

Westworth Church of Christ



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: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26

- The War Between Flesh and Spirit
- A Closer Look at the Spirit’s Fruit
- Four Groupings...

THERE IS NO NIGHT THERE

“You must understand that in the last days scoffers will come scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

II Peter 3:3-9

The revelation of Jesus given to the apostle John tells us that there is a new heaven and a new earth coming. In our Scripture text it also tells us that the present heaven and earth will be destroyed. I found another passage that also corresponds with these predictions. In Revelation chapter 21, the vision given to John was of the New Jerusalem. John wrote: *“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.....on no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.” Rev. 21:22-25*

God exists outside of time. We mortals live in the confines of our time. We count the days from sunrise to its setting. Day by day and night by night we spend our time. We have a past which we cannot relive. We have the expectation of future time, and we must wait until that time comes. I am wondering today as we discard the calendars for this year and hang up a new one, what will it be like to live without time?

Jesus came to give us eternal life. He promises one eternal day for all who will follow Him today. If we give Him our lives now, he offers something far better than long life. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life for an eternity. I hope you are planning to see the Son on that day! I am for I want to be where is no more death or mourning or crying or pain for God has wiped away every tear .

Max

...OUR "REGULARS"...

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



Resumed today after all the holiday "doings". This weekly study continues. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to join this weekly gathering for study and brief fellowship. Donuts and coffee etc., are part of this early time together.

- **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.



1st 3rd Sunday Lunch

Let's begin our 2025 fellowship events with the first 3rd –Sunday lunch of the year—

January 19.

The weather is turning to WINTER—just like we all expect in January and February—so let's have some warming soups and sandwiches.

Bring your favorite soup and the perfect accompanying sandwich. This comfort-food combo will be the ideal way to share time together and maybe introduce a new favorite you've never tried before.

Since we're talking 'COMFORT' here—as you prepare your soup/sandwich combo, think of a scripture of comfort and—if you care to share—put it on a card to be displayed with your contribution to the meal.

Hope you will join in the fellowship of food and "comfort" sharing.

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:

Richard Reeves—Just before the New Year Richard Reeves was admitted to Harris Hospital (downtown) with serious breathing issues and blood oxygen levels. He has been in ICU since New Year's Eve, after doctors determined it was necessary to intubate. Please pray for Richard's recovery in accordance with God's will.

David Keller— David is still struggling with the issues identified a couple of weeks ago. Please continue your prayers for David's complete and speedy recovery.

Emerson Bellucci—is back at 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—continues her recovery from recent surgery at home. Please pray for Missy's complete recovery and restored health.

Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)—battling Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. Aggressive chemo therapy will last for many weeks. 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. Mark reports she is doing really well.

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

David Burris — continued healing from his long ordeal.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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.

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.

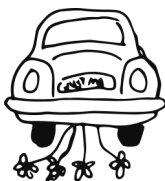
Please make known your prayer needs.

January Birthdays

Blair Montgomery Jan 2
David Keller Jan 4
Max Lisle Jan 22



Elijah Keller Jan 23
Peter Lisle Jan 29



January Anniversaries

Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson Jan 6
Brian & Susan Flaherty Jan 8
Joe & Melva Campbell Jan 23

Survey — did you get one?

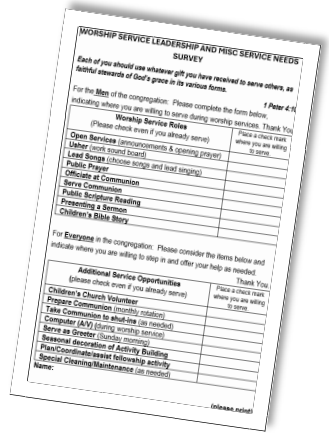
Thank you to all our members who have completed and returned the survey offering your help for the needs of worship services, fellowship events and maintenance.

In reviewing the returned surveys, I noticed that a few—who already serve in one capacity or another—have not responded.

Surveys are still available in the north foyer if you would be willing to complete one. Just slip it in my mail box when complete.

Alternatively, I will keep all those names who have served on the list of willing servants, depending on each individual to let it be known if they are no longer able to serve.

Thanks,
Sherry



Colossians 3:12-13

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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.

Repairs continue following the storm damage a few weeks ago. Much progress has been made.

A recap of the years activities and accomplishments was provided last week by John. Copies are still available in the north foyer, if you did not get one last week.

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 and

1 Peter 3:14-16

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Kids Pages

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORD OF THE BIBLE

G E N T I L E B I B L E D
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D P I I E S I M N I P B N
T E M P T A T I O N J A H
H R P S H L H R P I E P O
E S R A L V E A N S R T L
F E A C E A H C A T U I Y
A C Y R H T O L Z R S Z S
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B S J E S U S C H R I S T

JESUS CHRIST

SALVATION

JEW

GENTILE

HOLY SPIRIT

GOD THE FATHER

PERSECUTE

PRAY

TITHE

MINISTRY

BIBLE

HOLY

SACRIFICE

FAITH

MIRACLE

NAZARETH

BETHLEHEM

JERUSALEM

BAPTIZE

TEMPTATION

SIN



Crayons available in south foyer



Memory verse:

Romans 3:23 —All people have sinned
and come short of the glory of God

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study



Weekly — 7:00 pm via Google meet

New study determination in progress

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.

The ladies group will resume this month. If you have not been part of this group before but would like to join—AND ALL OUR LADIES ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN—please contact Tracy Robertson for website information and to be added to the text group.

Tracy Robertson 817-308-0554 or tracyrobertson1966@gmail.com

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

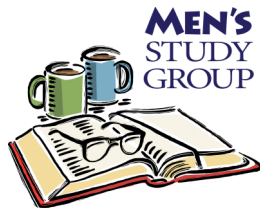
Current Study: **If** by Mark Batterson.

“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.

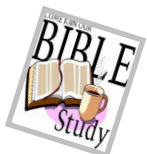


**MEN’S
STUDY
GROUP**

Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

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 January: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—Jan 5
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	David Keller
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26
Open	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Tom Reynolds	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box
Communion	Bill Jones	Tom Reynolds	Max Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson	Max Lisle Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Mike Lisle / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Justin Snell	Jaedon Snell	John Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Sherry Yates	Christi Kreger

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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