



WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord. If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Your prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. At the close of service, please put your card in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium as you exit.

During the service we will celebrate communion. (Sacraments are available on the table in the entry foyer.) This is a time that we partake of unleavened bread and juice from the 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 fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

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Colossians 3:15-16 (NLT)

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

Celebrate

November Birthdays

Wanda Bryant	1 Nov	Andy Jewell	26 Nov
Nancy Goochey	13 Nov	Melva Campbell	29 Nov
Bill Jones	17 Nov	Jack Lisle	29 Nov
John Snell	17 Nov	Tom Reynolds	30 Nov
Samuel Flaherty	20 Nov		



November Anniversaries

David & Tracy Burris

17 Nov

Annual Holiday Meal

Sunday, November 21, 2021 (3rd Sunday)

Bring your favorite holiday side dishes and desserts.
Turkey and Dressing will be provided



www.CreativeCertificates.com

Calling all you Amazing Cooks at Westworth Church of Christ

It's that time again...Are you willing to cook a turkey (provided by the church) or prepare a pan of dressing/stuffing for the Holiday meal?

If so... please sign up on the sheet in the North foyer.
(I know...our great cooks are not all women)



WOMEN OF THE BIBLE BY THE WOMEN OF WESTWORTH—No. 8

Lydia of Philippi

Kate Nafpliotis (Sarah Lisle's sister)

There are many great and influential women of note throughout Scripture. One much lesser known woman is Lydia of Philippi. She appears only in a few verses in the book of Acts (Acts 16: 13-15). However limited the information is on Lydia, we should note that the fact she was mentioned in the Bible tells us how important she was to God's plan and how we should celebrate her. Lydia provides us with an example of a strong, successful, independent woman. She was a woman of God that overcame gender stereotypes by using her influence and talent as Christ's ambassador in a new land. Her story shows us the power of opening our hearts to Jesus, positioning ourselves for opportunities, and being people worth listening to.

In a patriarchal society, Lydia challenged the boundaries placed on women of that day. She was the first European Christian; the Cofounder, host, and benefactor of the Philippian church, and a business woman/trader of luxury goods. She is an example of a godly woman working steadfastly toward her divine purpose. Something we should all strive to be.

Lydia was a savvy business woman which provided her the economic means to own and manage a home for her family and to host the Philippian Church along with the four visiting preachers who shared the Gospel with her. This is something unheard of for women in her day.

Lydia was a devout woman leading a prayer group when her heart was easily opened to the Gospel as it was preached by Paul on a Sabbath morning in Philippi. As a result of that preaching, Lydia became the first recorded European convert to Christianity. In a time when Christianity was just being brought to her land, Lydia willingly opened her heart and faithfully confessed that Jesus was the Christ based solely on the Word preached by Paul. Please take a moment to note the faith, strength, and courage this took, as this woman did not have the support that we have in our Christian faith communities today (i.e., believing friends and family, enumerate amounts of churches available to attend, Bible Study plans, or even a Bible).

Lydia's faith in Jesus Christ was so sincere and earnest that she not only willingly consented to be baptized but committed to help her household find salvation by sharing the Gospel with them and encouraging them to be baptized along with her.

In an effort to further her service to Christ, Lydia extended an invitation to Paul a

to stay at her home. She generously used her wealth and good fortune to help these men share the Good News in her community. The hospitality that she showed allowed them to preach and minister without working other jobs, and eventually Lydia's home became the place where the congregation that developed in Philippi gathered for worship and fellowship. Her self-giving care for Christ's Church was patterned after the self-giving love of Jesus, and it allowed her to further the Gospel throughout her community. Lydia served as an important agent of change in the Christian Church. She was able to use her work and influence to bring people to Jesus, and to build the Philippian church alongside Paul.

Since the beginning of time and the beginning of the church, we see many examples of women that have been present to do the work that God ordained them to accomplish. Lydia and all the matriarchs of our faith have left us an enduring legacy that should inspire us to empower our Christian strength, boldness, hospitality, and love. Lydia shows us that gender stereotypes don't matter to God. She shows us that against all odds, we can find salvation and serve the Lord. He chose a woman to found the Christian church in Europe, and if you think about it, if it weren't for her business acumen and spiritual passion we might not be members of the Christian community today. Lydia's story should give us courage to work and live as God demands of us...not as society demands. We must allow Him to open our hearts to His love and to His word. We must allow Him to guide our talents and strengths. We should always celebrate who we are in God. Like Lydia, I hope to cultivate and further my Christian service by employing my God-given strengths and talents to bring Him glory and to serve others lovingly as Jesus has taught us. God has a divine purpose in the way he has created each and every one of us. He has strategically placed us where we are right now. It is important to remember that we are all valuable to God's plan.

***Thank you Sarah Lisle for bringing the idea and coordinating this effort for
Women of the Bible by Women of Westworth***

TODAY

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Let's celebrate the season with a fellowship lunch

- Take some time to speak with Dema about his work
- There will be special "Treat" bags for youngsters.

Together

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
- Matthew 18:20

Sunday Morning Services - 10:00am

Today's speaker: Dema

Ladies Bible Study

(Virtually over Google meets)

Only a couple more sessions until we break for holidays

11/9—Before I Created You, I Knew You

11/16—TBD

Contact Tracy Robertson for more info.

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The Chosen

Wednesdays — 7:00 pm

Next Wednesday our mid-week bible study will feature season 1, episode 3. This is more than “movie night”. The highly acclaimed series is being used as a resource for Bible Study. It is our hope that discussion after the viewing may help improve our understanding. There are many [web sites](#) with study materials designed to be used with this series. Thank you, Brian, for organizing this.

Invite your friends and family to join with us in the Activity Building to enjoy and learn from this worthwhile study.

We hope you will plan to join in on Wednesday nights. It will definitely be worth the time in your busy schedule.

- ◆ Food is provided beginning at 6pm (to help folks add this special study time to their schedule)

Menu for 10/27 — Taco Nacho Bar

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today— October 31
Open/ Announcements	Mike Lisle
Usher	Robby Robertson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Communion	Max Lisle
Prayer	Jim Allen
Bible Story	Curtis Thompson
Reading	Tbd
Lesson/Sermon	Dema
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21
Open	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	Max Lisle
Usher	Sharold Ferris	Robby Robertson	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Christian Lindsey	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson
Communion	Johnny Box	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Ernie Brawley	Sharold Ferris	Cooper Thompson
Bible Story	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson	David Keller
Reading	Ruston Kirby	Tom Reynolds	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Mike Lisle	John Jewell	John Jewell
A/V	Robby Robertson	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation November: Hettie Keller