

## 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

***Credited as Righteousness***

***Speaker—Max Pratt***

**Reading: Romans 4:3-8 & 18-25**

***Abraham's Faith***

***Whoever Believes***

# DO NOT BE WISE IN YOUR OWN EYES

## *Proverbs 3:7*

*I found this article in the newsletter from the Muleshoe congregation written this month by their minister, Curtis Shelburne. I think it is well-worth the reading.*

Max

“C.S. Lewis is the one, I think, who coined the term “Chronological snobbery”. We are so easily—at all times and never more than now—tempted to think that increasing knowledge and information and technological advances means that we are wiser than those in all preceding ages. Really?

Oh, I love technology (and cool gadgets). I love being able to access incredible information at the click of a few keys. But wisdom is not dependent in the least upon technology, and burgeoning levels of information are no evidence at all of any increase in wisdom.

I may be afflicted with chronological snobbery in reverse. I can’t imagine how we can be such fools. Even ancient pagans foolishly worshipping rocks and carved pieces of wood were “wise” enough to worship something outside of themselves. How many of us today breathe God’s air, live on His spinning world, “thank” Him by doubting, denying, or laughing at His existence, and crown our idiocy by worshipping ourselves? In our arrogance, we seem to think that everything from our gender to the multiplication tables, to whether up is up or down is down, depends on our mood or the latest opinion poll. After all, it’s 2023, and technology and information abound. Are we wiser than all who’ve come before us?

No, we’re not. I wonder if any society has ever been so foolish. The apostle Paul pointed to the cross and told the truth that “even the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom” (I Cor. 1:25). Still true. Always true.

*Curtis Shelburne*

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 requesting prayer:***

**Ernie Brawley**—Cataract surgery on Tuesday 8/15. He reports all went well but finds the eye-drop regimen to be a challenge.

**David Burris**—**UPDATE:** On Tuesday, 8/15, David was released from the hospital and is at home. No word on what his 'next steps' may be. Please continue to pray for David, Tracy & Richard.

**Tom Flaherty**—Brian's Dad. **UPDATE:** He is very weak and using assistance to move about. Tom is on at home dialysis and after some issues were resolved with the machine disturbing his sleep, the hope is he can gain some strength and energy.

**Jessica Gunnels**—Sarah Lisle's friend—**UPDATE:** Sarah spent Sunday afternoon (8/13) with Jessica. She is making slow progress with limited time on breathing exercises. Still a long way to go but the doctors are hopeful there will be no further need of surgeries and that they can now focus on recovery. Please continue to pray for her comfort and improved condition.

**Lee Hall** —**UPDATE:** Lee is making good progress to his return to "normal" and regular activities.

**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. After unexpected cancellation of last VA appointment, he is not planning to follow up with his primary care physician.

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

**Joyce Bennett**—had a conversation with Joyce on Friday, 8/11. She is unable to drive and depends on Tommy to help her get around. She would greatly appreciate calls from Christian brothers and sisters.

**Rain**—please include prayers for rain.

**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 progresses.

**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—TODAY — Third Sunday Lunch



Hope everyone—and especially our visitors— will stay and enjoy this time of fellowship and good food.



### Jesus Taught About God's Love Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

#### Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

14 9 3 15 4 5 13 21 19

12 15 22 5

20 5 19 20 9 13 15 14 25

19 16 9 18 9 20

5 20 5 18 14 1 12

12 9 6 5

For God so loved the world that he gave

8 9 19 15 14 12 25 19 15 14

Needamus John 3



## STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

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



Current 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: →Sept 5, 2023 ←7pm, Activity Bldg.**

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

Wednesday night studies will continue the book of 2 Samuel. Watch this space for *"What's Next"* on Wednesday evenings.



*No matter the materials used, these mid-week sessions can help lift your spirits for the remainder of the week. You are always encouraged to join these opportunities to grow and learn.*

### 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**

For information regarding materials and 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	<b>Jonathan Dunson</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>
Sherry Yates	Aug 9	<b>Jewlianna Snell</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>
Floretta Hubbard	Aug 12		

## 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>



Thank you for Your generosity and consideration of Southside Church of Christ food pantry. Please continue to keep this work on your shopping list,



it provides a blessing to those in need who are served by the food distribution done at Southside.

Freely you have received; freely give. - Matthew 10:8

### Ephesians 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Eric Kreger

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—August 20, 2023</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Randy Feters</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Max Lisle Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Wayne Kreger</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>September 3</b>	<b>September 10</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	<b>Dunson, Curtis</b>	<b>Kreger, Eric</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	<b>Kreger, Eric</b>	<b>Flaherty, Samuel</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>	<b>Allen, Jim</b>	<b>Thompson, Curtis</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>	<b>Box, Johnny</b>	<b>Lisle, Max</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Mike Lisle David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson / Blair Montgomery &amp; Sarah Thompson</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty &amp; Sherry Jones</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Ernie Brawley</b>	<b>Flaherty, Samuel</b>	<b>Kreger, Wayne</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>	<b>Sherry Yates</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>

Communion Preparation September: Wanda Reynolds

## 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

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