

The Westworth Word

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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.

During the service today we will take time to celebrate what we call communion. This is a time that we partake of unleavened bread and juice from fruit of the vine. We do this to help us remember what our Lord has done. For us communion is not only about Jesus' 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.



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 on *Facebook Live* at 10 AM
Wed. 7 pm Prayer Service on *Facebook Live*

Women's Study: Mondays 7 PM Online - Google Meets
See Tracy Robertson for information

Bible Study: Thursdays 7 PM - See Dean Corder to sign up

What Now?

It seems like an understatement to say that this has been a very bad year for a lot of people. Most of us can hardly wait for 2021 so we can put it behind us. I've seen t-shirts, coffee mugs, and even Christmas decorations to that end. We want it to be over. But will the calendar really make that much of a difference? When we tear off that last page on New Year's Eve, won't people still be wearing masks and social distancing? It seems the world has been holding its breath to get to January 1, but I doubt we'll wake up to any substantial changes overnight. When that realization hits home to a world desperate to escape the trials of 2020 we may be forced to ask, "What now?"

Sure this year's been miserable, but it hasn't been the worst year of everyone's life. Severe illness or the death of a loved one mark other years as far worse for some. On the other hand, blessings of marriage, the birth of a child, or financial gain have actually made 2020 a good year for certain people. But for Christians the answer to, "What now?" should be the same in any given scenario. Hebrews 12 declares, "Fix your eyes on Jesus." From losing a loved one to welcoming a new baby, mourning and celebration are tempered in Christ when we look to him for our next step. Our joy and sadness find a common home in Jesus, where He wants to make use of our situation to His glory and our ultimate good.

We simply cannot know what God is doing through the events of our lives, but we can be sure that He has a plan. For instance, Ruth could have had no idea that suffering the loss of her husband and displacement from her homeland would lead her into the lineage of the Messiah, but she was faithful nonetheless. Conversely, Solomon was given more riches and wisdom than any other man in the Bible, but after basking in the Lord's goodness for most of his life, it eventually went to his head and he turned away from God. Until we recognize that every event, blessing or tragedy, is subject to God's authority and intended for his sovereign purpose, we will continue to be frustrated when things don't go our way or forget Him when they do. We will search for the next step rather than allowing God to guide our paths.

The year 2021 holds great promise, but not because it means an end to the trials of 2020. Instead, it is another opportunity to surrender our agendas to God and His plan for our lives, regardless of our circumstances. It doesn't mean we can't lament the direction our world is headed, and it doesn't mean we can't enjoy the good things we have in our lives. It simply means that we ultimately accept whatever God wants to do with us because we trust that He's involved and in control. It means that we acknowledge

His plans as greater than anything we could dream up and that we're willing to be participants in His divine blueprint.

Try this in 2021: Every time you find yourself thinking, "What now?" go to God with that question and then listen for the answer. Whether it seems like something that might take you far away from home like Ruth or bring you earthly benefits like Solomon, go ahead and submit to the prompting. God is still writing His story and you're in it. You could end up with an entire chapter named after you or you could be an example of what not to do, but asking God, "What now?" while you still have breath in your lungs will ensure that you're at least in the book. Those who wait to ask that question on the day of judgment will find their names in a different book and most assuredly will not like the answer. Take heart. The God we serve not only created time and will one day culminate every year, good or bad, into one perfect moment where He will make all things new and incorruptible, but He also loves us so much that He won't do that until every nation has had the opportunity to hear and respond to that good news. (Matt. 24:14) So when you ask, "What now?" don't be surprised if God prompts you to share that hope with someone who needs to hear it.

Samantha Jewell

Celebrity in our midst...

Our very own Melva Campbell has been recognized and honored by the City of Westworth Village. A letter from Mayor L. Kelly Jones says...

"It is with great pleasure I announce the city council has approved 'Melva Campbell Park' as the name of the new family-oriented park to be located behind city hall."

"Look for formal dedication of Melva Campbell Park in January 2021."

The announcement letter received by the church included the MANY contributions Melva has made to the City of Westworth Village "...since September 1969, Melva has decades of unselfish service to the city, being almost everywhere and doing almost everything."

The letter is posted on our bulletin board; take a look at the kudos for Melva. We know she is priceless to us and it is obvious she is priceless to others as well.

Congratulations Melva!

December Birthdays

Joe Campbell	12-1
Curtis Thompson	12-4
David Burris	12-24

December Anniversaries

Bob & Betty Lane	12-23
Max & Nita Parker	12-25
Bill & Sherry Jones	12-30



If we've missed your Birthday or Anniversary please let the office know



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Mike Lisle

Brian Flaherty

Eric Kreger



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Social Distancing Service Guidelines:

- * Over 65 and/or at risk, please take advantage of our **Facebook Live** on-line service on the Westworth Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc>
- * **Prior to entering auditorium, please use available Hand Sanitizer**
- * 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 box is by the South door. Offering plate won't be passed.
- * Please do not leave personal belongings behind.
- * Restrooms are one person at a time please.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	Open	Usher	Songs	Prayer	Table	Reading	Com-puter	Lesson
<i>All scheduled will meet no later than 9:45 AM</i>								
Dec. 27 10 AM (Camera: Bill Jones)	Mike Lisle	Eric Kreger	Jim Allen	John Jewell	Max Lisle	Randy Fetters	Susan Flaherty	Samuel Flaherty
Jan 03 10 AM (Camera: Andy Jewell)	Dean Corder	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson	Andy Jewell	Susan Flaherty	John Jewell

Communion Prep for January: Janice Stanfield