

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—Mike Lisle

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-4

A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace." Eccl. 3:1-8

The wisdom shared from antiquity still rings true in our present time. God has created this world. It is not chaotic, but functionable as God ordained. Mankind cannot significantly alter the seasons and time designed by the Creator. To accept and acknowledge this truth will greatly improve one's life. Instead of battling against that which is inevitable, living under their guidance makes for better attitudes when changes come that we cannot change. Although we may not really understand God's appointed ways, living to enjoy life as it unfolds, leads to using our time wisely and not running after foolish goals we cannot reach.

The Teacher shared his words of wisdom to help give us meaning and purpose in life. Many pursuits can lead to emptiness in life. Through his own experience he found various things (abundant possessions, greater knowledge, more power & fame, every pleasure) to simply be "vanity and vexation. By choosing to "reverencing God and obeying his commandments" life will be filled with the greatest purpose possible, and it will prevent a wasted life.

A good question to ask as we look forward into a New Year is: Will we be "chasing after the wind" or

"Remembering our Creator?

Max



Some Items For Your Calendar

January 21, 2024—3rd Sunday
 lunch—We will continue our long-standing tradition of fellowship meals on the 3rd



Lord with all

Sunday each month. Hope everyone will plan for this first opportunity of 2024 to enjoy good food and fellowship with your church family.

• February 10, 2024—Annual Phil Simco Memorial Chili Cook-Off—

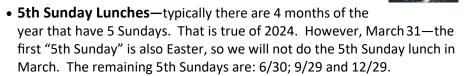


mark your calendars now and begin perfecting that award-winning Chili recipe! Invite your family and neighbors to join us for this unique church experience of competitive chili cooking (and eating).

Bragging rights are up for grabs. Objective...

'unseat' Halleigh Robertson—1st place winner for the last 2 years.

- Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank Your generosity toward this ministry brings honor to The Lord. The folks at Southside never fail to express deep appreciation for our participation in this work. Tentative delivery to Southside Church is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but you can bring your donation at any time.
- 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.



1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put

their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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:

Kim Turner—a lady who visited with us a few times in the past requested prayers for her daughter, Sara and granddaughters Blakely and Emma, for improved family situation/circumstances. Please remember them in prayer.

David Burris — David had surgery on Thursday, December 28. Following the surgery, he had reactions to necessary antibiotics. The doctors finally found one he could tolerate. On Tuesday he reported that infectious disease doctors were to schedule more tests before he would get to go home, but he was hoping to leave the hospital before the week was out. Please continue prayers on behalf of David, Tracy and the whole family.

Ernie Brawley—Ernie remains in rehab. The latest on his anticipated move will be January 20. Not clear about the level of care to be required when he leaves rehab. He does report that the doctors tell him he will be using a walker for the remainder of his life. Please pray for Ernie's comfort during his prolonged recovery.

Bob & Betty Lane— Bob's surgery to remove a malignancy behind one of his ears is scheduled for Jan 9, with reconstruction surgery on Jan 10 (his birthday). 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. The next step is an MRI, which will be very difficult for her. 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. Jonah was released from the Army and drove cross country alone, but he made it to Colorado in time for Andy's wedding. Please keep the Jewell's in your prayers for family and the work in Malawi.

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

Blair Montgomery
David Keller
Bob Lane

Jan 2 Jan 4 Jan 10

Max Lisle Jan 22 Elijah Keller Jan 23 Peter Lisle Jan 29

Anniversaries

Brian & Susan Flaherty
Joe & Melva Campbell

Jan 8 Jan 23



Plans are underway to take advantage of the "House to House, Heart to Heart" publication again in the near future. Our planned issue



will be distributed in March. Max will again be offering the workshop

Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong

Scheduled on Wednesday evenings beginning March 20, continuing for 6 weeks through April 24, 2024, 7-8:30 pm. This workshop will substitute for our 'normal' Wednesday evening bible study. It is open to all members and guests.

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 16, 2024 ←7pm

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—beginning again next Wednesday—January 10.

"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:

<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

Scheduled to resume January II.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for January: Curtis Thompson

Date	Today—January 7, 2024
Open	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Mike Lisle
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 28
Open	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Curtis Thompson	Sharold Ferris	Randy Fetters
Communion	David Keller	Max Lisle	Bill Jones
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Sharold Ferris	Cooper Thompson	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Randy Fetters	Christi Kreger	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.

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