



THE WESTWORTH  
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# WESTWORTH CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worshipping Serving Fellowship

**T**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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Eph 6:4

**Fathers**, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Col 3:21


**Fathers**, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Heb 12:9

Moreover, we have all had human **fathers** who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!

## ≡Celebrate≡

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**



Max Parker	June 2	Ruston Kirby	June 24
Jim Allen	June 9	Janice Stanfield	June 26
Wayne Kreger	June 12	Doug Robertson	June 27
Donna Simco	June 13	Sherry Dunson	June 28
Dean Corder	June 22		

### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

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.

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### **Next Youth Event - including those who "feel youthful"**

**Saturday, July 3**

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 Ten - Lessons Learned***

One of the first comments about Christian Education is found in Matthew 28:19-20. There Jesus says, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **TEACHING** them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you even to the end of the age.” I added the bold letters and the underline. That Jesus mentions it, however, indicates its importance.

We have a dilemma concerning “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.....” The priority of teaching is not only reflected in Matthew 28, but it is mentioned 22 times between Romans and III John. So, how do we ensure that Christ’s message is not lost by this generation. For us to be successful we must learn from the past. That saying is true, “If you don’t learn from the past you are doomed to repeat it.”

### *Lesson One*

Jesus believed in education. He also believed that religious hierarchies, institutions, traditions, and reverence for places were detrimental and dangerous to salvation. Jesus’s beliefs about these things have been verified by history. It was the Council of Nicaea that validated pagan influence in the early church. During the Medieval Era, the church had a stranglehold on the scriptures. Then, in England the Anglican Church and Puritans became embroiled in a bloody civil war. Finally, when Sunday School came along in the latter 1700s its effectiveness in disseminating the gospel and changing society was curtailed by all the societies, unions, and boards that replaced local control with denominational hierarchies. So, the first lesson is to be aware of outside organizations who want to exert control over the local church. History shows that at best loss of local control improves things for a short time, and at worst leads to replacing Jesus’s command to “make disciples,” with social reforms.

### *Lesson Two*

Christian Education works. The local churches conducted organized classes for all ages interested in converting to Christianity as far back as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. Christian Education was the cornerstone of the Reformation and Tyndale translations of the Bible. Finally, one cannot deny the influence of early

Sunday School contributions to Society in both England and America. In both countries Christian Education through Sunday School had a positive effect on the crime rate. In England child labor laws were enacted and slavery ended during this time. While in America the church and Cherokee Tribe won Worcester vs. Georgia in the United States Supreme Court in an attempt to help the Cherokee Tribe keep its ancestral homelands. Christian Education advocates high moral values, and ethical behavior, much in need during our times. Studying God's Word is valuable for our spirit, mind, and soul, no matter if it is in the morning, noon, or night.

So how do we carry out the Great Commission? What is the best way to bring others to Christ? The best way is not a sermon on Sunday morning. A sermon should probably be aimed at believers, to help them in their walk with Christ. The best way to bring others to Christ is in a classroom or home, where there can be a free exchange of thoughts and feelings about Christ. Deciding to follow Christ is a deeply personal issue and though we celebrate those decisions in public, it is a decision reached through a struggle in the soul. It is in the home or classroom where those decisions are made, and those studies are called Christian Education.

*David Keller*



### **Prayer Vigil for the Malawi travelers**

Our 'round-the-clock' prayer vigil, scheduled from 5pm, July 11, through 5pm Saturday, July 17 for the Malawi travelers, may seem to be a real challenge for you.

*"PRAY FOR ONE WHOLE HOUR?!" - Can I even do that?  
After all, an hour can seem like a really long time.*

I know, that thought occurred to me, too. Often I'm like the joke you may have seen. The man seated to pray and starts out fine, but mere moments later is diverted by something in life (kids, wife, phone, etc. - the potential list is endless), only to return to his prayer with "sorry God" and then he goes into his prayer again but life creeps in again to interrupt. And the cycle repeats.

Have you considered reading the Bible - maybe a passage especially meaningful to you - on behalf of our travelers; singing your favorite praise song; if you normally pray silently, how about actually speaking your prayer?

Please plan to join this effort as we pray for safe travels and God's continued blessings on the Mission work in Malawi.

## ***Let's Get Together***

*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: Revelation 3:1-6**

### **New Ladies Bible Study**

**Elija - Faith and Fire 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*

### **Cards of encouragement...**

#### ***For the upcoming trip to Malawi***

Please write a card 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 for your convenience.

## Worship Schedule

Date	Today - June 20
Open/ Announcements	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Randy Fetters
Songs	Max Lisle
Communion	Johnny Box
Prayer	Mike Lisle
Bible Story	David Keller
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	John Jewell
Audio/Visual	Brian Flaherty

## Upcoming

Service	date	June 27	July 4	July 11
Open/ Announcements		Curtis Thompson	Randy Fetters	Brian Flaherty
Usher		Max Lisle	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Dunson
Songs		Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Samuel Flaherty
Communion		Eric Kreger	Jim Allen	Johnny Box
Prayer		Johnny Box	Ernie Brawley	Mike Lisle
Bible Story		David Keller	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Reading		Ben Jewell	Samuel Flaherty	Andy Jewell
Lesson		John Jewell	John Jewell	Mike Lisle
Audio/Visual		Randy Fetters	Susan Flaherty	Randy Fetters

Communion Preparation for July: Donna Simco