

THE WESTWORTH WORD

*Worshiping
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**Westworth
Church of Christ**

Please pray for rain!

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

Confession of Faith

Basic Christianity—Pt. 2

Speaker—Max Pratt

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

An acknowledgement of Jesus

A confession of sin

GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE IN THE BIBLE

While reading an article entitled, “Can We Trust the Bible?” by my good preaching brother, Scott Gage, he reminded me why we can believe in the Bible. Many have and continue to discount the Bible as true. Some claim that it is just myths and legends. Unbelievers scoff at the recorded miracles found in it. Critics have tried for centuries upon centuries to not only discredit it but to also destroy it. However, the Bible has continued to be a beloved book, held to be the Word of God.

Let me share some of the evidence regarding the accuracy of the Bible in comparison to other ancient manuscripts. In his article, Bro. Gage shared a chart on Manuscript Evidence for Ancient Writings. Manuscript evidence is not the only resource confirming the Bible to be an accurate representation of truth. History, Science and Archaeology also add to evidence that the Bible is true.

Back to the manuscripts. The New Testament was written from 40-100 A.D. There are no copies of the original manuscripts that have been discovered. But the earliest fragment of copies are between 25 to 50 years from the original writing. There are 24,000 New Testament fragments and or copies. Compare that to the writings of Plato who wrote between 427-347 B.C. The earliest fragments/copy of Plato dates at 900 A.D. That is a span of 1,200 years and there are only 7 manuscripts. How about Homer (Iliad)? It was written in 900 B.C. The earliest fragment or copy is 500 years old dating to 400 B.C. There are only 643 in number. The Bible isn't just an old, outdated book; it is the Book of Life! Believe this:

***“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”
(II Tim. 3:16-17).***

What did Jesus say?

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matt. 24:35).

Max

What's Happening

Today, following services—Ladies Prayer Group— The ladies prayer group will meet in the activity building following services. All ladies are welcomed and encouraged to join. If anyone has a request to include, please just let one of the ladies know. It is an honor to include the needs of all members in this time of prayer, and to add it to our ongoing prayer list.

September 4—Labor Day—The ‘unofficial’ end of summer. Now if we can just get a break from the drought and heat.

September 10—Trustee’s meeting

September 12—Next scheduled delivery of food items to Southside Church of Christ. Thank you for your continued generosity. All you have to do is shop for your families’ groceries to understand why this need continues to grow.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Gal 6:9

September 17—Regular 3rd Sunday Lunch. Aren’t you glad we do this on a regular basis. What a blessing these times of fellowship are!



W-o-W—For those interested in participating in this project by having a “**Words of Wisdom**” sign for your yard, more should be available soon.



September 23—First Day of Fall—autumnal equinox—the ACTUAL end of summer. Hope we see some decline in the daily temperatures by then.

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



Known Prayer needs and requests:

Wayne Kreger—Wayne took a fall earlier this week and spent the night at Harris Southwest to treat and observe the knee that was injured. At the time of this writing (Wednesday) he expected to be released before the end of the day. He feels he will be fine at home.

Ernie Brawley—Continues his recovery from cataract surgery on 8/15.

David Burris—**UPDATE:** David is still at home recovering from his recent surgery. His follow-up appointment was this past week. No word on what his 'next steps' may be. Please continue to pray for David, Tracy & Richard.

Tom Flaherty—Brian's Dad. Tom is on home dialysis and experiencing weakness, requiring assistance to walk when he is up and about. Please continue to pray for healing and improved strength and mobility.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend—**UPDATE:** Jessica is making slow progress. She is still fighting infections but is improving in her ability to breathe up to 2 hours twice daily with her ventilator lowered. ICU delirium is an issue sporadically. They are thankful for some improvement and asked continued prayers for her comfort and healing.

Joyce Gray—cognitive and physical decline. Also please pray for success in finding the right home-health caregiver to allow time away for the family members.

Max, Juan and Ann—as they care for Joyce and her needs. Juan continues chiropractic treatments for her sciatica with some gradual improvement.

Floretta Hubbard—congestive heart failure and COPD. Is out only occasionally for doctors or other health needs.

Sharold Ferris—On 8/21 Julie reported that Sharold's second leg ablation went well. He is on restriction for 7 days and must wear "thigh-highs" for 30 days. Please continue prayers for Sharold's overall health.

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

Joyce Bennett—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 pray for rain and improved weather conditions as we approach the change of seasons.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

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

Please include prayers for :

- **Church growth and leadership**—pray for God’s guidance and blessings on efforts to grow the Lord’s church. Pray for wisdom for our leaders.
- **Civil leadership** - pray for upright leaders at all levels of government.
- **Parents**—pray for God’s guidance and blessing for parents as families strive to navigate these turbulent times
- School teachers, administrators and staff as the new school year progresses.

Please make known your prayer needs.

Celebrate



September Birthdays

Joyce Bennett	Sept 16	Jane Whitley	Sept 19
Brodie Kirby	Sept 17	Jessica Snell	Sept 26
James Kreger	Sept 19	Stacy Feters	Sept 26
Quinn Montgomery	Sept 19	D’Ann Bristol	Sept 30

August Anniversaries

Curtis & Sarah Thompson Aug 27



I have no September anniversaries on my file. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

Thanks, Sherry

Romans 12:9-11

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.



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

<https://momentsofinspiration.org>

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 continue the book of 2 Samuel.



Everyone is welcome. 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. Hope you feel 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:

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for September: Curtis Thompson

Date	Today—August 27, 2023
Open	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Tom Reynolds
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Mike Lisle David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Ernie Brawley
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	September 3	September 10	September 17
Open	Curtis Thompson	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Samuel Flaherty	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Jim Allen	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty
Communion	Johnny Box	Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Max Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	Samuel Flaherty	Wayne Kreger	Bill Jones
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates	Christi Kreger	Randy Feters

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.

Leadership and Logistics

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