

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

Rescued by Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33



- Why?
- We Know Why!
- Keeping the Winds & Waves from Troubling Us.

Sunday, June 25, 2023



My doctors have been concerned about my salt intake for years. It hasn't been a problem to not use the saltshaker. Before health issues leading to the doctor's advice, (the advice about eating food that is too salty, isn't healthy) I had already stopped using it.

And it isn't good! That which could have made the food very flavorful and enjoyable to eat has made it undesirable. Instead of drawing out the best flavor of our food, it has overpowered it.

Jesus said of us, *"You are the salt of the earth."* He used the illustration to help us understand the importance of our influence upon the world. The influence of faith, righteousness, love and grace upon the world can change it for the better. Salt certainly adds a great deal of flavor to the foods we eat. It has such an influencing effect.

Taking our faith into the world is necessary to be a loyal disciple of Jesus Christ. Having an influence upon the world will happen. It can bring great changes into the lives of others. We should share our faith in a measure that it brings good results. Our faith should draw others to Jesus and His teachings.

Let's not be 'salty' in our manner of living for fear we leave an impression that leads folks away from the Heavenly Father. **"let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt..." "Rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips,..." "Let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful...that it may benefit those who listen."**

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 information: 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:

Sharold Ferris - has been diagnosed with an aneurism. The doctors are keeping an eye on it .

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.

Lee Hall—hernia surgery on June 15. He is home recovering. 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.

Floretta Hubbard—ongoing health concerns. She is considering moving in with her son and daughter-in-law (outside Bowie, TX) because of concern about living alone with all her health issues.

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—on-going health issues.

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.
- ◆ 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. 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 after lunch John will present the progress and plans for the mission to all who want to stay.



Plans are in work for an evening at the bowling alley in the near future.

These events are always a great deal of fun for young and old alike. Keep your eyes out for this 'always-fun' event.





...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 Batterson

Next Meeting: → July 18, 2023 ← 7pm, Activity Bldg.

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

June 21—2 Samuel July 5—2 Samuel July 19—2 Samuel Aug 2—2 Samuel June 28 — The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 5 July 12—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 6 July 26—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 7 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 — snowgirlntx@yahoo.com



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

https://momentsofinspiration.org

Fellowship Lunch following services today. Hope everyone will stay for this time of association with 'family' and good food.

Hebrews 6:10-12 ¹⁰ God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. ¹¹ We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. ¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. Sunday, June 25, 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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for July: Cu	Songs	/Close	Curtis Dunson		
		Prayer	Sharold Ferris		
Jarge	Comn	nunion	Cur	tis Thompson	
Trustee in charge for July: Curtis Dunson		e Story Church	No Children's Chu		urch today
	R	eading	Tom Reynolds		
		Lesson	Max Pratt		
		A/V	Susan Flaherty		
COMING WEEKS					
Date			July 2	July 9	July 16
Open		Curtis T	Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Randy Fetters
Usher		Eric Kre	eger	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty
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Prayer Jim Allen		en	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box	
Con	nmunion	Johnny	Вох	Bill Jones	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church		Curtis Thompson / David & Hettie Keller		Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Randy Fetters Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading Ernie Brawley		awley	John Snell	Cooper Thompson	
Lesson N		Max Pr	att	Max Pratt	Bob Mullen
A/V		Christi	Kreger	Susan Flaherty	TBD

Communion Preparation July: Anita Gray