



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



Witchcraft/Sorcery/Demons

Reading: Acts 8:4-13

Speaker—Max Pratt

- **WITCHES—SORCERERS—DIVINERS—MEDIUMS**
- **CASTING SPELLS—CONSULTING THE DEAD—MAGICAL DECEPTION**
- **DEUTERONOMY 18:9-13**
- **EVIL SPIRITS / DEMON POSSESSION**
- **IT IS NOT OK!**
- **"COME OUT AND BE SEPARATE"**

DETESTABLE PRACTICES

God spoke to the Israelite nation through Moses, His servant who led the people out of bondage and for forty years of wandering. Before the time came for Israel to cross into the promised land, God provided instructions, written down in the Law. The following is to be found in Deuteronomy 18:9-13:

“When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist, or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God.”

There can be no mistaking that God absolutely prohibits any of these demonic behaviors among His people. It is made clear that because of the idolatry of the people in the land, God brought his punishment upon them. The great warning here is to keep any of these practices from being adopted by Israel. The sacrifices of children in the fire are such horrible behavior. Superstitions could lead to any kind of guidance that would not have any righteousness found within. God intends to lead his people in righteousness. To prevent evil from filling the heart and mind, the Word of the Lord provides the direction to live by truth.

Our world today is not free from the practices and effects of these detestable practices. Let us be very mindful to protect ourselves and our children from the influences of the dark world. Satan, as described by Scripture is a deceiver. Like Israel of long ago, we must not allow any of these abominations to exist among us. To be blameless in the sight of our God we free ourselves completely from fear created by such practices. God has given us the True Light in Christ.

Max

ON THE CALENDAR!!

TODAY—5th Sunday Lunch. It was suggested (Thank you Tracy Robertson)—and agreed—that we have **SANDWICHES** today. The idea was to keep it simple after yesterday’s excitement at the Fall Festival. Hope everyone will stay to enjoy a time of fellowship, and to share your favorite sandwich.



Sunday November 5—Daylight Savings Time returns.

UGH—dark at 5pm—sorry, just my exaggerated commentary.

Sunday November 5—Southside Church of Christ—Fall Festival. At their facility on Hemphill Street, 2:00-5:00 pm.

More details: SSCOFC.ORG/FALLFESTIVAL

Saturday, November 11—Veteran’s Day—We have a number of veterans in our group. If you haven’t done so lately—Thank a veteran. They are a large part of the reason we are able to meet here without fear.

Sunday, November 19—3rd Sunday/Holiday Lunch—Please be thinking about the possibility of being a “designated cook” for a turkey/ham or dressing.

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day. The holidays are upon us.

James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

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 had the follow-on to his previous surgery and received a good report from his doctor. He is still weak and recovery will take a while but he now seems to be on the mend. Please continue to pray for his healing and comfort.

David Burris— As of Wednesday, efforts were underway to schedule David's next surgery for Thursday, Nov. 2. No time details, yet, and sometimes, waiting is 'almost' the hardest part. Please continue to pray for David, Tracy and family.

Tom Flaherty—Brian's 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 continues her struggle to recover from lung transplant #2. 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 and Max made a trip to get special treatment for Juan's arthritis. This treatment should provide some relief from the pain and inflammation .

Sharold Ferris—Sharold continues to be up and about—with caution. Please continue prayers for Sharold's overall health. Last week, one of Sharold's therapy dogs had a serious condition that required surgery. She did well and is home recovering. Many understand how pet's become part of our families, and we are thankful she remains with Sharold & Julie.

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 them both in your prayers.

Rain—Some marvelous rain this week. Prayers of thanks! Please keep this need in your prayers as we are still far short of the annual average.

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

Lily Kirby

Oct 31



November Birthdays

Wanda Bryant 01 Nov
 Nathan Keller 13 Nov
 Nancy Goochey 13 Nov
 Lily Keller 15 Nov
 Bill Jones 17 Nov
 John Snell 17 Nov

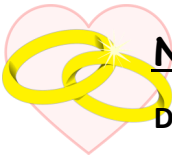
Nolan Montgomery 19 Nov
 Samuel Flaherty 20 Nov
 Andy Jewell 26 Nov
 Melva Campbell 29 Nov
 Tom Reynolds 30 Nov

Celebrate

November Anniversary

David & Tracy Burris

Nov 17



Items to keep in mind...



- **Ukrainian Change Cans**—the annual campaign to help with efforts in the Ukraine. Still available in either lobby.

• **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank** - especially considering the holiday season. Next delivery will be Nov 14.



♥♥♥♥♥ *A Very Special Invitation* ♥♥♥♥♥



The following was received via email on Monday, Oct 23:

"Westworth family,

My fiancé Chris Johnson and I wanted to extend an invitation to you all for our wedding in December. I was unable to mail these out to every single member, but please know that you all are invited and we would love to see you! Please RSVP by November 1st at our wedding website:

Theknot.com/johnson12223

With so much love,

Deb Mullen"

What a wonderful occasion! All the pertinent information regarding this special event can be found at the website noted in Deb's email, including their gift registry, directions to the venue and some wonderful photos.

YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED TO
THE WEDDING OF

DEBORAH MULLEN
and
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

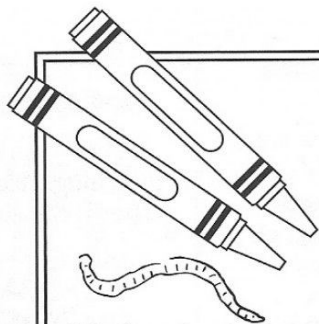
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FOR MORE DETAILS ON REGISTRY AND TO RSVP, VISIT: [THEKNOT.COM/JOHNSON12223](https://www.theknot.com/johnson12223)

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Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.*

Proverbs 6:6 _____

Exodus 16:20 _____

Psalms 78:45 _____

1 Sam. 24:14 _____

Matt. 23:24 _____

Isaiah 50:9 _____

Judges 14:8 _____

Isaiah 59:5 _____

Acts 12:23 _____

Leviticus 11:22 _____

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Deuteronomy 7:20 _____



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Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

Coloring page



Crayons are available in the south foyer, along with other pages for the children.

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.

There's only a couple more sessions left in this study.
Then the men's group will break until after the new year.



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



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for November: Brian Flaherty

Date	Today—October 29, 2023
Open	Mike Lisle
Usher	Jonathan Dunson
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Tom Reynolds
Communion	Eric Kreger
Bible Story Kids Church	No 5th Sunday Childrens Church
Reading	Sharold Ferris
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19
Open			
Usher			
Songs/Close			
Prayer			
Communion			
Bible Story Kids Church			
Reading			
Lesson			
A/V			

Communion Preparation November: Janice Stanfield

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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