their ‘I do’s’ and exchanged their rings.

Before the reception last Saturday, the Pratt family shared lunch and then shared a tradition that we did every year. It began with my mother who bought simple gifts and had the whole family make a circle. While the ‘Night Before Christmas’ was read we passed the gifts around. We did that because of a memory of Christmas gatherings long ago.

The calendar tells us that we are time travelers. We begin a new year and mark off the days by weeks and months. The Lord has given us good instruction:

***“Teach us to number our days.” Psalms 90:12***

***“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Eph. 5:15-16*** If we do what the Lord says, our memories will make for blessed time travel.

*Max*

# ...OUR "REGULARS"...

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

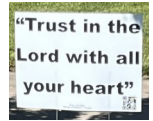


This study continues weekly. Join the brief study session on Sunday morning to learn more. Donuts are part of this fellowship. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join this weekly event. **PAUSED—NEXT D&D JANUARY 5, 2025**

• **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.

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.

Hope you can join the fun and 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:***

**David Keller**— David was diagnosed with gastritis during a visit to the ER on Sunday last week (which also caused his blood pressure to go up). After testing, he was released with meds for the condition. Please pray for David's complete and speedy recovery.

**Emerson Bellucci**—**UPDATE** —She returned from Houston to Cook's hospital for continued healing and physical therapy. Estimates of 6-8 weeks for her body to be back to 100% strength—but physical therapists think sooner. She is getting stronger day by day! Please continue to pray for Emerson and her family.

**Wanda Reynolds' daughter Missy**—**UPDATE** Missy was feeling well enough to have Wanda take her home last week. Please pray for Missy's recovery and restored health.

**HUGS for Tomorrow** —Repairs continue following the recent storm damage.

**Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)**—battling Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. Aggressive chemo therapy will last for many weeks.

**UPDATE:** Latest reports indicate she has lost 97 pounds and has much difficulty sleeping. Meds have been prescribed to help with sleeping and appetite. Additionally, chemo has been pushed forward until her blood count is sufficient. 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 doing battle with a recurring 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.

### **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

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

no change in her condition (good news).

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

**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  
Curtis Thompson   4 Dec  
David Burris        24 Dec  
Darla Thornton    25 Dec



Christi Snell        26 Dec  
Joslyn Dunson      27 Dec  
Jack Lisle            29 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?

### Please return them TODAY

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 complete and return the survey TODAY.**

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.* 1 Peter 4:10

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

(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](http://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.

A recent 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. Plans are also progressing for repair to the classrooms. Please keep this mission work in your prayers—especially at this time for speedy repair to the damages.

Last week, HUGS blessed 20 widows that live close to the campus by providing food enough for one month for each of them. There is a video on the web site.

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

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### **Psalm 112:6-8**

- <sup>6</sup> Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.
- <sup>7</sup> They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

# NEW YEAR

new challenges  
same great  
God



Crayons available in south foyer



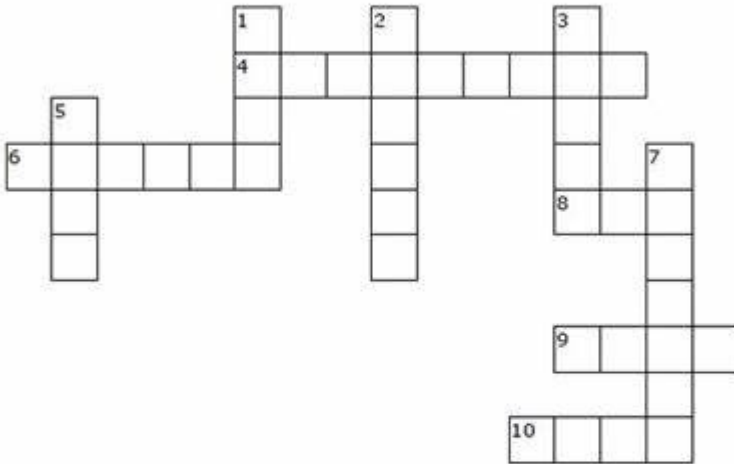


# Kids Page

## Sharing Your Faith

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46

Puzzle is based on John 1:43-51



### ACROSS

4. A friend of Philip
6. To come after
8. To observe something with your eyes
9. A large woody plant with a trunk, limbs, and leaves
10. To move toward something

### DOWN

1. To recognize someone; to be familiar with someone
2. A man that Jesus called to be a disciple
3. The Son of God
5. The opposite of bad
7. To accept something as true

TREE	NATHANAEL	COME	PHILIP	BELIEVE
FOLLOW	GOOD	JESUS	SEE	KNOW

### Memory verse:

**Ephesians 4:30** —And do not grieve the Holy Spirit.

## 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 )

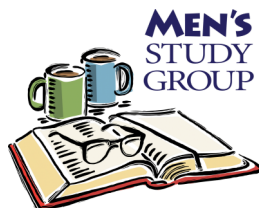
Current Study: **If** by Mark Batterson.

“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.

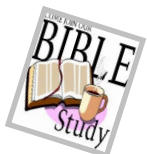


### Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

**Beginning in 2025: 2 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—December 29</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>John Snell</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson / David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Marty Montgomery</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>

## COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19
<b>Open</b>			
<b>Usher</b>			
<b>Songs/Close</b>			
<b>Prayer</b>			
<b>Communion</b>			
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>			
<b>Reading</b>			
<b>Lesson</b>			
<b>A/V</b>			

Communion Preparation January: Ann Gray



## 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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