

The Westworth Word

Westworth Church of Christ

Worshipping
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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 I among them." – Matt. 18:2

Worship Services:

Sunday: 10 am here at Westworth and on *Facebook Live*
Wednesday: 7 pm - In-Person Bible study led by John Jewell

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

Mondays: 7 pm Online - **Google Meets**

Ridiculous Grace

When I consider what's going on in the world today, I have some strong ideas about how most of it should be handled. Am I alone in thinking this way? With the internet and social media, we can see what's happening in most parts of the world at any given moment, so it's easy for us to criticize the way situations are being handled. We might think we have the corner on the market for making good decisions because we're Christians and we have God's best interest in mind. But what if God is the one making these decisions we don't like? The news serves to highlight the great chasm between what's taking place and what we think should be. God has a word for us in the book of Jonah—another human being who thought he understood world events and how they should be handled.

God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh to warn people of His impending wrath. Because he hates the Assyrians for their ungodly living and doesn't think they deserve the opportunity to repent, he ironically refuses God's mandate and instead takes a boat in the opposite direction. A cataclysmic storm rages, causing the men on board to discuss whose god must be offended, while Jonah sleeps like a baby below deck. They wake him, and he identifies himself as a Hebrew who worships the very Lord who made the sea and the dry land. (That seems like an interesting proclamation for someone who's directly disobeying the One he claims to serve.) After some deliberation, Jonah offers himself up to be sacrificed overboard for the greater good of the crew. The big fish comes along to swallow him, not as punishment from God as many children's accounts portray, but as a provision of God's sovereignty. God isn't finished with him yet and uses the fish to preserve his life. Make no mistake about why Jonah is eventually spit up onto dry land. He doesn't repent. That's not the reason. Again, there's great irony in the fact that he's running from God because of his disdain for God's grace towards disobedient people. He grudgingly goes to Nineveh, after all, and sounds the warning. Then God does what Jonah dreads most; He forgives the Ninevites. Not surprisingly, Jonah sulks off to a lonely place, mourning the fact that the world doesn't make sense and God isn't doing what He should. Even less surprisingly, God graciously causes a huge vine to grow up and cover him with shade



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

Our speaker will be John Jewell.

and comfort while he feels sorry for himself. Then, in a gesture that reveals the essence of the whole quirky narrative, God takes the vine away and reveals the ugly truth about Jonah's callous heart and our sinful human nature, namely that we tend to trust more in our own sense of justice than in what God says is right, and we tend to care more about our personal comfort than the destiny of lost people.

So, I ask myself, "Do I really trust God to do what's right with this world, with this country, and with my family, or do I believe I know better?" Also, "Am I willing to let Him use my life to reach the lost, or do I feel entitled to the comforts and routines I've established for myself?" And, possibly the most difficult question, "Do I identify myself as one who serves God even when there's a limit to what I'm willing to do for Him?" The good news—and there's always good news when we're talking about God—is that the theme of the Jonah story is God's enduring patience and ridiculous grace for mankind. We may not be able to understand why things are the way they are or what God is doing about it all, but we can be sure that it certainly comes from a place of love. God has a plan for this world, and He is perfectly capable of achieving it.

Samantha Jewell

LADIES BIBLE STUDY (VIRTUAL)

Monday evenings, 7:00 pm

Contact Tracy Robertson for more detail



Wednesday in-person Bible Study

7:00 PM - Activity Building

"Faith with JUST the Bible to guide us."

Bring your dinner and join us at 6:30 for a brief time of fellowship before the study begins

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Laurice Reeves	2 Feb	Sherry Jones	15 Feb
Hudson Flaherty	3 Feb	Joyce Gray	22 Feb
Eric Kreger	4 Feb	Samantha Jewell	24 Feb
Sarah Dunson	7 Feb	Charlotte Belich	26 Feb
Donna Ostrosky	12 Feb	Tommy Bennett	29 Feb



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Eric & Christi Kreger 3 Feb



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



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Elders:

Dean Corder
Mike Lisle

Deacons:

Curtis Dunson
Brian Flaherty
Eric Kreger

Youth Center: Susan Flaherty, Sarah Robinson, Andy Jewell

Malawi Mission Work: John & Samantha Jewell

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Social Distancing Service Guidelines:

- * **Prior to entering auditorium, please use available Hand Sanitizer**
- * Please wear a mask **OR** observe social distancing
- * Pick up communion items for each person taking communion
- * Offering box is by the South door. Offering plate won't be passed.
- * Restrooms are one person at a time please.
- * Over 65 and/or at risk:

If you are not comfortable coming to in-person services, our **Facebook Live** service is available on-line on the private Westworth Facebook Page. If you need access to that page, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE:	FEBRUARY 14	FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 28
Usher	Randy Fetters	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Songs	Eric Kreger	Dean Corder	Samuel Flaherty
Communion	Max Lisle	Brian Flaherty	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Bill Jones	Wayne Kreger	Max Lisle
Reading	Marcus Robinson	Marty Montgomery	Andy Jewell
Lesson	John Jewell	John Jewell	Dean Corder
Camera	Andy Jewell	Bill Jones	Bill Jones
Audio/Visual	Susan Flaherty	Randy Fetters	Christi Kreger
Close	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle	Brian Flaherty

February Communion Preparation: Richard Reeves