

Westworth Church of Christ



***Worshipping
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

Lessons from Esther

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13



Warnings and Examples from Old Testament

Sin and Consequences

The Good and The Bad

Serving Where God has Placed Us

DO'S AND DON'TS

We learn early in life about what to do and what not to do. Toddlers get lots of instructions about what not to touch, pull, taste, etc... When in a crowd holding on to a hand is essential. Warning is given about what is too hot. What not to do is given repeatedly to prevent pain and harm.

Then the teenage years come along, and we have not outgrown instructions to help us in life. Make your bed, mow the grass, carry out the trash, help with laundry or clean the house, do the dishes. What not to do warns of dangers that lurk around the corner like: be careful about the friends you choose, where you go, the choices you make, the temptations to step outside the wisdom of your parental guidance.

When we reach adulthood, we still face that which needs doing and what should not be done. Pay the bills. Be prompt to work. Keep the receipt, you might need it. Prepare your taxes. Don't forget your anniversary.

Later in life the voice comes with remember to take your medicine or do not forget your doctor's appointment. This is what you do to keep from having your identity stolen. Do not give out your personal information or write your passwords down. It is best to accept the undeniable fact that no matter where we are on our life's journey we have the do's and don'ts. Life really runs smooth when we follow them.

The Bible is full of advice regarding what must not be done to keep us spiritually alive and healthy.

Do not lie, steal, murder, disobey parents, become haughty, be immoral, satisfy the lusts of the flesh. Reminders and instructions about what to do are plentiful: Care for the needs of the fatherless and widows; Give to those who are hungry, thirsty, sick...Forgive others who transgress against you, love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself.

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.” (Psalms 1)

Max

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



- **February 4, 2024—DONUTS AND DEVO'S** Today is the first of "Donuts and Devo's" scheduled at **9:00 am in the activity building weekly.**

Set your alarms a little earlier and join the study and fellowship each week.



Max will lead a bible study session prior to morning worship services. 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. Everyone is encouraged to invite guests.

- **Also today**—if you signed up to join the group going to see ***The Chosen***, Season 4, Episodes 1-3—**TODAY'S THE DAY.** Wanda Reynolds is the keeper of the tickets. Show starts at 1:00 pm—Hulen Movie Tavern

- **February 10, 2024—*that's next Saturday***

Annual Phil Simco Memorial Chili Cook-Off—

Hope you have that recipe perfected. 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.

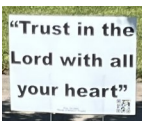


- **February 18, 2024—3rd Sunday lunch.** Hope everyone is making plans to share food and fellowship that day. Invite your family and friends to join.



- **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—has requested prayers for her daughter, Sara and granddaughters Blakely and Emma, for improved family situation/circumstances as well as prayers for herself and her role in their lives. Kim has expressed her appreciation and asked that we please continue to remember this family in prayer.

David Burris — David is 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 is scheduled for Tuesday, 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 is still recovering from Covid. 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 is recovering from her case of Covid, please continue to pray for her health. On Monday Ann tested positive for Covid. This is multiple times for Ann, please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Sharold Ferris—Was to have sinus and ear surgery on Thursday, 2/1. He should be home recovering. 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 and doing some better. He is experiencing non-combat related PTSD. The newlyweds (Andy & Lauren) are doing well.

Rain—Give Thanks for the blessing of recent rains and the continued blessing of more to fill the lakes and reservoirs.

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.
- **Israel**—Those caught in the conflicts in Israel, and surrounding regions. Please pray for peace and the limit to further escalation.
- **Church growth and leadership**—pray for God's guidance and blessings on efforts to grow the Lord's church here and worldwide. 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

Robby Robertson Feb 1
Laurice Reeves Feb 2
Hudson Flaherty Feb 3
Eric Kreger Feb 4
Sarah Dunson Feb 7
Sherry Jones Feb 15



Joyce Gray Feb 22
Dennis McMillion Feb 23
Samantha Jewell Feb 24
Charlotte Belich Feb 26
Jaedon Snell Feb 28
Tommy Bennett Feb 29

Anniversaries

Eric & Christi Kreger Feb 3

**FLORETTA'S
BACK HOME**

Hope you didn't write her last address update in permanent ink... 😊

New address:

**Floretta Hubbard
150 County Road 4857
Newark, TX 76071**

*Not the same as her
previous address in
Newark*

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



Conditions in Malawi are not good. Recently the government there devalued their currency by more than 40%, making their difficult lives even more difficult. Please keep Snoden and his family in your prayers, as well as Abraham who works with Snoden to manage the mission. Abraham's children are battling Malaria. The situation in Malawi is dire and the mission is working hard to help wherever possible. Please pray for the mission and all who are working there on behalf of the children.

Plans are progressing 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.



The remaining episodes of ***The Chosen***, season 4, are scheduled to be released in theaters as follows:

Episodes 4-6 on February 15,

Episodes 7-8 on February 29.

The same group going today will plan to see the remaining episodes as well. Talk to Wanda Reynolds or Sherry Yates if you want to join for the next releases.

1 Timothy 6:10-12

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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How are your listening skills?

Each week, we are blessed with the opportunity to hear an uplifting and beneficial lesson from God's Word, presented to us and for us by Max - or on occasion, another qualified speaker. We are edified by these lessons.

When thinking of the message presented, do you sometimes wish your memory could bring back the words with more clarity? Do you just want to hear the message again because something in it "struck a chord" with you?

Good News!!

Each week, the lesson is recorded and posted to the church web-site:

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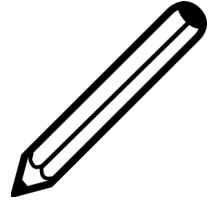


Click on the three bar icon on the blue bar at the top of the page to see the menu of items available on the site. SERMONS is the 5th item on the list. When you click it, you will have access to an extensive library of past messages. Simply click on any message on the list to hear it again (or for the first time).

The church website has many features. Hope you will take advantage and even offer suggestions for what you would like to see there.

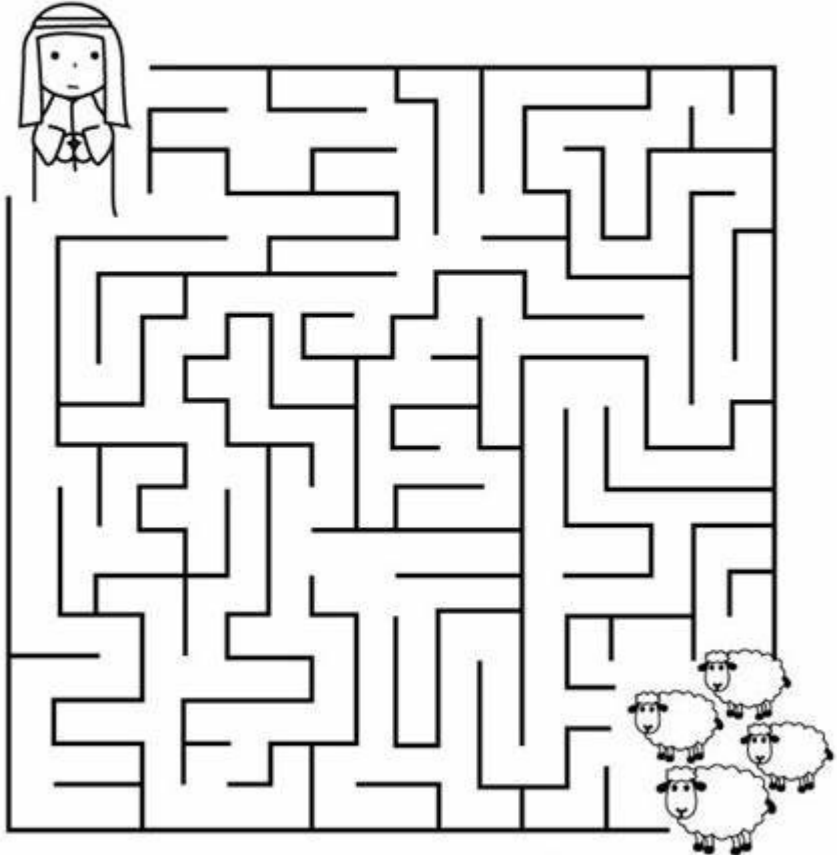


Kids Page



Lost Sheep Maze

Help the shepherd find his lost sheep.



Puzzle/Image from the web link below:

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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.

Question #1— Who wrote the book of Hebrews?



Everyone is invited to join this time of study and fellowship.

Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study

Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study: *The Parables of Jesus*

The ladies group recently finished a study and is in the process of determining "What's Next".

In the meantime the ladies are studying the parables of Jesus. This will take a few weeks, and all ladies are welcome and encouraged to join.

Even remotely... the fellowship of this study session provides encouragement to all who participate.



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—February 4, 2024
Open	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Randy Feters

COMING WEEKS

Date	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Open	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Randy Feters	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Curtis Thompson	Sharold Ferris	Randy Feters
Communion	David Keller	Max Lisle	Bill Jonesa
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	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty	Sherry Yates

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.



Leadership and Logistics



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