

# Westworth Church of Christ



*Worshipping Serving Fellowshiping*

**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*

### **Peter’s Denial**

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**Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:31-35**

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- **WAS PETER READY TO DIE WITH JESUS?**
- **IT WASN’T JUST PETER!**
- **JESUS WAS FORSAKEN AND DENIED.**

# IN JOY AND IN SORROW

*“In this world you will have tribulation, but be of good courage, I have overcome the world.”*

*John 16:33*

*“...They will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.”*

*Luke 21:12*

*“They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they warned them not to speak in the name of Jesus....The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing, because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”*

*Acts 5:40-41*

Our grandson Jonathan and Joslynn (his bride to be) wanted to share traditional vows during the wedding ceremony. All of us who were in attendance heard Jonathan’s parental grandad ask them if they were willing to take one another “In joy and in sorrow” along with the other portions of their ‘I do’s’.

All of us know that there will always be good times and bad. The wisdom from ancient Scriptures: *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:....a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..”* *Eccl. 3:4* How very appropriate to remind a young couple entering a new relationship and beginning a new journey in life together that life will not be full of joy and happiness. They should be prepared to support one another during those struggles too.

The history of the church tells the tale of the immediate persecution experienced by Christ’s disciples. Acts of the Apostles is only the beginning of the persecutions against God’s people. Historical records have been found documenting the various forms of torture and death Christians faced. To this very day persecution takes place. Just as Jesus foretold: *“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world.”* *John 15:18-19*

Just as the newly weds needed to be prepared and willing to join hands together and encounter the sorrows along with life’s joy, we too, should join together as God’s family to deal with the world’s hatred toward us. We cannot shrink back from witnessing our faith in the world. We are called to be His witnesses. By sharing our faith in worship and ministry we encourage each other; *“spurring one another toward love and good deeds.”* *Heb. 10:24*

*“Remember those earlier days after you receive the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.....”*

*Heb. 10:32-33*

Living by faith in Jesus our Lord gives us inexpressible joy. Living for Jesus in this sinful and perverse generation will create unwanted sorrows. Let us be faithful in joy and in sorrow.

**Max**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

• **Today**—Trustees meeting immediately following services. Be sure to provide your comments or concerns to the Trustees.

• **January 21, 2024-January 28, —3rd Sunday lunch—**

We will move our fellowship lunch out one week and include a wedding shower in honor of Jonathan and Joslyn

Dunson. Jonathan and Joslyn are registered at Amazon and WalMart and I believe you can still see their information on the website [www.theknot.com/JonathanandJoslyn](http://www.theknot.com/JonathanandJoslyn).

So bring your favorite lunch items and plan to also stay to celebrate the newlyweds also.



Visitors are always invited to stay for our fellowship meals. We would appreciate the chance to visit with you.

• **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 fellowship 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.



## Philippians 4:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 is home. Once again working on recovery from the ordeal he has faced for such a long time. Tracy reports that Courtney is still experiencing headaches resulting from a recent concussion. 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 was postponed, waiting to coordinate with one of the doctors involved. No word on rescheduling. 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 the latest procedure on Friday morning, in hopes of relieving some the constant pain she has been experiencing since she was hospitalized and the subsequent therapy. 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 is now home with John & Samantha, having been released from the Army. He is dealing with some issues and needs prayers to overcome them. 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.

**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 .
- **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.
- **Young people worldwide**—Evil abounds in this world and our young adults need continual prayers to resist temptation and recognize the deceit of evil. Especially keep the newlywed couples—Andy and Lauren Jewell and Jonathan and Joslyn Dunson—in your prayers for long and successful marriages.
- School teachers, administrators and staff as the school year progresses.

**Please make known your prayer needs.**

**Birthdays**

Blair Montgomery	Jan 2	Max Lisle	Jan 22
David Keller	Jan 4	Elijah Keller	Jan 23
Bob Lane	Jan 10	Peter Lisle	Jan 29



**Anniversaries**

Brian & Susan Flaherty	Jan 8
Joe & Melva Campbell	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)

NEW study:

The Men's Bible Study will begin a study from the book **If** by Mark Batterson. "Trading Your **'If Only'** Regrets for God's **'What If'** Possibilities".



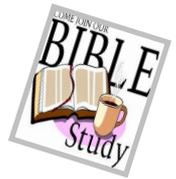
All men are encouraged to join us on first and third Tuesdays, 7pm.

**Next Meeting: → JANUARY 16, 2024 ← 7pm**

## 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:** TBD

The ladies group recently finished a study and is in the process of determining "What's Next"... so now is the perfect time to decide to join the group, and to offer suggestions about the next study. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join.



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 January: Curtis Thompson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—January 14, 2024</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>David Keller</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Max Lisle (Fruit of the Spirit—Joy) Susan Flaherty &amp; Sherry Jones</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Randy Feters</b>

## COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 21	Jan 28	Feb 4
<b>Open</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>	
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>	<b>Randy Feters</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>	
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson / David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Cooper Thompson</b>	<b>Jaedon Snell</b>	
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>	

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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