

# THE WESTWORTH WORD

*Offer  
prayers  
of  
thanks  
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rain !*



*Worshiping  
Serving  
Fellowshipping*

**Westworth  
Church of Christ**

**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

### *Faithful Followers*

*Basic Christianity—Pt. 5*

*Speaker—Max Pratt*



**Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 & 2 Timothy 3:10-17**

### *Living the New Life in Christ*

- **Acts 20:27**
- **Col 1:24-28**
- **Eph 2:10**
- **Rom 6:4**
- **Rom 12 & 13**

## COMMONSENSE FAITH

*“One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, He was being carefully watched. There in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy. Jesus asked, ‘Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?’ But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, He healed him and sent him away. Then Jesus asked them, ‘If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?’ And they had nothing to say.” Luke 14:1-6*

Several recorded scenes in Christ’s ministry address this subject of healing on the Sabbath. Jesus and His disciples were often questioned and accused of breaking the Sabbath Day Laws. The problem as is stated elsewhere in the Gospel was the traditions that had been passed down. Jesus taught: ***“The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” (Mark 2:27)*** God intended by making the Sabbath Day holy was to bless mankind. The Pharisees of Jesus day had made such traditional rulings and rabbinic interpretations of the law that burdens were placed upon the people rather than the blessings.

Our religious practices should always honor God’s Will. Jesus teaches us to use common sense in applying the Will of God. The parable of the ‘Good Samaritan’ that Jesus shared with a teacher of the law. recorded in ***(Luke 10)*** tells of religious folks (a Priest & Levite) who ignored the wounded man in the ditch. The man needed help. These two religious leaders and servants of the Lord failed to obey the second most important command found in the Law of Moses, ***“Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Lev. 19:18, Mark 12:31)*** But the Samaritan who came along stopped and rendered aid. This foreigner hated and despised by Jews because of national, racial and spiritual distinctions did God’s will. He kept the law of God. The Lord instructed this teacher to, ***“Go and do likewise”.***

A commonsense faith is one that honors the teachings of Christ and makes its application appropriate to meet the needs of mankind. Hate sin! But love the sinner. Sinners need saving, not condemnation. ***(Luke 15).***

# What's Happening

**September 17—TODAY** —Regular 3rd Sunday Lunch.

Aren't you glad we do this on a regular basis. Hope you plan to stay today and enjoy this fellowship with lots of good food.



**September 20—New Wednesday Night Bible Study—**

“Do you realize we have misconceptions about the things we read in the Bible? For example, I was taught that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute (Luke 7:36-50). But this idea was first advocated in A.D. 591 by Pope Gregory 1<sup>st</sup>. Before that Mary Magdalene's reputation was only honorable. Come to Bible Study beginning September 20 and discover and discuss surprising facts about Church History you may not have known. “

*David Keller*

**September 23**—First Day of Fall—autumnal equinox—



the ACTUAL end of summer. Hope the recent decline in the daily temperatures continues... at least to a certain level.

**W-o-W**—making an impact. “**Words of Wisdom**” signs have been noticed by Westworth Village officials. At a meeting this week, Ann was approached and asked about the signs and she had the opportunity to explain the Words of Wisdom project. Never underestimate the good that can be done with a simple method. **DO YOU HAVE YOUR SIGN YET?**



## Ukrainian Change Cans...

Are available once again.

Take one home and begin to fill it with your 'spare change' -or even spare currency, I'm sure they won't mind.



The funds collected through this campaign go directly to the efforts in the

Ukraine which is currently needed more than ever. Return the cans when full ... or in December, whichever comes first. For more information contact Sherri or Curtis Dunson.

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:***

**David Burris—UPDATE:** David is still at home recovering from his recent surgery. Still waiting for words from doctors about next steps. Please continue to pray for David and Tracy and family.

**Tom Flaherty—**Brian's Dad. Tom's condition is not improving and his wife reports some additional issues have presented. Please continue to pray for Tom for healing and improved strength and mobility.

**Jessica Gunnels—**Sarah Lisle's friend—**UPDATE:** Sarah has been able to sit with Jessica a couple of times recently. The family reports they feel they are "inching forward" and they send thanks for the continued prayers. Some improvements this week: Her need for dialysis has been reduced, natural elimination improved, and one of 2 needed surgeries is behind her. Please continue your prayers for Jessica and her family.

**Joyce Gray—**cognitive and physical decline.

**Max, Juan and Ann—**as they care for Joyce and her needs. Juan's arthritis has begun to be an issue again. They anticipate a trip to get special treatment sometime in October.

**Ernie Brawley—**Continues his recovery from cataract surgery.

**Floretta Hubbard—**congestive heart failure and COPD. Is out only occasionally for doctors or other health needs. She is currently making plans to move to her son Greg's home outside the Bowie, TX area.

**Sharold Ferris—**Sharold continues to recover and monitor recent health issues. He is able to be up and about—with caution. Please continue prayers for Sharold's overall health.

**Bob & Betty Lane—UPDATE:** Bob's cognitive decline continues and Betty is his primary caregiver. Betty has experienced some pain in her hips and the healing for that may take 8-9 months, according to the doctors. Please keep Bob and Betty in your prayers.

**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—**What a blessing recently with lower temps and at least some rain. Prayers of thanks are in order as well as prayers for more 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.**

## September Birthdays

**Celebrate**



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

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

*Thanks, Sherry*

### **Rev 17:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”



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 19, 2023 ←7pm, Activity Bldg.*

### **Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm**



*A new study will begin on September 20.*

***“Surprising Facts about Church History”***  
*(see page 3)*

### **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

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### **Mondays - 6:30-8:00 pm—Thru October 16**

***“Ten Proven Ways to Put Your Life in Order”***

There is space available in this workshop that Max is conducting based on  
the book “Making Things Right when Things Go Wrong” by Dr. Paul Faulk-  
ner. If you are interested, please plan to join the remaining sessions.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for September: Curtis Thompson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—September 17, 2023</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Max Lisle / Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Randy Feters</b>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>October 8</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>		
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>		
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>		
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Mike Lisle David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>		
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>		
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>		
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</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

<b>Minister:</b>	Max Pratt— (325)718-9987	
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	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson
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