Vol. LXX, No. 28 Sunday, July 9, 2023



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

The Promised Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-18 & 23-27

- The Last Passover
- "I will not leave you as orphans"
- "Blessed Assurance"
- The Day of Pentecost

Exciting Expectation

I can still remember the excitement I had on the day our family would leave home on our vacation. Almost every year we would make the trek from Amarillo to Indiana. It was a 1100-mile journey. It was usually in August so we could have family reunions. It was always hot. Our cars didn't have air conditioning. But the excitement of the journey filled my mind with all the expectations of what we might see and do on it.

I am mindful of this Scripture: "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us." Rom. 5:1-5

Hope will not disappoint. Before we ever make the journey to heaven, we live with hearts filled with the expectation of the glory that is to be revealed. The expectation of what God has promised gives us joy. Before we ever pulled out of our driveway the expectation of what was ahead was a real presence. The Christian life is to be one where the expectation of what is coming is always present.

I don't know of a time in my life when the news was ever as bad as it is today. There are so many folks hurting. Physical storms have disturbed and destroyed lives. The evil political and moral storms have done much more damage to our nation. Even amid all the turmoil our hope in the Lord Jesus Christ lifts us up. Jesus promises what lies ahead removes us from all the storms.

I pray you have this hope. If not, you are invited to join in the journey with great expectations. Facing death itself, the apostle Paul writes: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing." Il Tim. 4:7-8



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:

Tom Flaherty—Brian's Dad. Tom was hospitalized last week because of difficulty breathing after his recent heart valve replacement. Plans are to place him in a rehab facility soon. Please pray for healing and strength.

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

Lee and Jane Hall—Lee continues to recover from hernia surgery on June 15. Jane had a biopsy last week for possible skin cancer.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—UPDATE: Jessica was placed on life support but the latest report is that she is back breathing on her on and is up and walking. Additionally, she has been placed back on the transplant list. Please continue to pray for this family and these extreme health needs.

Joyce Gray—experienced another hard fall this week.

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.
- ♦ The children of our congregation and around the world.
- ♦ 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.

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.

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Mark your calendars now

July 9—Trustee's Meeting—TODAY

July 11—The delivery of food items to Southside Church of Christ to help with their food distribution ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity toward this good work.



July 15—Let's go bowling again! Cowtown Bowling Lanes.



Adults and Children meet prior to 5pm (to get the discounted rate). After the thrills of the crashing pins, back to the activity building for food and fellowship.

July 16—3rd Sunday Lunch—bring your family and friends to enjoy a fellowship meal following services.

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 to enjoy a baked potato bar (lunch) and hear the latest about the work in Malawi. Much progress has been made. Hope you can stay to get the update.

July 30— 5th Sunday Lunch

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.

Address Change:

Dennis McMillion c/o Sandra's Place 8624 Rainy Lake Drive Ft. Worth, TX 76244

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.

July 12—2 Samuel July 19—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 6
July 26—2 Samuel Aug 2—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 7

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



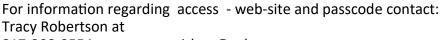
Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

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.



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July 30

July Birthdays



July 23 Jaeli Snell **Sharold Ferris** July 1 **Justin Snell** July 2 Julie Ferris July 26 **Brian Flaherty** July 3 July 27 Ann Grav Marty Montgomery July 3 **Juan Pratt** July 27 Carla Kerske Kenzie Kirby July 5 July 27



Wanda Reynolds

July Anniversaries

Sharold & Julie Ferris

July 21

July 8

Hettie Keller



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

https://momentsofinspiration.org

A few *MOI* quarterly reports are available in the front foyer. Pick up one for more info.

COMMUNION & OFFERING

We have returned to 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 are available.

Also, Zelle has been added as an optional way of making your donations directly to the church. Just use the church email:

westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net

Romans 5:5

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date Today—July 9, 2023 Trustee in charge for July: Curtis Dunson **Brian Flaherty** Open Usher **Curtis Thompson** Songs/Close **Eric Kreger** Mike Lisle Prayer **Bill Jones** Communion Brian Flaherty / **Bible Story Kids Church Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones** John Snell Reading **Max Pratt** Lesson A/V **Christi Kreger**

COMING WEEKS

Date	July 16	July 23	July 30
Open	Randy Fetters	Curtis Thompson	Mike Lisle
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	Jonathan Dunson
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Johnny Box	Sharold Ferris	Tom Reynolds
Communion	David Keller	Tom Reynolds	Eric Kreger
Bible Story Kids Church	Randy Fetters Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thomp-	No Children's church on 5th Sunday
Reading	Cooper Thompson	Jim Allen	Samuel Flaherty
Lesson	Bob Mullen	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	TBD	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation July: Anita Gray