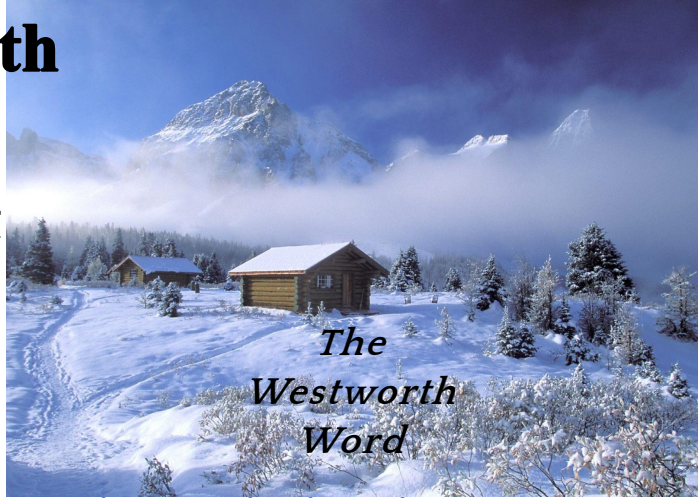


# Westworth Church of Christ

Worshipping  
Serving  
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*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.



## ***From the Pulpit Today***

*Speaker— Max Pratt*

*Lesson: The Blessings of Forgiveness*

**Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35**

- Jesus Prayed
- Developing the Lord’s Disposition
- God Empowers Our Choice
- Forgiven, So Forgive
- The Blessings That Overcome

# GLORIFY GOD

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In our Sunday morning devotional time we are sharing those Scriptures that tell us about John.

Among the first things shared by Luke in his Gospel account is the announcement of John's birth. There are some special things shared by the Holy Spirit concerning him. In the next few weeks we plan to study further the whole ministry of John.

Jesus said of John: ***“Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Matt. 11:11*** In that context Jesus identifies John as the Elijah who was to come. Because of John's calling the people of God to be prepared for the coming kingdom, being the Lord's forerunner, he is honored for his faithfulness. Yet, for the comparison to John's service, all who enter into the Kingdom of God through faith in Jesus, even the very least are greater. The meaning is that the blessed privileges we have in the Kingdom of the Lord are so much greater than any found outside of the New Covenant. Before Jesus paid our debt of sin, before the victory over death and the grave came through the Lord's resurrection, God's promises were forwarded. But in Christ Jesus we have hold of eternal life. ***“He who believes in Me, has eternal life.” John 3:36.***

At John's birth following his father's prophecy concerning him, Luke adds: ***“The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking ‘What then is this child going to be?’ For the hand of the Lord was with him.”*** Have you thought about that last statement? At John's birth the hand of the Lord was with him.

The Scriptures say that God is with the righteous. Psalms One declares the Lord knows the way of the righteous. The description of blessings tells us of that which God provides for those who have chosen the pathway that honors Him and His Ways. For every disciple who comes to faith in Jesus, we are promised the indwelling Spirit of God. He lives and abides with us. What a special place to live with the Holy Spirit's presence. The hand of the Lord will surely be with us as we ***“Walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son, purifies us from all sin.” I John 1:7***

**Max**

# ... GOOD THINGS CONTINUE ...

- **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**

Deliveries are made each month and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please keep this good work in your plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord. Southside never fails to express their gratitude.

- **WORDS-OF-WISDOM**—Signs to “Plant” in your yard are available in the activity bldg. If you have one already, is it time for a new message to passers-by? It’s good to keep the message fresh.



## 1st 3rd Sunday Lunch

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

**TODAY**

The weather has turned to WINTER so “comfort foods” are on the menu ...



### **soups and sandwiches**

Hope everyone will join in the fellowship of food and “comfort” sharing.



**Isaiah 55:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

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:**

**Laurice Reeves, Danny , Lee and Lana** —Just before New Years, Richard was admitted to the hospital with breathing issues. He condition had ups and downs, but on Sunday evening, January 12, Our Brother Richard Reeves passed away. Please keep the entire family in your prayers for comfort and peace as they process this unexpected shock in their lives. His funeral service will be on Thursday, January 23, 9:30 am at Greenwood.

**Emerson Bellucci—UPDATE:** From her Uncle: *“Emmie is going home on 1/27. Her pulmonologist (initially said she would never recover and needs a lung transplant) has said there is no medical reason they can explain for her recovery and progress! She’s not 100% but she is getting very close to her normal. God is good!!”* She will be home schooled for the remainder of the year with limited exposure to large groups of people. Thank you for your prayers, and please keep her in your prayers of thanks to God.

**Wanda Reynolds’ daughter Missy**—went from the hospital to her daughter’s house for continued recovery. Please continue praying for Missy’s recovery and improved health.

**Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)**—battling Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. After a delay in chemo treatments because of low blood count, her treatment has finally begun. Her husband, Tony, is also dealing with his own cancer. An ENT doctor appointment on Jan 16. No results yet. Please pray for both Debbie and Tony that treatments will provide positive results. Prayers for her family also as they face this incredible challenge.

**David Keller**— David is better, but not yet back to “full speed”. Please continue your prayers for David’s complete recovery.

**Kelsey (Mason) McDowell** - the infection that developed has been cleared and chemo therapy was scheduled to begin on Jan 10, to last several weeks. 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. The complete recovery is proving to be slower than he would prefer. 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.

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

**David Burris** — continued healing from his long ordeal.

**Sharold Ferris**—overall health issues and anticipated back surgery.

**Julie Ferris**— Latest review of nodes revealed no change, (good news) and the next review will be in one year—really good news.

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

**John & Samantha Jewell**—successful mission efforts in Malawi.

**Andy & Lauren Jewell**— Please keep their young family in your prayers.

**Families of all who have lost loved ones recently.**

**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:**

- **Victims and First Responders affected by the California fires.**
- **RAIN**
- **Teachers , Students and Parents**—for wisdom and patience in training kids
- **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 our leaders that God will provide all their needs as they serve, and that we may be an encouragement for them..
- **The new President and all government leadership**—As the new president takes office, pray for strength and wisdom for him and for all who serve in government positions.
- **Young adults/couples** who are beginning their adult walk, pray that they discern the truth and always seek God’s will.

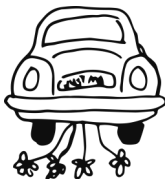
**Please make known your prayer needs.**

**January Birthdays**

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

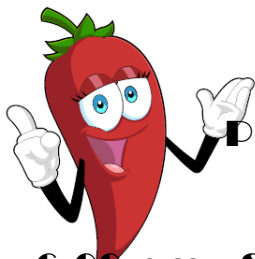


**Elijah Keller** Jan 23  
**Peter Lisle** Jan 29



**January Anniversaries**

**Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson** Jan 6  
**Brian & Susan Flaherty** Jan 8  
**Joe & Melva Campbell (60 Yrs)** Jan 23



# Annual Phil Simco Memorial Chili Cook-off

**6:00 pm—Saturday—February 22, 2025**

**Now's the time to begin perfecting that  
award-winning chili recipe!!**

The competition is fierce and the judging is difficult. The prizes are ... well ... mostly bragging rights, but there will be small gifts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Put it on your calendar now, and don't miss out on one of our most anticipated fellowship events. Invite your neighbors, family and friends.

Can't wait—oh yes, and we'll have plenty of antacids on hand. (**First Aid Station**)

2024 Winners: Stacy Feters, Abe Elizondo, Hettie Keller



2023 Winners: Sherry Jones, Joe  
Campbell and Halleigh Robertson & Maggie.



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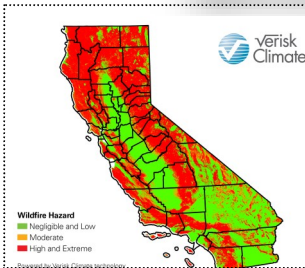
Repairs continue following the storm damage a few weeks ago. Much progress has been made.

Visit the website above to see more details on what is being done and what is being planned. The latest post shares a visit to the home of one of the students. See the circumstances of their life and hear the story of how they survive.

A recap of the years activities and accomplishments are still available in the north foyer.

Tentative plans are for John to be here in March.

Please continue to pray for the efforts on behalf of the children and those caring for them.



The California wildfires are prominent in the news of late. Many of us may have friends or family in those regions or maybe even a member of first responder teams or relief teams currently in the areas of devastation.

**Christian Relief Fund**—headquartered in Amarillo—is collecting funds for these relief efforts (much like what was done for the hurricanes on the east coast).

If you wish to provide assistance to fire victims through CRF, you can do so on line at the CRF website <https://crf.com/disaster>. Alternatively, in the north foyer, there are a few pre-printed envelopes with donation cards for your convenience in forwarding your personal check.

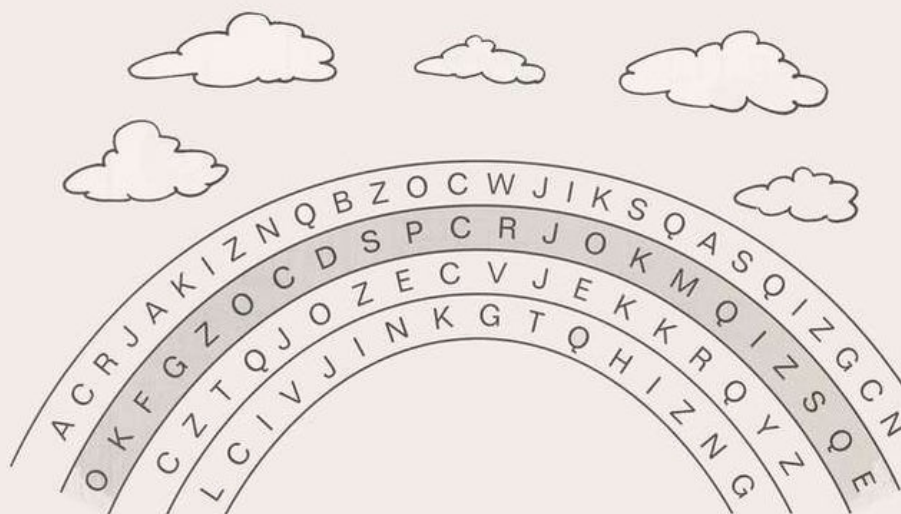
# Kids Pages

## God Keeps His Promise to Noah

—Genesis 8, 9

# God's Promise

Cross out the letters C, J, K, Q, and Z every time you see them in the puzzle. Copy the leftover letters in each row to create a sentence about God's special sign.



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Crayons available in south foyer



**Memory verse:**

**Ephesians 4:32** —Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

# 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](mailto: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 21, 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.

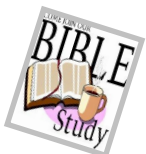


**MEN’S  
STUDY  
GROUP**

## Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

**2 Kings — Led by Curtis Dunson**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—Jan 19</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty &amp; Sherry Jones</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Jaedon Snell</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Sherry Yates</b>

## COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>		
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>		
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>		
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Mike Lisle / Blair Montgomery &amp; Sarah Thompson</b>		
<b>Reading</b>	<b>John Snell</b>		
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>		
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</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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