

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

God's Unconditional Love / Amazing Grace

Basic Christianity—Pt. 6
Speaker—Max Pratt

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-11 & Romans 5:1-8



God's Unconditional Love

- John 3-16
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Romans 3:23

God's Amazing Grace

- Ephesians 2:1-10
- 1 Peter 1:3-5
- Luke 15

WHAT IS TRUTH?

"You are a king, then!' said Pilate. Jesus answered, 'You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.' 'What is truth?' Pilate asked."

John 18:37-38

Pilate's examination of Jesus brings the skeptical Roman governor to declare he found no reason for Jesus to be punished. He found no basis for a charge against Him. But the pressure of the Jewish leaders led him to bow to their demands. Pilate knew it was for envy that Jesus had been brought before him. Pilate had no interest in Jewish issues or their laws. But he knew Jesus was innocent.

I suspect that much in Pilate's life led to real questions about truth. He lived in a world where what was right or wrong was in the hands of those in power. Unlike myself, I live in a world full of injustices, lies, cover up and everything men can do to deceive; but I find truth in God's Word. Had Pilate known, the One Who is Truth stood in his presence.

We will face the same dilemma. The darkness of this fallen and sinful world is filled with falsehood. Deception is Satan's nature. Jesus identified him as the father of lies. What is truth may not be found in the facts and information we find about the what, when, where and why in this life. However, knowing Jesus and listening to Him supplies us with Truth. Jesus has witnessed to the truth that God is and He is love. We hold on to the Lord, who is "The Way, the Truth and the Life....His words are Spirit and they are life."

Let us count the blessing of knowing the truth that sets us free. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36

Max

What's Happening

W-o-W—making an impact. "**Words of Wisdom**" signs have been noticed by Westworth Village officials. At a recent meeting, 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? Remember you can trade for a different sign whenever you choose.**

Thurs—Oct 5—Westworth Village Community Fall Festival—5:30—7:30

PM in Melva Campbell Park, 311 Burton Hill Rd., (behind city hall). We will have a booth at this event to share information with the community. Please contact one of the Trustees if you can be available to help and share your ideas for the things that might be included in the booth. This is an excellent opportunity for visibility to the community and to welcome folks in person.

Sun—Oct 8—Dema will be here and plans to report on the current work in the Ukraine. For this occasion, we will move "3rd Sunday (10-15) Lunch" to the 2nd Sunday.

Tues—Oct 10—Next scheduled delivery of food items to Southside Church of Christ. Thank you for your continued generosity to this effort.

Late October (exact date TBD) - Fall Fest—Still looking for help with planning and 'execution' of this fellowship/community event. Please contact one of the Trustees if you would like to help.

Sun—Oct 29—5th Sunday Lunch. One of those months that presents an extra opportunity for fellowship and good food.



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. Return the cans when full

Fellowship

... 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— 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 unchanged. Please continue to pray for Tom for healing and improved strength and mobility.

Jessica Gunnels—Sarah Lisle's friend— 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. If you have not yet sent your card with well wishes for Jessica, they are still available in the north foyer. 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. Has moved to her Son's home (Greg Stephens) in Bowie Texas.

New Address: 299 Pink Wilson Rd., Bowie, TX 76230

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— 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.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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.

<u>September Birthdays</u>

Jessica Snell Sept 26 D'Ann Bristol Sept 30

Stacy Fetters Sept 26

October Birthdays

Christian Lindsey **Christi Kreger** Oct 8 Oct 19 **Betty Lane** Oct 12 **Curtis Dunson** Oct 23 **Tony Kerske** Oct 14 Randy Fetters Oct 24 Caleb Dunson Oct 31 Oct 17 Lily Kirby

October Anniversary Doug & Tracy Robertson

Oct 24

Eph 3:17-19

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may

have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



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: →Oct. 3, 2023 ←7pm, Activity Bldg.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm

A new study began on September 20.

"Surprising Facts about Church History"

"Come to Bible Study and discover and discuss surprising facts about Church History you may not have known." - David Keller

Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study:

Gideon—Your Weakness. God's Stre

<u>Gideon–Your Weakness. God's Strength</u> by Priscilla Shirer

For information regarding materials and access (web-site and passcode) contact:
Tracy Robertson at



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 Faulkner. If you are interested, please plan to join the remaining sessions.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for October: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—September 24, 2023		
Open	Eric Kreger		
Usher	Brian Flaherty		
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson		
Prayer	Sharold Ferris		
Communion	Curtis Thompson		
Bible Story	Mike Lisle		
Kids Church	David & Hettie Keller		
Reading	Tom Reynolds		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	Susan Flaherty		

COMING WEEKS

Date	October 1	October 8	October 15
Open	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Randy Fetters
Usher	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Jim Allen	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box
Communion	Johnny Box	Bill Jones	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Randy Fetters / Tracy Robertson & Sherri Dunson
Reading	Jaeden Snell	John Snell	Cooper Thompson
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger	Randy Fetters	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation October: Hettie Keller

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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