

#### 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 box at the front of the auditorium 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. (Sacraments are on the table in the entry foyer.)

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Worship Services: Sunday, 10:00 am

Men's Group: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00 pm

Ladies Virtual Study: Thursday, 7pm via GoogleMeet

# Conformity

This past week Jack attended kindergarten camp at his new school. By day two he requested that I no longer pack his thermos inside of his lunchbox. Jack said everybody else was carrying each item separately. I was dumbfounded. In only one 3 hour session, my sweet innocent child was already bending to conformity with his peers. He wanted to be like everybody else (despite the efficiency of only carrying one object instead of two ).

The fears of the world confusing my child hit me like a wrecking ball. This may sound dramatic when in the context of a thermos, but sadly there are so many other more important topics children are exposed to today. The issue with the thermos merely proved to me how incredibly vulnerable and impressionable children are.

Don't get me wrong, it is healthy for children to grow and find how they fit into the world; but realistically, I am terrified of my children losing themselves for the sake of man-made fads.

There is a blended family of six children, all of which identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. One of the sons identifies as 'bi who only likes girls'. He has only ever dated girls and states he is only attracted to girls. Instead of saying he's straight, he identifies this way so as to not be left out. Additionally, he's terrified of people thinking he doesn't support the + community. He is scared not to conform.

I am currently reading about Gideon with the Women's Bible Study group and am reminded that the desire to conform with cultures surrounding you is a tale as old as time. Numerous times God warned the Israelites not to conform to the wickedness of the surrounding cultures. And numerous times the Israelites failed to listen.

This article is not meant to be a political message, and I am certainly not limiting the issues to merely thermoses and the LGBTQIA+community. Sadly there seem to be countless confusing topics we are exposed to. This article is more so a plea for all of us to not feel the heavy pressures put upon us by man. It's so easy to forget our authentic selves and be influenced by culture.

Please pray for our youth (and us all) to know how to navigate this complex world. Please help to encourage them to be their authentic selves and to tune out any man-made agendas of what they should become. Please pray that they know their worth and how incredibly special they are as God made them in his image. Lastly, please pray for me that I may do right by my children during this bittersweet transition in life of 'letting them loose into the world.'

Sarah Lisle

# Don't forget ...

# Saturday—June 24 Beginning: 2:00pm A day of games and fellowship

Everyone is invited to take advantage of some time together with brother and sisters to enjoy games and fellowship. The event is planned as a "come-and-go" as best fits your schedule. There will be games for all ages, for as long as anyone wants.

Bring your favorite snack to share and relax and enjoy some laughs and good-hearted competition. For more Info—Max Lisle.

## Sunday, June 25

**3rd Sunday Lunch**—or more accurately 4th Sunday (3rd Sunday is Father's Day).

# Sunday—<u>July</u> 16, 2023

If all goes as planned, John Jewell will be here to report the latest on the work in Malawi.

They left Malawi on Friday, headed home. Much was accomplished in a short period of time and please continue to keep this work in your prayers.

Be sure to be here on July 16 to hear from John and re-invigorate our efforts for the children of Malawi. HUGS FOR TOMORROW

It will also be 3rd Sunday—so we will do our regular 3rd Sunday lunch and enjoy a little extra time with John and Samantha.

While they are in Texas they will also visit other groups who have helped this mission work over the years.

Mark your calendars now for these events

# On-going...

Non-Perishable Food Items—A delivery was made on Wednesday (a por-

tion of that delivery is in the picture.

Your generosity is evident and most certainly appreciated. Please keep this ministry in your plans. It



will be our objective to make a delivery at least once each month.

## What can we do together?



**Everyone is encouraged/welcomed to plan a fellowship activity.** It can be done here or anywhere you want to plan.

Please share your ideas—or even just plan the get-together and make it known so we can all enjoy a little bit of life together.



Brief inspirational programs by Max, available 24/7 at the following link:

https://momentsofinspiration.org

Quick Note\*\* -

I'm looking for bulletin articles again.

Thanks: Sherry

# Happy Milestones



Donna Simco	June 13	Sherri Dunson	June 28
Wayne Kreger	June 12	<b>Doug Robertson</b>	June 27
Oslo Lisle	June 10	Janice Stanfield	June 26
Jim Allen	June 9	<b>Ruston Kirby</b>	June 24
Max Parker	June 2	<b>Dean Corder</b>	June 22

## <u>June Anniversaries</u>

Max & Juan Pratt

Curtis & Sherri Dunson

June 4

John & Samantha Jewell

Tony & Carla Kerske

June 10

Tom & Wanda Reynolds June 12 Marty & Blair Montgomery June 17



## June

**June 11**—Regularly scheduled Trustee Meeting **TODAY**—let one of the Trustees or Max know of any question or concern you may have.

June 24—Fun and Games—starts at 2pm and will be "come and go" as long as anyone wants to play. Everyone is asked to bring your snack of choice to share. Thanks to Max Lisle for hosting this one.

June 25—3rd Sunday Lunch (sort of) Turns out, 3rd Sunday—June 18—Is Father's Day. Lets make this one a Salad Luncheon. Bring your favorite salads and we'll keep it "Cool".

Ephesians 5:8-10

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord.

## STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

## Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group



All men of the congregation, friends, neighbors and family are invited to join the men's group on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Currently they are looking at concepts and ideas in the book:

IN A PIT WITH A LION ON A SNOWY DAY by Mark
Batterson

Next Meeting: → June 20, 2023 ← 7pm, Activity Bldg.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—Activity Bldg.

May 10—2 Samuel May 17—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 2
May 24—2 Samuel May 31—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 3
June 7—2 Samuel June 24—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 4
June 25—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 5

These mid-week sessions help lift your spirits for the remainder of the week. Join these opportunities to grow and learn together.



## **Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study**

Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet
Current Study: (beginning 5/11/23)
Gideon—Your Weakness. God's Strength
by Priscilla Shirer

- All ladies are welcomed to join this group at any time.
- Learning and fellowship from the comfort of your own home
- Book available from Amazon, Mardels, or Lifeway.

For information regarding access - web-site and passcode contact: Tracy Robertson at

817-308-0554— or—snowgirIntx@yahoo.com

## LET US PRAY

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:14

## Our members, families and friends who need prayer:

**Mike Ascol** - Wanda Reynolds son-in-law. Health issues. UPDATE: Mike was released from hospital and is recovering nicely.

**Lee Hall**—hernia surgery on June 15 (next week) Include Jane as caregiver during his recovery.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—her body is rejecting a double lung transplant done 5 years ago. UPDATE: She is approved for transplant list after she improves her weight and muscle.

Please keep all these in your prayers. If you would like to add any long-term or other needs please give information to Max or one of the Trustees.

We know prayer is powerful and are honored to include any needs you have as we lift up our prayers to God.

**Joyce Gray**—Keep in your prayers for comfort as her health continues to decline.

Max, Juan and Ann—as they care for Joyce and her needs.

Ann Gray—battling shingles.

Floretta Hubbard—recovering from heart ablation—follow-up doctor visit 6/19.

**Bob & Betty Lane**—Bob's cognitive decline and Betty's role as caregiver. Especially while Betty is still recovering from her broken arm.

**Joyce Bennett**—spent the night in the hospital recently. Had follow up with PCP on 6/9 to see what "next steps" will be.

**John and Samantha Jewell**—Departed Malawi on Friday, June 9, returning home. Pray for safe travels. Much good was accomplished in a very short time there.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

◆ Gracie Rhyne ◆ Dennis McMillion ◆ Jane Whitley ◆ Pat Straw Don't forget to include

- ♦ All parents—for guidance in difficult parenting situations.
- ♦ Disadvantaged students who may be food-insecure during the summer.
- ♦ All emergency and first responders who put themselves in harms way daily.
- ♦ Church leadership—here and at all the Lord's churches.
- ♦ Leadership—pray for Godly leaders in all governments at all levels
- ◆ Church growth worldwide.

We are all encouraged to pray and to seek prayers for Christian needs and growth.

#### Please make your needs known.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Frustee in charge for June: Curtis Thompson **Date Today—June 11, 2023 Curtis Dunson** Open **Eric Kreger** Usher Songs/Close Samuel Flaherty **Curtis Thompson** Prayer **Max Lisle** Communion **Brian Flaherty/ Bible Story Sherry Jones & Kids Church Susan Flaherty** Reading Wayne Kreger **Max Pratt** Lesson A/V Christi Kreger

## COMING WEEKS

Date	June 18	June 25	July 2
Open	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	Eric Kreger	
Usher	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>	
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	
Prayer	Brian Flaherty	Sharold Ferris	
Communion	Jim Allen	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Mike Lisle / David & Hettie Keller	
Reading	Bill Jones	Tom Reynolds	
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	
A/V	Randy Fetters	Susan Flaherty	

Communion Preparation June: Stacy Fetters