



**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

### *Life Under Construction*

*Reading: Colossians 3:5-11*

*Speaker—Bob Mullen*



- **DECONSTRUCTION**

- ⊙ **GETTING READY TO REBUILD**

- **PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

- ⊙ **CHOOSING WHAT TO BUILD**

- **RECONSTRUCTION**

- ⊙ **HOW TO BUILD**

## WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

*“Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.”*  
*Matt. 24:4-8*

Jesus had just predicted the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem to his disciples as they passed by. They in turn raised the questions as to when that would happen and what would be the signs they could recognize about His coming and the end of the age. The coming destruction of Jerusalem and the coming of the Lord may be somewhat confusing in this passage. Whether or not we can unravel it all, the truth is that the prediction of wars, rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes and the conflicts between nations and kingdoms have remained to this day and time.

There may be some today that are claiming to be the Messiah, seeking to deceive folks into following them. Obviously many false Christs have come. But Jesus is helping His followers to be careful about being duped. He shares some disturbing news. Just like the news around our world currently. Events of hardships and evil remain. The wars and rumor of war are part of every generation.

Without doubt we are every day inching closer to the “Day of the Lord”. We, who have the living hope firmly planted upon the Lord Jesus and His Word have a security in the blessed promises of God. Jesus went on to say, ***“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”*** We are greatly saddened by the hardships and deaths taking place in many places around the globe. We pray for peace and safety. But let us know for certain that our hope is built on nothing else but Jesus blood and righteousness.

*Max*

# What's Happening

**W-o-W—"Words of Wisdom"** - Have you had your sign long enough, and ready to swap out for new WORDS? When you feel it is time to replace what you are displaying in your yard currently, just bring it back, and choose your next words to those who pass by your home.

**Saturday—October 28, 5:00-7:00 pm—FALL FESTIVAL** - Hope everyone is planning to join in the fun. Here in the parking lot and breezeway (weather permitting). Lots of games, food, prizes and treats. There is still much to do—mostly involving set-up/preparation, and no help will be turned down. We have some games that need an 'overseer', and if you have a game/booth you want to include, please just make it known. OH—there will be a costume contest— what will you be???



## **Potluck Dinner**



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

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## **Items to keep in mind...**

- Asking everyone who can to bring "trick-or-treat" type treats for use at the Fall Festival
  - As in the past, also need items for the "Cake Walk". Items bagged for use as prizes.
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## **Ukrainian Change Cans**

### **Have you picked up your Ukrainian Change Can?**

This annual campaign provides much needed help to our brothers and sisters in this war-torn area.



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:***

**Les Pratt—(Max's brother)** - Les is scheduled for another surgery that is a follow-on to the previous surgery. He is still very weak and recovery will take a while. Please continue to pray for his healing and comfort.

**David Burris**— If all goes as previously reported, David will be having his next surgery soon (*3rd week of October was the last word we had*), including replacing the necessary plate. Please continue to pray for David and Tracy and family.

**Tom Flaherty**—Brian's Dad. Brian has recently been in Illinois to see his Dad. Tom is in a rehab facility and is not doing well. He is in a great deal of pain. Please continue to pray for comfort and healing for Tom and the whole family.

**Jessica Gunnels**—Sarah Lisle's friend— Jessica had a set-back recently. Sarah was able to visit last week, and she reports Jessica was quiet on the day she was there. Not as much anxiety. A quiet day is good. Please keep up the prayers for Jessica and her family.

**Joyce Gray**—Joyce remains at the rehab facility following her fall and hospital stay. The family and home health care worker are sitting with her 24/7, and considering what next steps will be taken. Please continue to pray for Joyce.

**Max, Juan and Ann**—As they adjust to Joyce's changing circumstances. Juan's arthritis is an issue again, and they made the trip for treatment and hopefully she will get some relief.

**Sharold Ferris**—Sharold continues to be up and about—with caution. Please continue prayers for Sharold's overall health.

**Bob & Betty Lane**— Bob remains at home under hospice care. His condition continues to deteriorate. Betty is still working on recovery from pain in her hips that may take several months, according to the doctors. I know Betty would appreciate calls and words of encouragement. Please keep Bob and Betty in your prayers.

**Rhyne, Kreger & Flaherty families**—comfort in the recent loss of Gracie Rhyne.

**Joyce Bennett**— Joyce has moved to an assisted living facility in Azle (see page 5). Her new residence is the same facility where Pat Straw resides.

**Rain**—Please keep this need in your prayers. All the local lakes and reservoirs are seriously low.

## Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

- ◆ Dennis McMillion
- ◆ Pat Straw
- ◆ Jane Whitley

Please include prayers for :

- **Israel and Ukraine** -Safety of Christian brothers and sisters in war-torn areas.
- **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



## October Birthdays

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

## October Anniversary

Doug & Tracy Robertson Oct 24



## New Address & Phone #

**Joyce Bennett**

**Eagle Crest Villa, Room 509**

**113 Denver Tr.**

**Azle TX 76020**



**W**e have received an invitation to the Fall Festival at Southside Church of Christ, scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2023, 2:00-5:00 pm. Activities include the following:

**2:15-3:00 – Trunk-or-Treat**

**3:15-3:45 – Cake Walk**

**4:15-5 – Sack and Spoon Races**

Other activities will be ongoing.

More details at: [SSCOFC.ORG/FALLFESTIVAL](http://SSCOFC.ORG/FALLFESTIVAL)

## 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: ➔ Nov 7, 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 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

**Titus 3:4-6**

<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 because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for October: Curtis Dunson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—October 22, 2023</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Samuel Flaherty</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson / David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Jim Allen</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Bob Mullen</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>October 29</b>	<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Nov 12</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Jonathan Dunson</b>		
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>		
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>		
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>No 5th Sunday Childrens Church</b>		
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>		
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>		
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>		

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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## Leadership and Logistics

<b>Minister:</b>	Max Pratt— (325)718-9987	
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	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson
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<b>Facebook Group:</b>	Westworth Church of Christ ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/">https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/</a> )	