

*Worshiping
Serving
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Westworth Church of Christ

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

**Infinite Love
Amazing Grace
Marvelous Mercy**

Scripture Reading:

1 John 4:7-11

1 John 3:1

John 3:16



HOSPITALITY

From the Lord's own words recorded in Matthew chapter 25 we have the scene explaining how there will be a separation between those who will and those who will not receive the inheritance of the eternal Kingdom:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

The rest of the passage tells us about those who will not enter and were told they had not fed the hungry, provided clothing for the needy and failed to help those who were strangers, sick or in prison. The big question that came from both sides was when they saw the Lord in need and took care of him or had failed to do so. Jesus said, ***"When you did (or not) do to the least of these brothers of mine."***

Often in the teaching Christ brought with Him from heaven there is found instruction to care one for another, give what we must care for the needy, show hospitality. I was reminded of this message this past week. We received a call for help by a man who identified himself as a pastor. He explained that the congregation is very small and very limited in resources, but during the bitter cold when the temperatures dropped so low, he and the group provided a warm place for three families. One family had children. For almost a week they had cared for their needs. Their space was limited but they purchased air mattresses. His request was to help him with his electric bill. His prepaid electric service was going to be turned off if he did not get funds to replenish the excess use. He said that his own family would not have heat.

Because of the generous giving from the membership we could and did provide for this man's urgent need for his family. They had shown the kind of care for those in need that the Lord spoke of and even sacrificed beyond what they were able to afford. Lots of shelters were opened to give protection from the severe weather. I do not know if there were no more room to be found, but I do know that these families found God's people practicing His will. Their hospitality provided a shelter and warm bed with meals.

I know virtually nothing about Charles and the group of believers or the folks they helped. I know that the Lord Jesus knows it all. I commend them in showing hospitality, honoring Jesus in a special way.

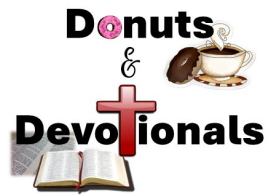
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- **Today— “3rd” Sunday lunch—** We will enjoy our first fellowship meal of 2024. Visitors are always invited to stay for our fellowship meals. We would appreciate the chance to visit with you. Following the meal, we will have a wedding shower/money (gift card) tree for Jonathan and Joslyn Dunson. There will also be cards available for our “seasoned” members and guests to write words of encouragement and advice for the couple.



A New Thing—don't miss it

- **February 4, 2024—DONUTS AND DEVO'S** A suggestion for an extra Bible Study opportunity was reviewed and approved by the Trustees. Beginning Next Sunday for all who would like to participate—9:00 am in the activity building. Max will lead a bible study session prior to morning worship services. At least once each month—this time of extra study and fellowship will include coffee and donuts. We hope many will take the opportunity to increase your study of the scriptures along with time for expanded fellowship with brothers and sisters. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.



- **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.



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. Kim has expressed her appreciation and asked that we please continue to remember this family 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 has moved to assisted living and continues to recuperate. Don't have his new address yet, but will share as soon as we do. I know he would enjoy cards and phone calls. 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 has been scheduled for February 6. This may be a lengthy process as they remove tissue and test to see if they need to take more, repeating this until they are confident all has been removed. 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 continue to deteriorate. She does seem to be in less pain than prior to the procedure on her back. Joyce tested positive for Covid this week. 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. Juan tested positive for Covid this week, and is taking prescription meds to recover.

Sharold Ferris—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 the continued blessing of more to fill the lakes and reservoirs.

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

Peter Lisle	Jan 29	Joyce Gray	Feb 22
Robby Robertson	Feb 1	Dennis McMillion	Feb 23
Laurice Reeves	Feb 2	Samantha Jewell	Feb 24
Hudson Flaherty	Feb 3	Charlotte Belich	Feb 26
Eric Kreger	Feb 4	Jaedon Snell	Feb 28
Sarah Dunson	Feb 7	Tommy Bennett	Feb 29
Sherry Jones	Feb 15		



Anniversaries

Eric & Christi Kreger Feb 3

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



House to House
Heart to Heart

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.

Passover



Exodus Chapter 12 identifies and defines the Passover as God laid out his plans for his people, in leading them out of Egypt.

According to online Britannica—Passover commemorates the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt and the “passing over” of the forces of destruction,

or the sparing of the firstborn of the Israelites, when the Lord “smote the land of Egypt” on the eve of the Exodus. Passover begins with the 15th and ends with the 21st (or, outside of Israel and among Reform Jews, the 22nd) day of the month of Nisan (March or April).

The bible reveals many references to this major Jewish Festival of Unleavened Bread. Scriptures tell us why it was celebrated, who could and could not participate in the meal, what was to be included in the meal, where the meal was to be eaten and how long each yearly celebration was to last.

But have you ever had a Passover meal?

David Keller is planning a Passover meal on Friday, April 26. The intention is to get some idea about what the celebration included—it's about more than the food. **A sign-up sheet is in the north foyer for anyone who would like to participate.** A sign-up is necessary to know how much of certain foods will be needed.

More details will be provided as the event gets nearer.

Relationship between Easter and Passover dates:

There is much confusion regarding the relationship of the dates for Easter and Passover. Different calendars, different religious sects, lunar cycles—and more... many factors contribute to determining the date for both these celebrations. This year, we celebrate Easter is on Sunday, March 31, while Passover begins at Sundown on Monday, April 22.

Bits & Pieces



Just want you to know that this week, because of your generosity, we were able to treat a young 6 year-old (Lester) for Malaria. He is doing much better. Abraham needed a new phone and will get one at the end of the month. Our kitchen collapsed because of high winds and we were able to rebuild it. We can take care of all of it because of your generosity!

You are Awesome! Thank you !!!!

John & Samantha Jewell



An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening church service when she was startled by an intruder. She caught a man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

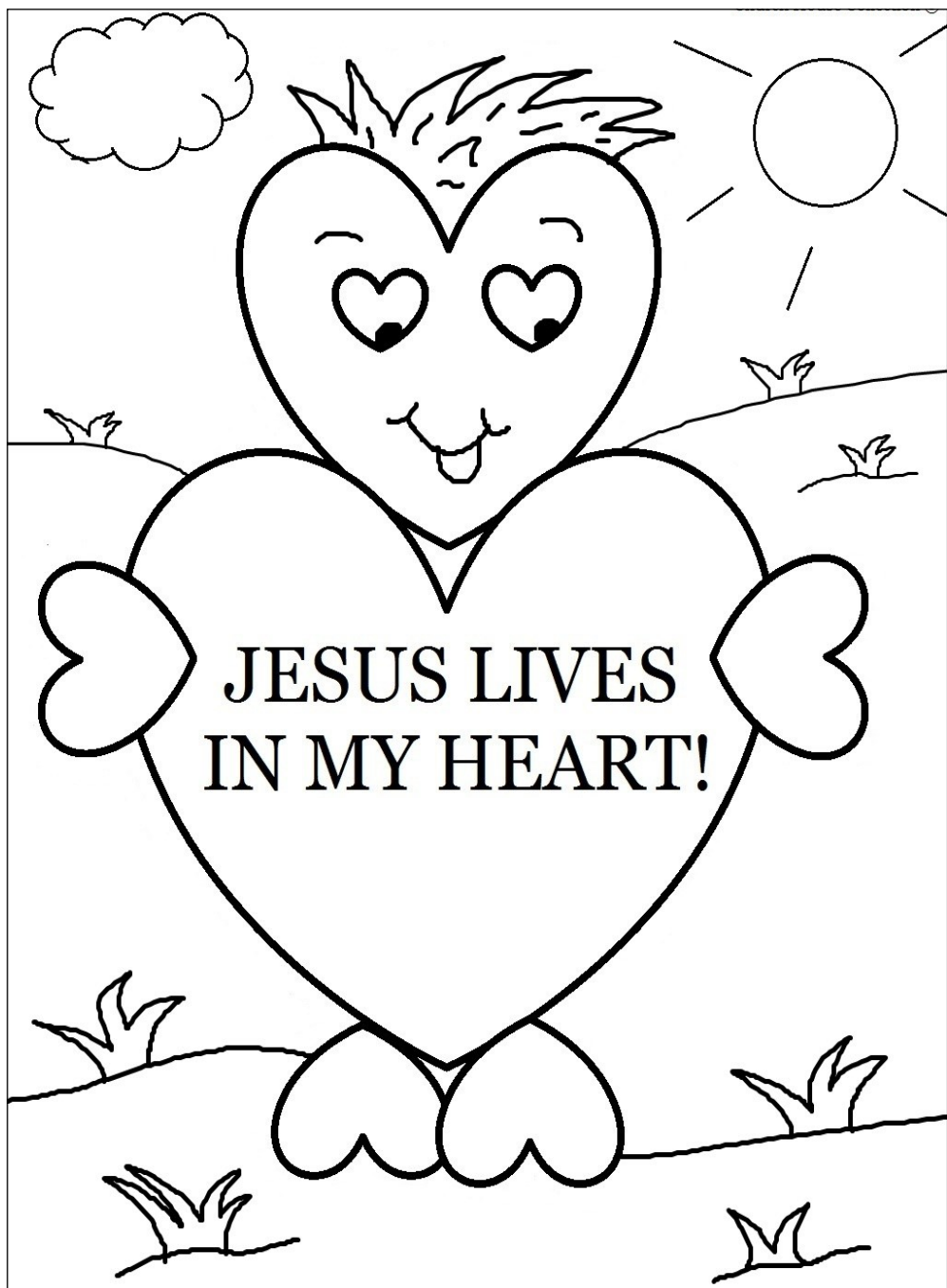
As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a Scripture at you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an ax and two 38's!"

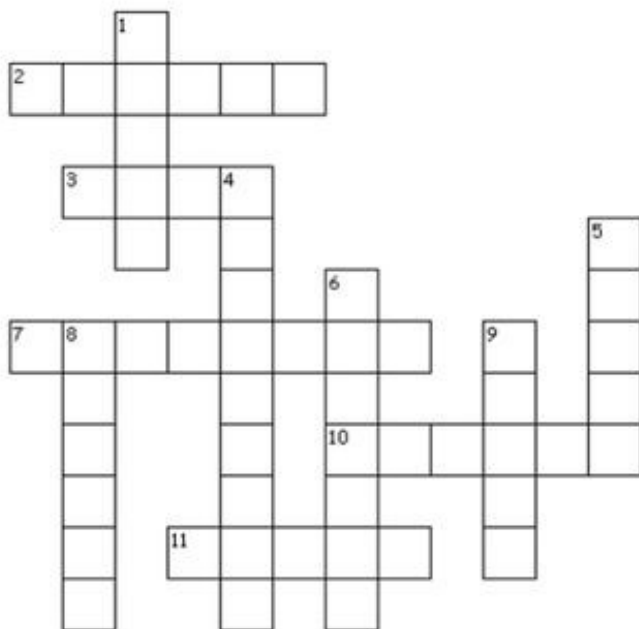
(above as seen on page 3 of "House to House Heart to Heart", Vol 29, No.2)

The CHOSEN

A group is making plans to buy tickets to see the first installment of The Chosen, Season 4 on Sunday afternoon, February 4 at 1:00 pm. If you would like to join this group to see the long anticipated theatrical release of the Season 4, just purchase your tickets (\$13.37) at the Hulen Movie Tavern website and share the experience. This showing includes episodes 1-3, and the theater web-site shows the run time as 3 hours and 27 minutes. It is my understanding this includes at least one brief intermission.



THE 12 DISCIPLES CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

2. Asked Jesus to show him the Father.
(Read John 14:8-9)
3. Jesus told him to care of His mother, Mary.
7. Replaced Judas Iscariot
10. Doubting _____
11. He denied Jesus after the rooster crowed

Down

1. Another name for Peter
4. Philip told him he had found Jesus.
Jesus said He saw him under a tree.
5. _____ Iscariot
6. Tax collector
8. Peter's brother
9. Son of Zebedee, brother of John

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)



NEW study:

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

If by Mark Batterson.

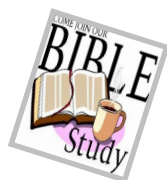
"Trading Your '***If Only***' Regrets for God's '***What If***' Possibilities".

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

Next Meeting: ➔ 7pm, February 6, 2024 ←

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—

There is still LOTS of church history that we have not yet covered during our Wednesday night study time. For now, however, we plan to pause in the history lesson and take some time in the study of the Book of Hebrews.



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 February: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—January 28, 2024
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

COMING WEEKS

Date	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18
Open			
Usher			
Songs/Close			
Prayer			
Communion			
Bible Story Kids Church			
Reading			
Lesson			
A/V			

Communion Preparation February: Donna Simco

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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