

Westworth Church of Christ

The
Westworth
Word

*Worshiping
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WELCOME VISITORS Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord.

If you are looking for a supportive, Bible-based church family, we believe you have found it at Westworth. You are always welcome to be a part of the warmth and loving nature that is shown here. We have a place for you!

If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Any prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. You may hand it to any member, place it in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium or simply leave it in the pew for us.

During the service we will celebrate communion. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is our source of hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

Today from the Pulpit

Celebrating Spiritual Freedom

Scripture Reading: John 8:31-36



- Celebrating our Nation's Freedom
- Old Testament Symbolism
- New Testament is a Message of Freedom
 - Freedom from Oppression
 - Freedom to Rejoice

Celebrating our Independence

I was impressed decades ago by some Christian friends. I was out of the country on the Fourth of July. While on the mission field in Ukraine my brothers and sisters in Christ set up a Fourth of July celebration for their American visitors. They were mindful that we were not at home where we would celebrate the holiday. I remember their kindness to this day. How very thoughtful of them to think about us on that occasion.



It may have been their own recent independence that led to their thoughtfulness. They had become free from the Soviet Union only a few years prior. They may have been more keenly aware of the blessings in freedom than us who had been blessed to live with so many freedoms all our lives. Great changes, sweeping changes were happening in their country and their lives because of the new freedom. Some of it made for big challenges and hardship. Regardless, they were once again an independent people. That was so fresh in their minds. Our freedoms in the USA had spoiled us. Our celebrating independence together raised my awareness of its value. Today, I remember how their world has changed again. I long for those who blessed us, to be blessed with freedom once again.

In recent years I personally have become more aware of the cost of our freedom. I suspect that our freedoms are not as well protected as they have been in past generations. I have concerns over the loss of some freedoms that have made our nation great. These freedoms have made for blessed lives. I find myself more grateful than ever. Here we are again ready to celebrate this special day marking our nation's independence. And I am praying that we will have freedoms in the future we have today.

Every year I make the connection between our freedom as a nation and the freedom that is offered through Jesus and His Gospel. Spiritual freedom is such a blessing. It provides blessed lives for those who live under the freedom God gives in Christ Jesus. Salvation is about freedom from sin and its consequences. I would hope that as we celebrate this 4th of July, that we celebrate the blessed freedom found in Jesus.

If you are still in bondage to sin, Jesus wants to set you free. He is willing to give you the only freedom that lasts forever.

Max Pratt



Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. John 5:14

Our members, families and friends in need of prayer:

Sharold Ferris - has been diagnosed with an aneurism. The doctors are keeping an eye on it .

Lee Hall—continues to recover from hernia surgery on June 15.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle’s friend—her body is rejecting a double lung transplant done 5 years ago. **UPDATE:** nothing new—She is approved for transplant list on the condition of improvement in her weight and muscle.

Joyce Gray—Keep in your prayers for comfort as her health continues to decline.

Max, Juan and Ann—as they care for Joyce and her needs.

Floretta Hubbard—ongoing health concerns.

Bob & Betty Lane—Bob’s cognitive decline and Betty’s role as caregiver. Especially while Betty is still recovering from her broken arm.

Joyce Bennett—on-going health issues.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

♦ Gracie Rhyne ♦ Dennis McMillion ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Pat Straw

Please include:

- ♦ Church leadership—here and at all the Lord’s churches.
- ♦ Church growth here and worldwide.
- ♦ Leadership—pray for Godly leaders in all governments at all levels
- ♦ All parents—for guidance in all aspects of raising children.
- ♦ Disadvantaged students who may be food-insecure during the summer.
- ♦ All emergency and first responders who put themselves in harms way daily.

We are all encouraged to pray and to seek prayers for Christian needs and growth.

Please make your needs known.

Address Change:

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What we want you to know about Westworth Church of Christ

We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important message for everyone in the world. Christ's message of salvation is packed with blessings for individuals, families, and community. Our mission is to share His gospel.

Our message comes from the inspired word of God. We teach that we are all sinners, and need saving from our sins. We are not saved by our own goodness or merit, but by the grace of God through our faith and obedience to the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus came to be our savior.

We believe...

- Jesus is the Son of God (John 11:27).
- in the Gospel Invitation (Matthew 11:28-30).
- the confession of our faith leads to our salvation (Romans 10:9-11).
- Godly sorrow turns a person away from sin to living a righteous life (Luke 5:32, 2 Corinthians 7:10).
- Baptism is one's new birth; when we bury the sinful man and rise up into a new spiritual life (Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21-22).
- by living a faithful life God is glorified (Hebrews 13:15-16).

You are always welcome here. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about our beliefs please contact any member, call Max Pratt directly, or call the church office or to arrange time with him.

Leadership and Logistics

Minister:	Max Pratt— (325)718-9987
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Mark your calendars now

July 9—Trustee's Meeting

July 16—3rd Sunday Lunch

July 23



Earlier, it was stated “If all goes as planned...” - - IT HASN'T.

John and Samantha's visit (previously planned for July 16) has been moved to July 23.

Following services, everyone is invited to meet in the activity building and hear the latest about the work in Malawi. Much progress has been made. Hope you can stay to get the update. A baked potato bar will be provided so no worries about lunch.

July 30

July is one of the few months with 5 Sundays and with the Texas Summer heat in full 'bloom' it will be a good day to spend time indoors and enjoying the company of your Christian Brothers and Sisters - as well as lots of good food.

“Soon”

Plans are in work for an evening at the bowling alley in the near future. These events are always a great deal of fun for young and old alike.

Keep your eyes out for this 'always-fun' event.



...for your generosity toward the Southside Church of Christ weekly ministry of food distribution to those in need. We hope you will continue to keep items on your shopping list for this effort.

Another delivery will be made soon, so please bring your gifts as soon as possible.



STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group



All men of the congregation, friends, neighbors and family are invited to join the men's group on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month**. Currently they are looking at concepts and ideas in the book:

IN A PIT WITH A LION ON A SNOWY DAY by Mark Batterson

Next Meeting: ➔ July 18, 2023 ◀ 7pm, Activity Bldg.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—Activity Bldg.

June 21—2 Samuel

June 28 —The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 5

July 5—2 Samuel

July 12—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 6

July 19—2 Samuel

July 26—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 7

Aug 2—2 Samuel

Aug 9—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 8

These mid-week sessions help lift your spirits for the remainder of the week. Join these opportunities to grow and learn together.



Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study: (beginning 5/11/23)

Gideon—Your Weakness. God's Strength
by Priscilla Shirer

- All ladies are welcomed to join this group at any time.
- Learning and fellowship from the comfort of your own home.
- Book available from Amazon, Mardels, or Lifeway.



For information regarding access - web-site and passcode contact:

Tracy Robertson at

817-308-0554— or—snowgirlntx@yahoo.com

Celebrate

July Birthdays

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

July Anniversaries

Sharold & Julie Ferris

July 8



Brief inspirational programs by Max,
available 24/7 at the following link:

<https://momentsofinspiration.org>

COMMUNION & OFFERING

Today we resume the traditional method of serving communion each week—that is, we will be passing trays. For those who may still have concerns, a limited amount of disposable items will be available.

Also, in addition to PayPal, Zelle is an optional way of making your donations directly. Just use the church email:

westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net

2 Peter 2:19-20

¹⁹ They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” ²⁰ If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for July: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—July 2, 2023
Open	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Jim Allen
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Ernie Brawley
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	July 9	July 16	July 23
Open	Brian Flaherty	Randy Fетters	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Bill Jones	David Keller	Tom Reynolds
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Randy Fетters Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	John Snell	Cooper Thompson	Jim Allen
Lesson	Max Pratt	Bob Mullen	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty	TBD	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation July: Anita Gray