



Worshiping Serving Fellowshipping

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's Message

Speaker—Max Pratt

The Righteous Will Live By His Faith

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:10-14



- THE PROPHECY OF HABAKKUK
- QUOTATIONS FROM HABAKKUK
- HAVING FAITH/LIVING BY OUR FAITH

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:3

Jesus begins a list of beatitudes with the above statement. Jesus pronounces blessings upon those who have these particular attitudes in their hearts toward themselves and others. Jesus knew that folks who were aware of God's presence, mercy and grace would be part of the heavenly family. Many would never see the need in their lives for God's grace because of a self-sufficient and prideful nature. Likewise, the rest of the Lord's pronounced blessings would be based upon what is found within the heart of a person.

To be blessed is far more than happiness. Happiness is usually connected with circumstances that are pleasing and good. Let the situation change and happiness is lost. But Jesus speaks of being blessed not upon outward conditions but rather on what resides within the heart and character of an individual. Being poor in spirit opens the door for God to implant spiritual direction within our hearts. We humbly seek the Spirit of the living God to move in and guide our conscience.

That begins our sorrow over sin, a humble spirit, a diligent search for righteousness which brings about a spirit of mercy toward others, a pure heart leading to being a peacemaker. But it all begins by the recognition of our own need for God to fill us up.

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. "Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far., and grace will lead me home."

Living with such assurance as expressed in this great hymn comes by having Jesus turn our spiritual poverty into the riches from above. Open up your heart and let the **Son** shine in!

Max

Dinner

"Trust in the

Lord with all

your heart"



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- **Today**—Trustees meeting immediately following services—for real this time! Be sure to provide your comments or concerns to the Trustees.
- January 21, 2024-January 28, —3rd Sunday lunch— Next Sunday
 We moved our fellowship lunch out one week to include a
 wedding shower in honor of Jonathan and Joslyn Dunson.
 Potluck



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.

So bring your favorite lunch items and plan to 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).

Braggin' 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 John 2:15-16

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Fa-

ther is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

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 has 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. Still 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 was January 20. Not sure that happened nor 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 overall condition seems to be deteriorating. Following the procedure last week, she does seem to be in less pain than previously—only soreness from the procedure. 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—Give Thanks for the blessing of recent rains and that this week's cold-snap was short-lived and less severe than it could have been.

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 David Keller Bob Lane Jan 2
Jan 4
Elijah Keller
Jan 10
Peter Lisle

Anniversaries

Brian & Susan Flaherty

Joe & Melva Campbell

Jan 8 Jan 23



Jan 22

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Jan 29

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.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

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



NEW study:

The Men's Bible Study group started a new study using the book:

<u>If</u> 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: -> 7pm, February 6, 2024 -

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.

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

Date	Today—January 21, 2024
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Max Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	Cooper Thompson
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 28	Feb 4	Feb 11
Open	Brian Flaherty		
Usher	Curtis Thompson		
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger		
Prayer	Randy Fetters		
Communion	Bill Jones		
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller		
Reading	Jaedon Snell		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	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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