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# **WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you have come to worship the Lord with us today. If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. Prayer requests can also be made on the other side of the card.



For us communion isn't only about his death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is the source of the hope we have that God will one day fulfill; eternal life through Jesus the Christ. We invite all who believe and are baptized

in Jesus to share the Lord's Supper with us in remembrance of his great sacrifice and triumph on our behalf.

**Plug in** For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." – Matt. 18:2

**Worship Services:** Sundays 10 AM here at Westworth Also shown live on our Facebook page starting at 10 AM

 Sharing Center: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month.10AM - Noon
Women's Study: Mondays 7:00 PM Online Google Meets See Tracy Robertson for information
Bible Study - Thursdays 7 PM See Dean Corder to sign up

#### The Significance of an Accent

When I was sixteen I spent a year of high school in Vienna, where I learned to speak German. Because physically I could have passed for an Austrian, my American accent was often the only clue for people that I was a foreigner. When I spoke, they usually slowed down and articulated a bit more to help me out. Over time and with patience from my newfound community, I learned to communicate pretty well. Boy, was I grateful to those kind, forgiving people who helped me through all the mistakes. The process of assimilating a foreign language and culture was difficult but life changing to say the least. I picked up numerous lessons that have followed me well into adulthood.

I became a Christian many years later at twenty-five. I was a real estate agent and decided to share my faith with anyone in the office who would listen. One day, a potential client saw the Bible on my desk and began a conversation. When his reference to a particular story was met with a blank stare, his face fell and he said, "If you were really a Christian, you would know that." He assumed I was pretending to be a churchgoer to get his business. But I had only been baptized a few weeks prior, and I hadn't read that page in my Bible yet. I wasn't spiritually fluent. I was hurt by the assumption but, like so many disappointments in life, it taught me a valuable lesson. Perhaps more accurately and a little ironically, it was reinforcement of a lesson I had learned so many years ago as an exchange student before I was even a Christian. I need to be careful in assuming where someone is from and what I think she should know, especially when it comes to faith issues.

Now when I meet someone who speaks English with an accent, I'm thankful for the clue that she's speaking a foreign language, impressed by the fact that she's gone out of her way to learn something I've taken for granted my whole life. In the same way, when a person who claims Christianity speaks, dresses, or talks in a manner I consider unbecoming or even inappropriate, I don't assume she's being disingenuous or defiant. Instead, I recognize that it may be her spiritual accent—my clue that she's coming from the world and working to adopt a new and different way of life. It tells me that maybe she put her faith in Jesus but hasn't had sufficient time or help from a community of faith to learn His ways. If that's the case, what a great opportunity to serve a new sister in Christ!

In the end, we're all lacking spiritual fluency. Christianity is not like other languages that can be mastered. Still, I try to work on my own proficiency through prayer and spiritual disciplines, so I can lend a hand in situations where I might know a bit more than someone else. Likewise, I'm grateful when an older, wiser Christian offers sage and loving counsel to me. God knows I need it. At Westworth we have the blessing of being part of a church community where we can sharpen each other to better represent Jesus to the world. When this life is over, all the trials and lessons will end and every believer from every nation will speak in unison with one heavenly accent. What a beautiful language that will be! -Samantha Jewell



**AM** – Social Distancing Service 10am simultaneous Facebook Live Streaming on the church's Facebook page. Come hear John Jewell speak.

#### Sunday's Scripture Reading: James 1:2-12 NIV

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. <sup>9</sup>Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. <sup>10</sup> But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower.<sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

If you or someone you know needs groceries or necessity items please let an Elder or the church office know and we will help.

Please continue to pray for those that are sick and in need.

## August Birthdays

Debbie Simco8-04Halleigh Robertson8-07Sherry Yates8-09Floretta Hubbard8-12Kaytlyne Kirby8-12Marcus Robinson8-13Hannah Flaherty8-17Jonathan Dunson8-20

### <u>August Anniversaries</u>

Ruston & Kaytlyne Kirby 8-16 Curtis & Sarah Thompson 8-27





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**Social Distancing Service Guidelines:** 

\*Over 65 and/or at risk please take advantage of our online service \*Please wear a mask and observe social distancing \*Enter North door and wait to be seated. South door Exit only. \*Pick up communion items for each person taking communion \*Offering plate won't be passed. Offering box is by the South door. \*All will be Ushered out at the completion of service \*Please do not leave personal belongings behind. \*Restrooms are one person at a time please.

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

	Usher	Open	Songs	Prayer	Table	Reading	Preacher
All will meet at 9:30 AM							
August 30	Brian	Dean	Curtis	Jim	Curtis	Andy	Kent
10 AM	Flaherty	Corder	Dunson	Allen	Thompson	Jewell	Benfer
Sept. 6	Curtis	Mike	Dean	Bill	Eric	Samuel	John
10 AM	Dunson	Lisle	Corder	Jones	Kreger	Flaherty	Jewell