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WORD



Worshipping Serving Fellowshipping

VESTWORTH

hank you for coming to worship the Lord with us today. If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. 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 we will celebrate 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 our hope that God will one day fulfill His promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

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2 Timothy 2:22-24

²² Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.²³ Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be guarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

June 2

June 9

June 12

June 13

June 22

}Celebrate€

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Max Parker			
Jim Allen			
Wayne Kreger			
Donna Simco			
Dean Corder			

Ruston KirbyJune 24Janice StanfieldJune 26Doug RobertsonJune 27Sherry DunsonJune 28

<u>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</u>

Curtis & Sherri Dunson	June 4
John & Samantha Jewell	June 8
Tony & Carl Kerske	June 10
Tom & Wanda Reynolds	June 12
Marty & Blair Montgomery	June 17



Fellowship Meals

• June 27 - Let's plan a "3rd Sunday Lunch" one week late for June.

(The 3rd Sunday in June - June 20 - is Father's Day.)

• July 11 - The 2nd Sunday in July - this will be the Sunday before our Malawi pilgrims leave. Let's give them a proper send-off with a fellowship lunch after worship services.

Youth Eventsincluding those who "feel youthful"

<u>1. Friday, June 18</u> - before Summer Excitement trip Brian & Susan Flaherty's home 2350 Flat Rock Road Azle, TX



- * Cookout and Swimming
- Guests bring side or dessert



<u>2. Saturday, July 3</u>

Eric & Christi Kreger's Home 300 Jay Bird Lane Springtown, TX Burgers and Hot Dogs provided.

We will eat, fellowship and watch a great , fireworks show, right in the driveway.

- Come anytime after 5:00 pm
- See Christi Kreger to workout something you can bring.

Christian Education

Part Nine in a series

The 1956 song by Doris Day seemed to be the mantra of America in the last half of the 20th century. She sang, "Que sera, sera, whatever will be, will be. The future's not ours to see. Que sera, sera, what will be, will be." Lives rolled on, children went to school and parents worked. The churches provided Sunday School, and services on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Private church funded schools became more accessible to parents. Churches became involved in social causes like desegregation, abortion, and caring for the hungry and homeless both here and abroad. All the while Sunday School classrooms were abandoned, church membership and attendance dropped, churches closed their doors, and ministers became a limited commodity. But, if the last half of the 20th century was a slow decline, the Christian Church in America during the first 20 years of the 21st century seems to be in freefall.

According to statistics 48% of all Americans attended church at least once a week in 1959. That percentage dropped to 39% by 2012. The result of these percentages translates to almost 16,000,000 less people attending church. The major denominations like Baptist, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and Catholics have been hit hard. The Nondenominational churches, however, according to the somewhat dated 2014 statistics are increasing in numbers.

What are the reasons for the decline in general church membership? There could be several contributing factors. One could be that America's Greatest Generation is fading into the past. They endured the Great Depression, the hardships and death during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. We have depended on their wisdom and stability which is gone. In many places our schools, the bastions of freedom, have replaced historically accurate curriculum for an agenda that promotes social change. Perhaps our computers and cell phones take so much of our time that church is no longer convenient. It could be that some churches appear to be unfriendly and dogmatic. Maybe, Americans have become suspicious and distrustful of church hierarchies that advocate things that have nothing to do with the Christ's message to humanity. Several of the major denominations have recently presented their emphasis for 2021. They are poverty, health, peace, and civil and human rights. What do these have to do with salvation? Perhaps a church that deemphasizes Christian Education loses the message that changes the world.

Whatever the reason for the decline of Christianity this is the world we live in. The 21st century will be an exciting chapter in Christian Education. In England, some religious groups are predicting the death of Sunday School and some in the United States are worried about demise of Christianity. How can churches survive and spread the "Good News," that Jesus brought to the world? Next week we will look at some lessons to be learned from history.

.Davíd Keller



Prayer Vigil for the Malawi travelers

As you know, the Jewell's and the Flaherty's are planning a trip to Malawi in mid-July to visit the Mission work there. Please consider the power of prayer and how often we are called to pray.

(a few examples):

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Col 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

2 Cor 1:11

as you help us by your **pray**ers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the **pray**ers of many.

1 Tim 2:1

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—

Have you signed up to be part of Prayer Vigil planned from 5pm July 11, 2021 through 5pm July 17? Sign up sheets are in South Foyer - or you can call the church office (817-738-7536) to reserve your spot, or even email the church westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net

Please plan to join this effort as we pray for safe travels and God's continued blessing this work.





For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." – Matt. 18:20

Sunday Morning Services - 10:00am

Today's Scriptures: Eph 6:19 and 1 Cor 2:3-5

New Ladies Bible Study

Beginning: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 <u>Elija - Faith and Fire</u> by: Priscilla Shirer Available on Amazon For more detail and information on how to join contact Tracy Robertson Phone: 817-308-0554 or email: snowgirlntx@yahoo.com

> Wednesday in-person Bible Study June 2021

7:00 PM - Activity Building

David Keller continues to bring his knowledge and skill to these studies during June

THIS IS TIME VERY WELL SPENT! DON'T MISS OUT.

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

Cards of encouragement...

For the upcoming trip to Malawi

Please bring cards with prayers or encouraging messages for Snoden and Susan. They will be hand delivered by the group traveling to Malawi this summer.

Some guidelines to make it easier for Snoden & Susan:

- PRINT only please. (no cursive)
- Nothing but the card specifically, no cash.

Cards are available in the lobby if you need them.

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Upcoming

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date Service	June 20	June 27	July 4	
Open/ Announcements	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Thompson		
Usher	Randy Fetters	Max Lisle		
Songs	Max Lisle	Curtis Dunson		
Communion	Johnny Box	Eric Kreger		
Prayer	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box		
Bible Story	Curtis Thompson	David Keller		
Reading	Marty Montgom- ery	Ben Jewell		
Lesson	John Jewell	John Jewell		
Audio/Visual	Brian Flaherty	Randy Fetters		

Communion Preparation for June: Anita Gray