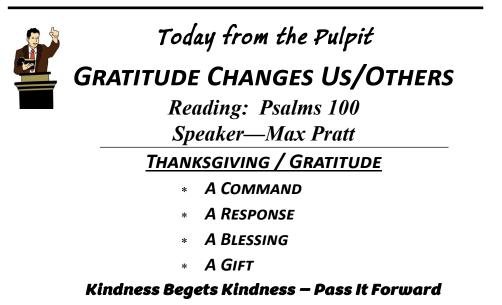


#### WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord.

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.



# GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD

If we lift our eyes to heaven and acknowledge gratitude to our Creator, the spirit of sharing blessings spreads to our showing care toward our fellowman. The Psalmist called worshipers of the Almighty to offer a praise of gratitude. Psalms 136 sets before our minds the reason why we bring an offering of thanksgiving:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.....Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever."

In between those opening verses and the final one a recalling of the Heavenly Father's glory and how it has been shown. God's divine love is everlasting to everlasting. By knowing His love, we should be moved to open our hearts with gratitude for every blessing. James tells us that:

### "Every good and perfect gift comes from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, ..."(Jas. 1:17)

The celebration of Thanksgiving brings with it a reminder of blessings. They range from the food set before us daily to the feasts we share with family on this grand occasion. It includes spiritual blessings found in God's love and grace through Jesus Christ. It seems to me in Christian character the attitude of gratitude is extremely critical. It shapes us to be like Him. He gives and cares because His love endures forever. We, too, through a response from His blessings become a blessing to others.

"The Lord said to Abram, ....I will bless you; and I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." Gen. 12:2

Max

# ON THE CALENDAR!!

**TODAY**—**3rd Sunday/Holiday Lunch**—Hope everyone especially any visitors we may have—is able to stay and enjoy this traditional time of food and fellowship. Consider this a "dress rehearsal" for Thursday's celebration with other family

and friends. Please stay and share some time with brothers and sisters.

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

**Looking Ahead**— rather than 5th Sunday (12/31) lunch in December let's celebrate the new year with a games, food and fellowship. More details as it gets closer.

### 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 December12.
- WORDS-OF-WISDOM—is it time to change your WOW sign for a different bit of Wisdom? There are plenty of signs available in the activity bldg. so you can keep the message fresh for those who may be driving in your neighborhood. Bring back the one you have so others can use it.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. <sup>13</sup> Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.





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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**— After last weeks unexpected (and unwelcomed) return to the hospital, David seems to be on the mend. A new doctor was called in and the recommended treatment seems to be doing the "trick". Max visited with David this week, and he seems to be making great progress. Please continue prayers that this issue will finally be resolved.

**Tom Flaherty**—Brian's Dad. Tom's condition remains about the same. Please continue to pray for comfort and healing for Tom and the whole family.

**Jessica Gunnels**—Sarah Lisle's friend— Jessica continues her struggle and is making progress toward recover from lung transplant #2, however there is still a way to go. Please keep Jessica and her family in your prayers.

**Joyce Gray**—The family has decided to bring Joyce home from the rehab facility. Doctors report the fracture have healed probably as much as can be expected. She is still in a lot of pain, and they are considering one last treatment that can possibly give relief from the pain. Please continue to pray for Joyce.

Max, Juan and Ann-As they adjust to Joyce's changing circumstances.

**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 continues as Bob's primary care giver, even with hospice workers coming by twice each week. I know Betty would appreciate calls and words of encouragement along with your prayers.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—Pray for John and Samantha and their efforts on behalf of the young people at York University. Also please continue your prayers for the work they oversee in Malawi—Snoden and his family, as well as all the children that are part of that program.

**Rain**—continues to be short of what will fill the lakes. Please keep this need in your prayers.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

Dennis McMillion
Pat Straw
Jane Whitley
Joyce Bennett

#### Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

#### Please include prayers for :

- Israel and Ukraine -Safety of Christian brothers and sisters and innocent civilians in these 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.
- Travelers—Any who may be traveling—especially during the holidays.
- 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 school year progresses.

#### Please make known your prayer needs.



# STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

## <u> Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)</u>



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: -> JANUARY 2024 -7pm, Activity Bldg.

The men's group will break until after the new year.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study-Weekly @ 7pm

### "Surprising Facts about Church History"



Did you ever say "God Bless you?" Did you ever wonder where that saying came from? Nope, not in the Bible. If you think the Early Church Fathers are irrelevant today. Think again. You owe all of your "God Bless yous" to the man who first used the word

"trinity" in connection with the concept of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. His name was Tertullian and he lived around A.D. 200. Wednesday nights at Bible Study we are tracing the journey of our faith from the death of Jesus through the years till 2023. Come see what other old ideas are put in a new light. *David Keller* 

## Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

### Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet Current Study: <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 817-308-0554— or—snowgirlntx@yahoo.com



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

		Date To		day—November 19			
Trustee in charge for November: Brian Flaherty		Open		Brian Flaherty			
	Usher		Brian Flaherty				
	Songs/Close		Samuel Flaherty				
	Prayer		Mike Lisle				
	Communion		David Keller				
	Bible Story Kids Church		Max Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson				
	Reading		John Snell				
·	Lesson		Max Pratt				
	A/V		Susan Flaherty				
	COMP		NG WEEKS				
Date		Nov 26		Dec 3		Dec 10	
Open		Curtis Dunson					
Usher		Jonathan Dunson					
Songs/Close		Curtis Dunson					
Prayer		Johnny Box					
Communion		Tom Reynolds					
Bible Story Kids Church		Eric Kreger / David & Hettie Keller					
Reading		Justin Snell					
Lesson		Max Pratt					
A/V		Randy Fetters					

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.

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