



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
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- Facebook Group:** Westworth Church of Christ
- Trustees:** Curtis Dunson, Brian Flaherty,
Eric Kreger, Curtis Thompson

RETRO INSPIRATION

The article below is a re-use of an article from Tracy Robertson, first printed in the bulletin of June 24, 2018. Thank you, Wanda, for finding it among your 'treasures' and sharing it again. Thank you Tracy, for words to spur us all toward improved prayer lives.

Prayer Life

I'm going to be brutally honest here. I don't feel like I have the intimate prayer life I should. I fully believe in the power of prayer. I've seen miracles and answered prayers. So don't get me wrong I pray. I talk to God. I thank Him for blessings, I ask Him for healing—physical and spiritual—both for myself and others. I ask for forgiveness of my sins, I ask Him to guide our leaders and protect our military. I pray when friends ask. But it's usually in my head, not out loud. I'm so self-conscious when I try to pray out loud. It makes me think of the passage in Matthew 6 that instructs us to "not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others." Or the next verse that says "do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, they think they will be heard for their many words." I almost feel like I'm talking to an empty room, trying to put on a show when I pray out loud. I feel hypocritical because He seems so far away and unreachable to me. I hear others pray and I'm almost jealous. They seem to have a real relationship with God. I know I should feel close to Him. I know He's right there whenever I need Him. Then I sometimes think "Why would He even listen to me? I'm nobody important. I shouldn't bother Him." I mean He's GOD! All knowing, all powerful. What difference could my silly words make anyway?

So, I wondered how do I build a relationship with God? How do I move past this, how do I grow closer to Him? Ironically, the answer came to me while trying to teach someone else how to pray. My child. I want her to have the closeness I crave. I don't want her to miss out on that. I heard

myself telling her the other day to just talk to God. Just talk to Him like He's sitting right there next to her. I told her she doesn't have to recite a practiced rhyme, but to simply have a conversation like it was with me or her daddy. Because after all, God made all of us and He's our Father. He wants us to confide in Him so He can take care of us. She seemed to like that. And then it struck me—well hadn't I better take the log out of my own eye before trying to remove the splinter from hers? Physician Heal thyself!

So, I'm working on it. I'm praying—out loud with my child. We talk to God and I know He's listening. After all, He's my Father.

Pray for my journey please. And if you need me to pray for you, just ask. I'll be talking to Him.

Tracy Robertson

Another related note...

The spiritual discipline of Prayer has been the topic for the past couple of weeks in the women's virtual Bible Study on Thursday evenings. (The complete study will take us through 5 spiritual disciplines) These sessions provide fellowship and we learn from each other with our interpretations and confessions of shortcomings that are usually found to belong to more than one member of the group. It is never too late to join the group, just give Tracy your contact information and join in on Thursday evenings.

2 Corinthians 9:13-15

¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

MILESTONES

October Birthdays



Tony Kerske 10/4
 Christian Lindsey 10/8
 Betty Lane 10/12
 Jonah Jewell 10/16
 Caleb Dunson 10/17



Christi Kreger 10/19
 Curtis Dunson 10/23
 Randy Fetters 10/24
 Lily Kirby 10/31

October Anniversaries

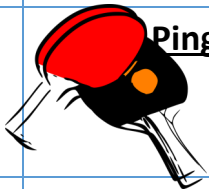
Doug & Tracy Robertson 10/24



IN OUR FUTURE

Mark your calendars now for the activities here at church that are in addition to Sunday services and the on-going studies listed on p 2.

TODAY— October 9	<p>Trustee’s Meeting following Sunday morning services. If you have suggestions or needs, please notify one of the Trustees prior to the meeting.</p>
October 16 - Next Week	<p>3rd Sunday fellowship lunch. This is always a fun time, with lots of good food and fellowship. Hope you plan to join the gathering.</p>
Saturday October 22	<p>Ping-Pong Tournament—Bring your favorite snack foods and plan for a fun night of fellowship and friendly competition.</p>
October 30	<p>5th Sunday fellowship lunch—Another opportunity to partake of good food and fellowship as we head into the holiday season. Bring your most ghoulish fare and join the fun.</p>



ON-GOING STUDIES

Westworth Tuesday Men's Group



Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday
TIME: 7:00-8:00 pm
CURRENT TOPIC: The Holy Spirit

Because several of this group are unavailable during September—the next meeting will be on **October 11**.

For more information, contact Tom Reynolds

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Each week @ 7pm—Activity Bldg.

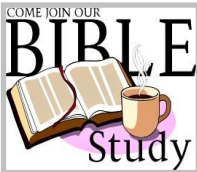
“What happened between Malachi and Matthew?”

“Did you ever wonder what God was doing during the time between the Old and New Testament. We know what He did during the Old Testament and New Testament. But, how did He prepare the world for the coming of His Son during the silent time. The time between the Testaments. Come to Wednesday night Bible Study and learn more about it. David Keller”



Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

Each week—6:30 pm via Google meet video conferencing.
All ladies are welcomed to join this additional opportunity for a time of fellowship and study.

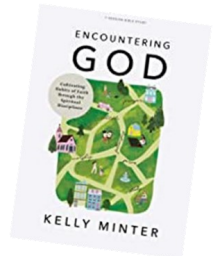


For more information contact Tracy Robertson.
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Current Study: Encountering God—

Cultivating Habits of Faith through the Spiritual Disciplines

by Kelly Minter



Directory Update: (in case you missed it last week)

Pat Straw—Phone: 682-404-9659 (cell) Please delete: 817-232-####

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—GOODNESS

Goodness, defined as “the quality of being morally good or virtuous,” manifests itself externally in the behavior of an individual. Goodness reflects the commitment to God and to sharing His love with others. Often we hear someone say, “God is good,” and the response of those around is “All the time.” This is a true statement. God is indeed good all the time. Unless your life reflects that goodness of God, you may be seen as unkind, bad, unloving, or other negative behaviors, even selfishness. Fill your life with God’s Word and let His goodness flow from your heart.

Generosity is one major part of goodness. It is unselfish and expresses itself through sharing. It extends to family and friends, strangers, and particularly those in need, and is offered not only as money, food and clothing, but also as time shared and assistance provided. In one’s life; this is often described as sharing your time, talent and treasure.

Jesus is our best example of what generosity looks like. While Jesus didn’t have much money, He was the most generous person who ever lived. Jesus listened, He healed, He taught, He led others and then He gave His life for all mankind.

So how can we show the kind of generosity that Jesus did? When we live by the Fruit of the Spirit everything we do is because we have the love of Jesus in us. Remember that everything that we own is first owned by God. So sure, give generously financially. But give your time to those who need someone to talk to. Make meals for those who are sick. Where you see a need, fill it. Most of all, be generous in sharing the Gospel, because that is the greatest need of all.

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TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Source: Jay Launius, Maud Church of Christ website, Maud, TX.

Match the Subject with the correct passage:

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| 1. Matthew 7:1-2 | Faith |
| 2. Colossians 3:16 | Good Works |
| 3. 2 Corinthians 9:7 | The Lord's Supper |
| 4. John 4:24 | Singing |
| 5. Galatians 3:38 | The Word |
| 6. Romans 10:17 | Judgement |
| 7. John 1:1 | Heaven |
| 8. 1 Corinthians 13:13 | Giving |
| 9. James 3:5-6 | The Tongue |
| 10. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | Baptism |
| 11. Revelation 21:4 | Worship |
| 12. Galatians 6:10 | Love |

1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for October: Curtis Thompson

	Date	Today—October 9, 2022
Open		Curtis Dunson
Usher		Bill Jones
Songs/Close		Samuel Flaherty
Prayer		Curtis Thompson
Communion		Max Lisle
Bible Story/ Kids Church		Curtis Dunson / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading		TBA
Lesson/Sermon		Kent Benfer
A/V		TBA

COMING WEEKS

Date	October 16	October 23	October 30
Open	Curtis Thompson	Eric Kreger	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Eric Kreger	Bill Jones	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Christian Lindsey	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson	Ernie Brawley
Communion	Mike Lisle	David Keller	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Eric Kreger/ David & Hettie Keller	Max Lisle / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Max Lisle	Marty Montgomery	Sharold Ferris
Lesson	Max Pratt	Mike Lisle	Collin Parker
A/V	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation October: Hettie Keller