

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



Holy and Pleasing Sacrifices

Speaker—Max Pratt

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:2-7

Additional scripture references:

* *Romans 12:1-2*

* *Luke 9:23*

* *Luke:21:1-4*

WRITTEN UPON THE HEART

"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." Psalms 1:1-2

It has been almost forty years ago when one good and faithful man of God would ask my son a question. The usual time was before the worship service would begin. The arrangement at the time was for Mark to turn the main lights on just a few minutes before the service would start. So while he stood near the foyer, Bro. Stanley would very often ask him to quote a scripture. Bro. Ira, over the years, had worked on storing to memory many verses. He was encouraging the same with Mark. One of the main scriptures was Romans 12:1-2. If you do not have it tucked away in your memory bank it is a good one to keep in mind:

"I urge you brother, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God ---this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is---His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Whether or not we can quote scriptures rather than reading them from the Good Book, the truths we find written and preserved for our spiritual wellbeing need to be found in our thoughts. If it is there we have the guidance in God's will. If we know His will then we can surrender ourselves as the living sacrifice, chosen by God to offer up His praise. How much and how often are we writing God's Word upon our hearts? The righteous man of Psalms 1 made it a exercise for day and night.

Check out Deut. 6:4-9

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—UPDATE: David's surgery has been scheduled for August 24. In the meantime, he is at home with extremely limited activity. Please continue to pray for David, Tracy & Richard.

Tom Flaherty—Brian's Dad. UPDATE: Tom's condition is little improved. Brian and Susan have made the trip to Illinois to visit with his dad. Please pray for improvement for Tom and safe travels for Brian and Susan.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—UPDATE: As of 8/2 she has no additional surgeries scheduled. A big challenge for her now is mentally—she is experiencing "ICU delirium". She cries most of the time when awake and is in terrible pain the doctors can't seem to control. She has someone with her 24/7 because she is unable to call for help on her own because of muscle atrophy. There is still hope, but a long way to go for complete recovery, so please continue to pray for Jessica and her family.

Theo Hollars—Debbie Highfill's nephew—in Harris downtown after suffering heat exhaustion on the job. His bloodwork revealed "thick" blood and Harris has doctors with expertise to treat the condition.

Lee Hall —UPDATE: after recently receiving meds to address low potassium and gastroparesis Lee is showing marked improvement.

Joyce Gray—cognitive and physical decline.

Max, Juan and Ann—as they care for Joyce and her needs. Juan is taking chiropractic treatments for her sciatica with limited improvement so far.

Floretta Hubbard—congestive heart failure and COPD.

Sharold Ferris—aneurism. In Dallas today for follow up at the imaging center there.

Bob & Betty Lane—Bob's cognitive decline and Betty's role as caregiver.

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; children, teachers, administrators and staff as the new school year begins.

Please make your needs known.

Activities to note

August is a relatively quiet month—unless you have school-age children or work at a school of course.

August 8 — The next scheduled delivery of food items to Southside Church of Christ for their food pantry/distribution. That is next Tuesday. You may bring your items to the church up until Tuesday morning, 10am. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated and so many people are blessed by your kindness.



August 20 — Third Sunday Lunch

Let's make the most of this busy time as a new school year begins and enjoy our regular 3rd Sunday fellowship meal. Hopefully our "heat dome" is subsiding by then, but let's make it easy and cool.



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.

[*"Soon" is surely getting closer, don't you think?*]

Rejoice

We learned that on July 12, Kenzie Kirby—while attending a church camp with friends—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 15, 2023 ← 7pm, Activity Bldg.

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

August 9—2 Samuel

August 16—The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 8

August 23—2 Samuel

August 30—TBA

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—snowgirlIntx@yahoo.com



Celebrate



August Birthdays

Debbie Simco	Aug 4	Kaytlyne Kirby	Aug 12
Halleigh Robertson	Aug 7	Hannah Corder	Aug 17
Lillie Rollins	Aug 8	Jonathan Dunson	Aug 20
Sherry Yates	Aug 9	Jewlianna Snell	Aug 20
Floretta Hubbard	Aug 12		

August Anniversaries

David & Hettie Keller	Aug 2
Randy & Stacy Fetters	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>



Please continue to keep Southside Church of Christ food pantry on your shopping list. Your generosity and consideration of this work provides a blessing to all those who are served by the food distribution done at Southside. The next delivery will be on Tuesday.

1 Timothy 6:11-12

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—August 6, 2023
Open	TBD
Usher	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Mike Lisle
Communion	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	TBD / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	TBD

COMING WEEKS

Date	Aug 13	August 20	August 27
Open	Curtis Thompson	Randy Feters	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Eric Kreger	Brian Flaherty	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Max Lisle	Johnny Box	Tom Reynolds
Communion	Tom Reynolds	Bill Jones	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Max Lisle Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Mike Lisle David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Jim Allen	Wayne Kreger	Ernie Brawley
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

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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