

The Westworth Word



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



A Visit to the Mount of Transfiguration

Speaker—Max Pratt

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

I Won't Back Down

After lunch Sunday, my daughter Sherri sent a text which included a link to a song. (I finally figured out how to get the volume up so I could listen.) Her message was that on her drive home the song "I Won't Back Down" came on her car radio and it fit well with the morning sermon. It did. My message was standing firm upon the teachings of Jesus, holding to our faith in Him, not letting false teachings disrupt our devotion to the Lord, resisting Satan and not letting the opposition of the world influence us.

I thought about how many songs are heard that contradiction everything that our faith upholds as right.

So many messages, not just music, can be heard today that speak against our faith in Christ and His Word. There must be a commitment to 'Not Back Down' from our confession of faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior-to fulfill the Biblical instruction: *"Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves full to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."* I Cor. 15:58.

We are faced with the pressures of society to accept, compromise, tolerate and approve the ungodly deeds of the flesh. To counteract the devil's evil schemes, we should saturate ourselves in the Word. Found in God's revealed Will we have everything we need for spiritual life and godliness. As the apostle Paul wrote: *"Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power". Eph. 6:10.*

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." Psalms 1:1-3.

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



Members, families and friends in need of prayer:

David Burris—was released from the hospital while he awaits scheduling additional surgery to address the issues he is currently experiencing associated with past surgeries. Please continue to pray for David, Tracy & Richard.

Tom Flaherty—Brian's Dad. **UPDATE:** Tom was to be released from the rehab facility on Friday, July 21, although he has not experienced a lot of improvement at the time. Brian plans a trip to see his dad very soon. Please continue to pray for healing and strength.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—**UPDATE:** Jessica's second lung transplant has been very difficult. As of Monday, 7/24, She is fully awake and alert and in much pain. She has had additional surgeries this week to address issues that have developed, but she is now in 'recovery' phase. There is still a long way to go for complete recovery, so please continue to pray for Jessica and her family.

Nathan Keller - returned from Malawi this week. We hope to hear an update from him today after lunch.

Lee Hall —**UPDATE:** went back to the doctor this week and learned he has gastroparesis, low potassium and is dehydrated. He was given meds to address these issues and is showing some improvement

Joyce Gray—cognitive and physical decline.

Max, Juan and Ann—as they care for Joyce and her needs. Especially pray for Juan as she is experiencing severe pain caused by sciatica.

Floretta Hubbard—ongoing health concerns.

Sharold Ferris—aneurism. Condition monitored by doctors.

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—took another fall lately but no hospitalization or injury.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

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

Please include prayers for guidance and wisdom about:

...Church growth and leadership; Civil leadership; all parents as they raise their children; all children as they grow up in this challenging world; children, teachers, administrators and staff as the new school year is about to begin.

Please make your needs known.

Activities to note

July 30— TODAY

5th Sunday Lunch & “Singing” at Southside CoC

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.

— AND —

We have been invited to join Southside Church of Christ for a “Singing” at 3pm. What a great way to complete a day of worship and fellowship. Hope many of you will include this in your schedule for the day.



August 20—Third Sunday Lunch

Potluck Dinner



Let’s make the most of this busy time as a new school year begins and enjoy our regular 3rd Sunday fellowship meal.

Soon—

Everyone who wants to will be able to have a *“Words of Wisdom”* sign for their front yard—like the ones Max displays beside his driveway. You will be able to make a choice swap out occasionally for a different sign. The signs are “in work” and expect to have them available very soon.

Rejoice

We learned last week that Kenzie Kirby—while attending a church camp with friends recently—made the awesome decision and was baptized into Christ.

Please pray for Kenzie that her faith will grow and mature in the Lord.



STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)



The new study:

The Apostle Peter—his life & ministry
All are invited to join us in this research. Come share your knowledge. Help us learn from Peter's life how we can better serve God.

Next Meeting: ➔ Aug 1, 2023 ⬅ 7pm, Activity Bldg.

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

July 26 —2 Samuel

Aug 2—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 7

August 9—2 Samuel

Aug 16—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:

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 Birthday—last one

Hettie Keller July 30 (*Today*)

August Birthdays

Debbie Simco	Aug 4	Kaytlyne Kirby	Aug 12
Halleigh Robertson	Aug 7	Hannah Corder	Aug 17
Sherry Yates	Aug 9	Jonathan Dunson	Aug 20
Floretta Hubbard	Aug 12	Jewlianna Snell	Aug 20

August Anniversaries

David & Hettie Keller	Aug 2
Randy & Stacy Feters	Aug 12
Ruston & Kaytlyne Kirby	Aug 16
Curtis & Sarah Thompson	Aug 27



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

<https://momentsofinspiration.org>

Side note: This week, Max received an email response from a MOI listener in China. The listener requested a “paper ‘QSL’”. We both scratched our heads and good ‘ol Google provided what we believe was the answer— “confirmation”. Never let it be said that Max and I are too old to learn something new. 😊

Hebrews 3:15-15

¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵ As has just been said:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—July 30, 2023
Open	Mike Lisle
Usher	Jonathan Dunson
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Tom Reynolds
Communion	Eric Kreger
Bible Story Kids Church	<i>No Children's church on 5th Sunday</i>
Reading	Samuel Flaherty
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Aug 6	Aug 13	August 20
Open	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson	Randy Fetters
Usher	Curtis Thompson	Eric Kreger	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Samuel Flaherty	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Mike Lisle	Max Lisle	Johnny Box
Communion	Bill Jones	Tom Reynolds	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty/ David & Hettie Keller	Curtis Dunson Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Max Lisle Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	John Snell	Jim Allen	Wayne Kreger
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	TBD	Christi Kreger	TBD

Communion Preparation August:

Donna Simco

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

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