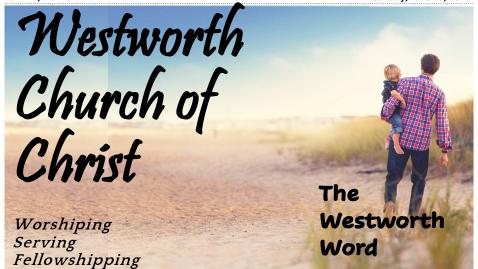
Vol. LXX, No. 25 Sunday, June 18, 2023



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.)

Today from the Pulpit

I Will Build My Church—Part 3

(Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27-29, Luke 9:18-20)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7 & 11-16

- Review & Reflection
- Disciples find encouragement in the Church
- Disciples receive edification within the Church
- Disciples are equipped for the work of service by the Church
- Equipped through the word of God



Home and Family
Blessings

For the first time in his seven years, Ethan came to visit us without his parents. His maternal grandparents brought him from California to a family reunion and dropped him off at our house. We planned a trip to meet his parents at the Grand Canyon. When he arrived Sunday, his main guestion

was "when will my cousins come so I can play with them". He was only about nine hours ahead of them. Even so, the day was long.

All had been well. However, after a fairly long phone conversation with mother a definite case of homesickness set in on him. Cousin Caleb, at only nine years of age and aware of his feelings, began some rather good counsel to help him deal with it. I took note of two things. First, home was where Ethan wanted to be. To him there was no place like it. I'm proud that his home was so very attractive to him. That is how it should be for everyone. Second, was the care that was being offered and given from cousin to cousin. During the course of the visit there were minor injuries to both of these boys. Normal stuff that comes from hard and fast playing. Each one offered sympathy and compassion to the other when hurting. That is how it should be.

My prayer is that adults in our world today would once again recognize the importance and value of home and family in light of God's design. It would be a place where everyone longs to be. And also, if only the grownups of our world could have the sympathy and compassion shown by those cousins, we would have an improved world!

I do not wonder for one moment why the Lord Jesus said that we should become like little children.

Max Pratt

COMMUNION & OFFERING

Beginning in July, the plan is to return to the traditional method of serving communion each week—that is, we will be passing trays. For those who may still have concerns, a limited amount of disposable items will be available.

Also, we have added Zelle as an optional way of making your donations directly to the church bank account. Just use the church email address: westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net



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

Our members, families and friends in need of prayer:

Mike and Lanette Lisle / Curtis and Sarah Thompson—Their nephew Ross and wife Kelsie—please keep them in prayer after the sudden unexpected death of their 5-month old daughter Dottie.

Mike Ascol - Wanda Reynolds son-in-law. **UPDATE**: Following release from the hospital and a bout with sepsis, he is much better, but still has some kidney issues and experiencing uncharacteristic tiredness.

Lee Hall—hernia surgery on June 15-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 on the condition of improvement in her weight and muscle.

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—shingles are getting better.

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. Awaiting information on next steps after follow-up visit on June 9.

John and Samantha Jewell—UPDATE—after a very stressful return trip are finally back home in Nebraska.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

◆ Gracie Rhyne ◆ Dennis McMillion ◆ Jane Whitley ◆ Pat Straw

Please include:

- ♦ Church leadership—here and at all the Lord's churches.
- ♦ Church growth here and worldwide.
- ♦ Leadership—pray for Godly leaders in all governments at all levels
- ♦ All parents—for guidance in all aspects of raising children.
- ♦ Disadvantaged students who may be food-insecure during the summer.
- $\mbox{\Large \spadesuit}$ All emergency and first responders who put themselves in harms way daily.

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

Please make your needs known.

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.

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Mark your calendars now for these events



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

Sunday, June 25

"3rd "Sunday Lunch—or more accurately 4th Sunday (next Sunday).

Sunday - **July** 16, 2023

If all goes as planned, John Jewell will be here to report the latest on the work in Malawi, after returning from the trip that was more than 3 years in the making.

It will be 3rd Sunday—so we will do our regular 3rd Sunday lunch and John will present the progress and plans for the mission after lunch for all who want to stay.



...for your generosity and please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to be donated to Southside Church of Christ for use in their weekly food distribution

to those in need . They have expressed sincere and grateful appreciation for your help in this ministry.

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.

June 21—2 Samuel

June 28 — The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 5

July 5—2 Samuel

July 12—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 6

July 19—2 Samuel

July 26—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 7

Aug 2—2 Samuel

Aug 9—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 8

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)

<u>Gideon—Your Weakness. God's Strength</u> 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

June Birthdays

June 2	Dean Corder
June 9	Ruston Kirby
June 10	Janice Stanfield
June 12	Doug Robertson
June 13	Sherri Dunson
	June 9 June 10 June 12

June 22 June 24 June 26 June 27 June 28

June Anniversaries

Max & Juan Pratt	June 3
Curtis & Sherri Dunson	June 4
John & Samantha Jewell	June 8
Tony & Carla Kerske	June 10
Tom & Wanda Reynolds	June 12
Marty & Blair Montgomery	June 17



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

https://momentsofinspiration.org



To all the Dads, Step-Dads, Grand-Dads, Great Grand-Dads—ALL Dads of any description.

Happy Father's Day

Celebrate your family at every chance you get, and especially today.

by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. (NLT)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for June: Curtis Thompson **Date Today—June 18, 2023 Curtis Thompson** Open **Curtis Dunson** Usher Songs/Close **Eric Kreger Brian Flaherty** Prayer Jim Allen Communion Max Lisle / **Bible Story** Sherri Dunson & **Kids Church Tracy Robertson Bill Jones** Reading **Max Pratt** Lesson

COMING WEEKS

Randy Fetters

Date	June 25	July 2	July 9
Open	Eric Kreger		
Usher	Brian Flaherty		
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson		
Prayer	Sharold Ferris		
Communion	Curtis Thompson		
Bible Story Kids Church	Mike Lisle / David & Hettie Keller		
Reading	Tom Reynolds		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	Susan Flaherty		

Communion Preparation June: Stacy Fetters

A/V