The Westworth Word



WELCOME VISITORS!

We believe God is delighted that you have come to worship the Lord with us today. If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card. Any Prayer requests you may have can also be made on the other side of the card. At the close of service, please put your card in the contribution box at the exit.

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 to remind us what Jesus 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 lamong them." - Matt. 18:2

Worship Services:

Sunday: 10 am here at Westworth and on *Facebook Live* Wednesday: 7 pm Prayer Time - *Activity Bldg.* (Month of Jan)

Women's Study: (See Tracy Robertson for information)

Mondays: 7 pm Online - Google Meets

Hard Pressed

My mom's wedding ring was a gold band with a single two-carat diamond. I thought that stone was the most beautiful thing on earth, the way it shined with all the colors of the rainbow in just the right light. I used to turn it around on her finger and ask if it ever got in her way. Did she take it off every time she washed her hands? What was it made of? She told me it was basically the same material as coal, just pressed harder. It was so hard, in fact, that our turntable had a diamond needle, so when my parents turned Carole King up nice and loud and the huge console shook our pier and beam house, the tiniest sliver of a diamond from deep in the ground was making that happen. In a way, I really was feeling the earth move under my feet.

One hectic day, every member of our family was involved in turning the house upside down, looking for that diamond solitaire. It had come loose from its setting, leaving nothing but little gold prongs reaching out for something to grab. We ransacked drawers, upset furniture, and dug out planters. We stripped the beds, shook out laundry and, yes, even inspected dog droppings. My mom continued searching, long after the rest of us gave up. She was heartbroken but decided it wasn't meant to be and finally quit looking. Days went by, then weeks. Later, when my dad opened the sliding glass door that had been sticking for too long, he decided it was time to fix it once and for all. He took it off the track, oiled it, and started to put it back on when a kaleidoscope of brilliance hit my eye like a sunbeam. "It's there! Mom's diamond!" Sure enough, it was sitting in the track where it had apparently been the whole time. A local jeweler nestled it back into the prongs, and it was as good as new.

The most amazing thing about that incident is that even after weeks of being stuck in the track with a heavy door grating back and forth over it, there was not a scratch on that diamond. As it turns out, that thing about diamonds being made from pressed coal is not entirely true, but it's fair to say that coal and diamonds are both carbon based and that diamonds are created under intense heat and pressure. So, as this world heats up and we undergo pressures like never before, consider what God can do with us, carbon-based humans. Unlike a rock hidden deep beneath the earth's crust, we have not been left alone to bear the burdens of this world. Jesus has promised to be

with us. Have you ever noticed that some of the strongest people are the ones who have been through the worst situations? God can use anyone, but I imagine he finds those who stand up under the heat and pressure of this world especially useful. To gain strength through perseverance and be used by God may not be fun or glamorous, but it's ultimately more beautiful and valuable than any diamond in the world.

Samantha Jewell

For the Month of January 2021 - Wednesday Nights 7:00 pm L-I-V-E ONLY (not on Facebook) **Prayer Time - Location: Activity Building** Social Distancing - Masks required

> In February we will begin an in-person Wednesday evening Bible Study

Today's Scripture: Eph: 6:10-13



AM – Social Distancing Services continue next week at 10am in addition to broadcasting live on the Westworth Facebook page.

Our speaker will be Dean Corder.

Birthdays Lanuary

Blair Montgomery Jan 2 Lori Robinson Bob Lane Richard Reeves

Jan 6 Jan 10 Jan 18

Samuel Corder Max Lisle Carson Lindsey

Jan 21 Jan 22 Jan 25

<u> January</u> Anniversaries

Brian & Susan Flaherty Jan 8 Joe & Melva Campbell Jan 23







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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
All scheduled will meet no later than 9:45 AM								
Jan 10 10 AM (Camera: Andy Jewell)	Dean Corder	Jim Allen	Samuel Flaherty	Bill Jones	Eric Kreger	Marty Montgomery	Christi Kreger	John Jewell
Jan 17 10 AM (Camera: Samuel Flaherty)	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Ben Jewell	Randy Fetters	Dean Corder
Communion Prep for January: Janice Stanfield								