



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. Or you can hand it to any member.

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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- Address:** 5728 White Settlement Road
Westworth Village, TX 76114
- Office Phone:** 817-738-7536
- Worship Services:** Sunday 10:00 am
- Bible Study:** Wednesday 7:00 pm
- Men's Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
- Website:** www.westworthcoc.org
- Email:** Westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net
- Facebook Group:** Westworth Church of Christ
- Trustees:** Curtis Dunson, Brian Flaherty,
Eric Kreger, Curtis Thompson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 6 — Wednesday Night Bible Study.

It's never too late to join the Wednesday night group at 7pm in the activity building. We will be studying I Peter, Chapter 3. This will be facilitated by Bill Jones.

Join in, won't you?

July 12—Men's Group



The Men's group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

TIME: 7:00-8:00 pm

CURRENT TOPIC: The Holy Spirit

July 16 (Saturday)—Old Fashioned Ice Cream Supper

Let's get together for some fellowship and

ICE CREAM

Here in the activity building - 5:30 pm. Everyone break out those wonderful home-made ice cream recipes and let's enjoy an evening of fellowship. Bring ice cream, toppings, deserts, watermelon—anything cool and refreshing. YUM!



Invite your friends, family, neighbors... let's get to know them and make them welcomed. There will be games available for those who want to add to the fun.

MILESTONES

July Birthdays

Jaeli Snell	1 Jul		Wanda Reynolds	21 Jul
Justin Snell	2 Jul		Sharold Ferris	23 Jul
Brian Flaherty	3 Jul		Julie Ferris	26 Jul
Marty Montgomery	3 Jul		Anita Gray	27 Jul
Kenzie Kirby	5 Jul		Carla Kerske	27 Jul
			Hettie Keller	30 Jul



July Anniversaries

Sharold & Julie Ferris 8 July

THE PULPIT IN JULY

Bob Mullen will speak for us each Sunday in July. His lesson series

Navigating New Normals

Is scheduled as listed below:

- July 10—*Navigating Our Sadness*
- July 17—*Navigating our Fears*
- July 24—*Navigating our Anger*
- July 32—*Navigating our Happiness*



Invite your friends and family to hear this series with relevant topics that affect us all.

WHAT DEACONS ARE AND DO

PART 2.A

This is part 2 .B of a series of articles from the Christian Standard magazine shared by David Keller.

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SERVE THE WORD AND SERVE NEEDS

Deacons meet any needs that, if left unmet, might hinder the gospel (Acts 6:1). Where Jesus would serve, deacons go serve. There is great flexibility. Perhaps this was God's design. Deacons serve to meet needs so that the apostles (Acts 6) and overseers (1 Timothy 3:2) can effectively carry out their responsibility of teaching the Word. This is not to say deacons never proclaim the gospel or that elders never serve (see Stephen in Acts 7). However, deacons are not merely junior elders. Their role is complementary to the elders. This dual leadership ensures a holistic impact of the gospel in the community. Notice in Acts 6:7 that the appointment of deacons to meet a specific need led to the advancement of the Word. We should expect the same in our context.

I find it ironic that we call the primary preacher/teacher a minister (deacon) and then overwhelm him with both the tasks of preaching/teaching and with serving the various needs of the congregation. Can you see the problem? We have conflated the two roles and divorced them *both* from the elders and deacons. When this happens, everything is neglected on some level—healthy preaching of the Word and the various needs of the people. We have hired out the work to a few but stifled the discipleship of the many. As the apostles said in Acts 6:2, "It is not right. . . ."

APPOINT DEACONS TO A TASK, NOT A TITLE

No matter the title—deacons, ministers, ministry leaders, or servant leaders—deacons serve. Isn't every disciple called to serve? Yes! But deacons lead the way. It is a responsibility to not only meet needs, but to do so like Jesus. Do you think Jesus is more impressed by honorific titles or the example in serving others? Where Jesus would serve, deacons jump in and serve. Which tasks are deacons intended to do? What needs cause complaint or threaten a healthy teaching of the Word (Acts 6:1)? Which needs capture the heart of Jesus? Widows and orphans just might be a great place to start (see James 1:27; it is perhaps even more mission-centric than buildings and grounds). The genius of God's design is that this role is highly adaptable, transcending context or culture. Your church has a variety of needs that require someone to serve like Jesus. Deacons live out the gospel in a vast array of work clothes as they feed, visit, shovel, fix, clothe, plan, help, and counsel.

Make it official. In Acts 6:6, the apostles prayed and laid hands on those who would serve the Greek widows. Likewise, we are called to test for character, commission deacons to a task, and pray for them to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. If we have carried out our mission of making disciples, we should not have much difficulty identifying those who are authentic in their faith and ready to lead the way in serving others. If no one can be found, then perhaps it is time to make disciples.

Paul informed Timothy, "I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God" (1 Timothy 3:14-15). What an honor it is to serve in the household of God! I pray that this study is helpful to you and your church. May you be full of the Spirit and wisdom, holding the mystery of our faith with a clear conscience (Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:9). May the deacons among you serve well (1 Timothy 3:13).

*All Scripture verses are from the *English Standard Version*.

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News Tidbits

Directory Addition:

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Jonah Jewell's Address

Some members are still having mail returned that was sent to Jonah.

I asked John about it and was told to just let folks know they can send cards, notes, letters, etc., to Jonah through them in Nebraska. Then they will make sure it gets to him. John and Samantha's address is: (this info is also in the latest church directory)

John & Samantha Jewell
1125 E. 8th Street, Box 432
York, Nebraska 68467

Sermon Notes :

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today—July 10
Open	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Communion	Bill Jones
Prayer	Mike Lisle
Kids Church	Blair Montgomery Sarah Thompson
Reading	John Snell
Lesson/Sermon	Bob Mullen
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	July 17	July 24	July 31
Open	Robby Robertson	Curtis Thompson	Mike Lisle
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	Jonathan Dunson
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	Christian Lindsey	Curtis Dunson
Communion	David Keller	Tom Reynolds	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Johnny Box	Sharold Ferris	Tom Reynolds
Kids Church	David & Hettie Keller	Tracy Robertson Sherri Dunson	Sherry Jones Susan Flaherty
Reading	James Kreger	Jonathan Dunson	Samuel Flaherty
Lesson	Bob Mullen	Bob Mullen	Bob Mullen
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Robby Robertson	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation July: Anita Gray