

## 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.

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### Today from the Pulpit



### *A Shepherd Boy Anointed King*

*Speaker—Max Pratt*

**Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 16 & 17**

**Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-2 & 8-13**

***What is in the Heart***

## CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

*As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near'. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."*  
*Matt. 10:7-8*

Jesus gave those instructions to His apostles sending them out with the news about the coming kingdom. They were to bless the people through the powers they received. Later, when the apostles returned from their going from place to place, they reported how they had touched the lives of many people. Jesus taught His disciples to show compassion. Many Scriptures record the compassionate acts of Jesus, and the apostle John says that there were so much more that was not written down.

The nature of the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't fit well in our culture today. Contemporary America isn't set up to promote mutuality, care, or common life. Rather it is designed to maximize individual accomplishment. Perhaps we can attribute the breakdown of human relationships today to this self-centered approach to living. Then, there is also the lack of value for human life. The explosion of events that take human life is evidence that people do not care about other people. This is what has happened: people love things and use people instead of using things and loving people.

While Jesus was busy in His ministry work, He stopped to heal the blind man. When Jesus saw the widow walking to the grave of her only son, He stopped and raised her son to life. The ten lepers cried out for help and Jesus cleansed them. When the crowds were tired and hungry, Jesus fed them with the fish and bread. The penitent thief dying on a cross next to Jesus pleaded for mercy. Jesus gave the dying man the grace he needed.

Jesus has called His followers to live in a community of faith. The church is God's family where the saved share in a common faith and love. Helping one another shows the compassion of Christ. It is a community thing, not an individual accomplishment.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*  
*Luke 6:38*

*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 who have requested prayer:***

**David Burris—UPDATE:** Last Week David was moved to UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Surgery was performed on Wednesday and they expect at least a 1-week hospital stay. Please continue to pray for David, Tracy & Richard.

**Tom Flaherty—Brian's Dad. UPDATE:** Brian and Susan returned from a visit with Tom in Illinois. At the time of printing, I did not have an update. Please check with Brian for a current report on Tom's condition.

**Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—UPDATE:** Jessica has had several additional surgeries to address one issue or another. The doctors have had to reopen her chest which they had been avoiding. On Wednesday she was once again put into an induced coma to give her body rest. Seem to be back at 'square one' with more surgeries pending. Please continue to pray for an end to her suffering and for God's will to be done.

**Theo Hollars—Debbie Highfill's nephew—Debbie reports Theo is "good" now and went home.**

**Lee Hall —UPDATE:** Lee is greatly improved with his new medications, and felt well enough to take a trip last weekend to a family reunion.

**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. Awaiting results from latest image done on 8/6.**

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

**Joyce Bennett—took another fall lately but no hospitalization or injury.**

**Rain—please include a prayer for rain—soon—and trusting that it will be God's timing.**

**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 known your prayer needs.**

## Activities to note

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

### **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.



**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**10 VERSES TO PRAY OVER YOUR KIDS AS THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL**

1. EPHESIANS 4:32 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM BE KIND.
2. JOSHUA 1:9 – PRAISE GOD FOR ALWAYS BEING WITH THEM.
3. PROVERBS 10:9 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM WALK IN INTEGRITY THIS YEAR.
4. PSALM 56:3 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.
5. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM NOT WORRY.
6. LUKE 2:52 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM GROW THIS YEAR.
7. PROVERBS 17:17 – PRAY FOR THEIR FRIENDS.
8. COLOSSIANS 3:23 – ASK GOD TO HELP THEM WORK HARD.
9. JAMES 1:5 – ASK GOD TO GIVE THEM WISDOM.
10. PHILIPPIANS 4:12 – PRAY FOR THEIR CONTENTMENT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

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## 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—snowgirlntx@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 shop-  
ping list. Your generosity  
and consideration  
of this work pro-

vides a blessing to all those who are served by the food distribu-  
tion done at Southside, as well as the blessing we receive when  
we freely give.



### **Titus 3:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of  
God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved  
us, not because of righteous things we had done, but be-  
cause of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of re-  
birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out  
on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that,  
having been justified by his grace, we might become  
heirs having the hope of eternal life.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Eric Kreger

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—August 13, 2023</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Samuel Flaherty</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson Susan Flaherty &amp; Sherry Jones</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Jim Allen</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>September 3</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Randy Feters</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>	
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Max Lisle Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>	<b>Mike Lisle David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Wayne Kreger</b>	<b>Ernie Brawley</b>	
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>	

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.

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### Leadership and Logistics

<b>Minister:</b>	Max Pratt— (325)718-9987
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