



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 plate when passed, 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

Speaker—Max Pratt

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:22-32

Commended to God & To His Word

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

GUIDING SHEPHERDS

TRUSTING GOD & HIS WORD



THE INHERITANCE FOR ALL WHO ARE SANCTIFIED

I AM RESOLVED

When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father."

Luke 15:17-20

The old church hymn used as a song of invitation was written with these verses in mind.

"I am resolved no longer to linger, charmed by the world's delight; things that are higher, things that are nobler, these have allured my sight. I am resolved to go to the Savior, leaving my sin and strife; He is the true One, He is the just One, he has the words of life. I am resolved to follow the Savior, faithful and true each day, heed what he sayeth, do what He willeth, He is the living way. I am resolved to enter the kingdom, leaving the paths of sin; friends may oppose me, foes may beset me, still will I enter in."

Thinking about the change of heart in the prodigal son, the song invites us to make the same resolve as did this wayward son.

To resolve is to decide firmly on a course of action. It is that time of the calendar year that has us thinking 'New Year Resolutions'. Following the holiday festivities often the resolve is to lose those unwanted pounds by diet and exercise. While that may be a healthy change, I would have us consider things in the spiritual realm. The 'Good Book' says: ***"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding the promise of both the present life and the life to come."***

Godliness is to have a 'God-ward attitude; and the duty of doing what pleases God. If our resolve would be toward spiritual change, it would involve having a desire to respect and reverence in our inner being toward our Creator and then to engage in developing the very nature of God in all our behaviors. To have this resolve to pursue godliness depends upon our knowing and obeying the 'Truth'. Reading our Bible, praying consistently and worshiping the Lord regularly are great resolutions to make any needed and worthwhile change in our lives.

Max

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

TODAY- 6pm—Game and Fellowship Evening

Another year has come and—almost—gone, with it's high and not-so-high points.

This evening, let's gather in the activity building and play a few games, share some laughs and memories of 2023—and of course eat... all celebrations include food! AND...Maybe even speculate on what God will put in our path during 2024 and how to use His goodness so His glory will be seen in us by all the folks we encounter during the year.



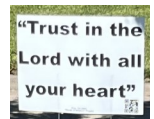
Bring your favorite snacks and your favorite game. We will plan to enjoy a time of fellowship to celebrate the new year—without “ringing in” the new year. (Actually—anyone can stay as late as they like, but frankly, I'm just too old for late night celebrations.)



Things to remember / put on your calendar:

- **January 21, 2024—3rd Sunday lunch**—We will continue our long-standing tradition of fellowship meals on the 3rd Sunday each month. Hope everyone will plan for this opportunity for good food and fellowship.
- **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank** - Please continue your generosity toward this ministry. The folks at Southside never fail to express deep appreciation for our participation in this work.
- **WORDS-OF-WISDOM**—A number of signs are available, allowing you to rotate your 'yard' message to passerby's. Signs are in the activity bldg.
- **5th Sunday Lunches**—typically there are 4 months of the year that have 5 Sundays. That is true of 2024. However, March 31—the first “5th Sunday” is also Easter, so we will not do the 5th Sunday lunch in March.

Potluck Dinner



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 — On Tuesday, Tracy reported they were waiting on a call from UT Southwestern Hospital to go to the hospital and Dave will be admitted once again. (He is in room 979) Another surgery was done on Thursday, basically starting all over and—similar to past situations— David is having reactions to the necessary antibiotics. As of Friday morning, one appeared to be working without negative response. They have also called in Infectious disease doctors to help with this condition. This is obviously very disappointing to both Dave and Tracy and they need fervent and earnest prayers for healing and strength to continue on this daunting journey. Tracy expressed their appreciation for past prayers, but also requests continued prayers on their behalf.

Ernie Brawley—Ernie should be finishing his stay at the rehab facility soon, if he hasn't already. He will be moving into an assisted living facility—in the same complex. He is looking at an extended period during which he will be unable to put any weight on the leg. Please pray for Ernie's comfort during his prolonged recovery.

Bob & Betty Lane— Bob's proposed surgery to remove a malignancy behind one of his ears is scheduled for Jan 9, with reconstruction surgery on Jan 10. Please pray for successful surgeries and recovery as well as for the overall circumstances in their life at this time. Betty continues as Bob's primary care giver, even with the help of hospice workers

Joyce Gray—Joyce's condition seems to be deteriorating. She had a doctor's appointment Thursday regarding the potential for a procedure that should alleviate much of her back pain. The visit answered some questions, but posed others, so no decision regarding what will be done. Please continue to pray for Joyce and for all those who are caring for her.

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

Sharold Ferris—Sharold continues to recover from recent surgery on his thumb. Please continue to pray for his overall health.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—Pray for John and Samantha and their efforts on behalf of the young people at York University. I have no new word, but Jonah should be back with family by now. They are in Colorado for Andy & Lauren's wedding. Please keep the Jewell's in your prayers for family and the work in Malawi. (Remember to visit HUGS projects in DonorSee, to help Samantha's odds of receiving an extra \$5k for that work.)

Rain—Please keep this need in your prayers, along with thanks for the blessing of recent rains.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

♦ Dennis McMillion ♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Joyce Bennett

Please include prayers for :

- **Israel and Ukraine**—Safety of Christian brothers and sisters and innocent civilians .
- **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.
- **Young people worldwide**—Evil abounds in this world and our young adults need continual prayers to resist temptation and recognize the deceit of evil.
- School teachers, administrators and staff as the school year progresses.

Please make known your prayer needs.

Birthdays

Abe Elizondo

Dec 31

Blair Montgomery Jan 2

David Keller Jan 4

Bob Lane Jan 10

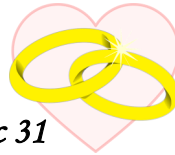


Max Lisle Jan 22

Elijah Keller Jan 23

Peter Lisle Jan 29

Anniversaries



Jane & Lee Hall

Dec 31

Brian & Susan Flaherty

Jan 8

Joe & Melva Campbell

Jan 23

The date draws nearer

Jonathan Dunson & Joslyn Kessler will be married January 6, 2024.

Event details and registry for the happy couple can be accessed at :

theknot.com/jonathanandjoslyn

ADDITIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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: ➔ JANUARY 2024 ⬅ 7pm, Activity Bldg.

The men's group will resume in the new year.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm



“Surprising Facts about Church History”

When Constantine became Emperor of the Roman Empire the world turned upside down. Almost three hundred years of suspicion and persecution came to a screeching halt. Not only did Christians have the freedom to worship, but soon Christianity would be the state-religion. However, freedom is never free. On Wednesday night we will explore the cost of the Christian's new found freedom. It was not exactly what you think it was.

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—
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Scheduled to resume in January.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for January: Curtis Thompson

Date	Today—December 31
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Randy Feters
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	TBD / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 7	Jan 14	Jan 21
Open	Curtis Thompson	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Usher	Eric Kreger	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Johnny Box	David Keller	Max Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	John Snell	Sharold Ferris	Cooper Thompson
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger	Randy Feters	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation January: Ann Gray

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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