

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

The Light of God

Scripture Reading:

John 1:1-5



- ◆ **The Word Became Flesh**
- ◆ **"I am the Light of the World"**
- ◆ **"You are the Light of the World"**
- ◆ **Live as Children of Light**

MANNA FROM ABOVE

When the Israelites left Egypt, they faced the fact that the food they had to eat there was no longer available to them. They grumbled about not having all the food they wanted. The meat pots of Egypt were gone. What God did for them was to provide ‘Manna’ in the morning and ‘Quail’ in the evening. God was their provider of food. He met their needs. Everyone who followed the Lord’s instructions found they had no want. Everyone had just what they needed.

When Jesus fed the five thousand with the boy’s lunch of five barley loaves and two fish; everyone ate to their fill. God provided all they needed with several baskets left over. Jesus makes the claim that he had come from heaven and would furnish the ‘True Manna’.

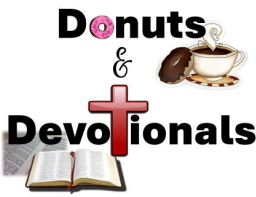
Physically we all seek the food our bodies need to stay alive. But one great truth comes from Jesus when He was confronted by Satan to turn the stones into bread. The Lord refused to turn the stones to bread to use his miraculous powers to satisfy his own desires. He was being tempted to not depend upon the Father for what he needed. He declared: ***“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”*** Deut. 8:3. This was a quote Moses shared with Israel reminding them when they were in need, leaving Egypt and wandering in the desert, God provided the manna and quail. There is more to our lives than physical life. We need to feed our spirits with God’s spiritual bread.

When Jesus told the folks who looked for him because he had fed them miraculously, he had come to feed their souls, many turned away and did not follow him anymore. Jesus asked his chosen apostles if they would go away too. To which their response was: ***“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*** John 6:68.

We are greatly blessed when we take nourishment from the Lord, feeding our souls with the manna from heaven.

Max

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



- **DONUTS AND DEVO'S** scheduled at 9:00 am in the activity building weekly for 4 more weeks. Then a determination will be made about continuing this early bible study/fellowship.

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.

- **February 10, 2024—*Last night***

- Annual Phil Simco Memorial Chili Cook-Off—**

At press time for the bulletin the winner was unknown. What is known is this—as with all of our fellowship events—much good food was consumed, and great fellowship was part of the event!! If you were unable to attend, you were missed and hope you will plan for next year.

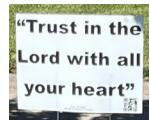


Braggin' rights were up for grabs and our announcements today will include the names of winners.

- **February 18, 2024 (next Sunday)—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.



- **Do you know...** It is just one month until Daylight Savings Time begins - on March 10, 2024!!
- **Easter Sunday—March 31**—is a 5th Sunday, but we will NOT have our usual 5th Sunday Lunch.

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:

Bob & Betty Lane— Bob's surgery to remove a malignancy behind one of his ears was done on Tuesday, February 6, (in the doctor's office, under local anesthesia) On Wednesday, Betty reported a difficult night Tuesday, but that he seems to be doing ok. The doctors say they believe they got it all, but it could come back—that is always a possibility with cancer. The decision for doing reconstructive plastic surgery is not yet made. That surgery would require general anesthesia. Not a good option for Bob's condition. Betty continues as Bob's primary care giver, even with the help of hospice workers. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Janice Stanfield—continues to recuperate from recent foot surgery. Please keep Janice in your prayers for a speedy and complete healing/recovery. She will be "out of commission" for a while.

Sharold Ferris—Had sinus and ear surgery on Thursday, 2/1. He is doing well, (here today) but complete recovery will take a while. Please continue to pray for his overall health.

John Snell, Justin Snell and Jaquelyn Snell—had battles with the flu last week. All are on the mend. Please keep them in your prayers for full recovery.

Wanda Bryant—remains in the rehab facility on Sky Line Drive. Each Tuesday she is evaluated for progress and then the decision is made to continue rehab or what next steps should be. Wanda is in good spirits and ready for whatever is next. Please keep her in your prayers.

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.

Ernie Brawley—Ernie has moved into assisted living and continues to recuperate from his last fall and broken leg. A new address for Ernie can be found on page 7. 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.

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.

Joyce Gray—Joyce's overall condition seems to continue to deteriorate. She has good days and bad days, as do all people with similar conditions. Please

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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 over Covid, but as most know, the recovery can be a slow process. Please pray for her complete recovery and restored energy. Ann also had a bout with Covid, but seems to be “on the mend” and is back with us.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—Pray for John and Samantha and their efforts on behalf of the young people at York University. John’s brother is battling cancer and they have asked for prayers on his behalf. 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.

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

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 symbolic foods were 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 some 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



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.



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

Episodes 4-6 on Feb. 15 & Episodes 7-8 on Feb. 29.

The same group who saw the first 3 episodes 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.

Directory Update/New Address

Ernie Brawley

Ridgmar Place, Apartment #3217

2151 Green Oaks Road

Ft. Worth, TX 76116

<https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/>



The Church also is on Facebook!!

Have you visited the Westworth factbook page? There is weekly information shared there, also.

- On Friday the song selections for Sunday are posted with links to samples to 'refresh' your memory if needed.
- Events are posted there—Donuts and Devotionals can be seen there, and others as they are planned.

(This is in addition to the church website)

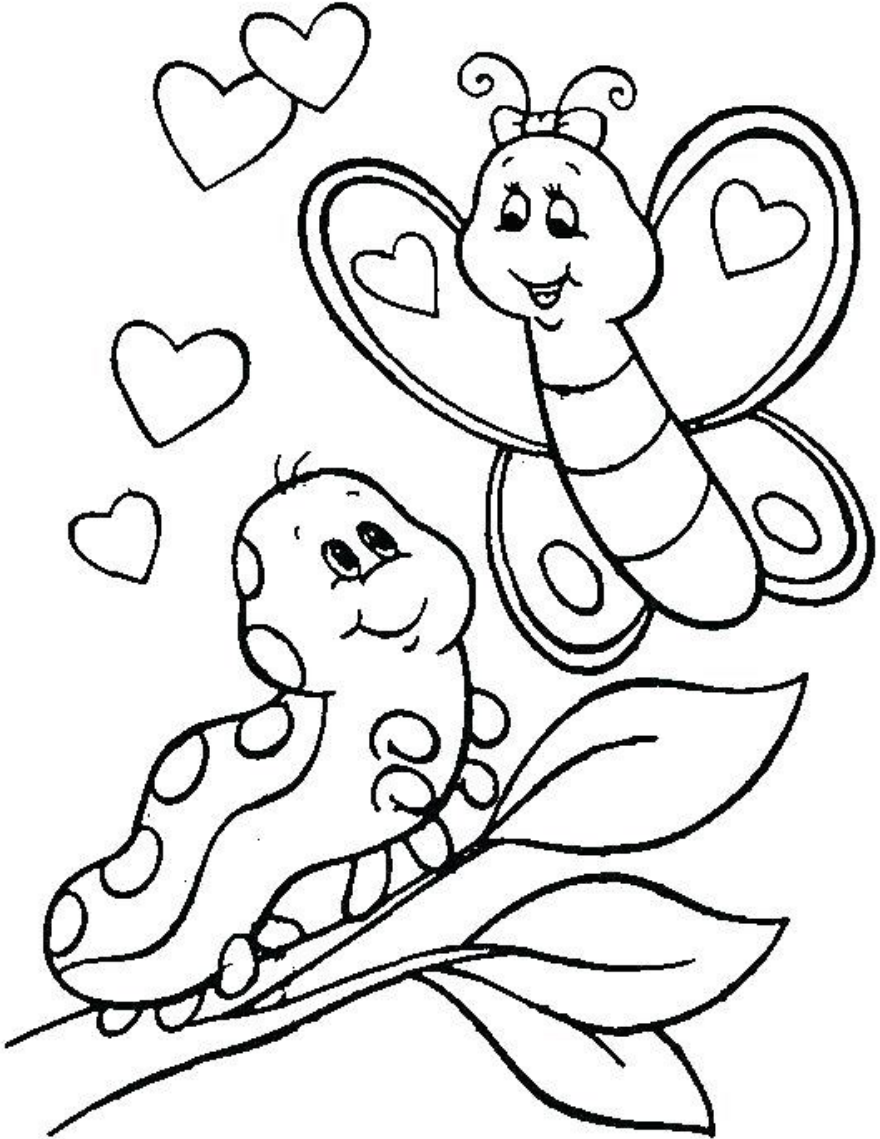
1 Peter 2:16-18 (NASV)

¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.



Kids Page



Matthew 22:39 "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
Or: Treat other people how you would like to be treated.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday Thursdays Women's Virtual Bible Study (note the change of day for this group)

Each week — 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study: *The Parables of Jesus*

Until a new book is chosen for study, the ladies are studying the parables of Jesus. This will take a few weeks, and all ladies are welcome and encouraged to join.

Even meeting 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



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



NEW study:

The Men's 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 the first and third Tuesdays, 7pm.

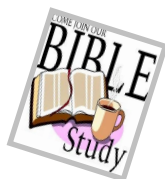
Next Session: ➔ 7pm, February 20, 2024 ⬅

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—

Currently—and until we begin the "Making Things Right" sessions in March—the Wednesday night study is on the book of Hebrews.

*"The book of Hebrews could be called 'the book of better things' since the two Greek words for 'better' and 'superior' occur 15 times in the letter." **

(* Introduction to Hebrews, NIV Study Bible, 2011 Edition)



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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for February: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—Feb. 11, 2024
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Randy Feters
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Curtis Thompson
Communion	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	Sharold Ferris
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Feb 18	Feb 25	Mar 3
Open	Eric Kreger	Brian Flaherty	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson	
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	
Prayer	Sharold Ferris	Randy Feters	
Communion	Max Lisle	Bill Jones	
Bible Story Kids Church	Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller	
Reading	Cooper Thompson	Jaedon Snell	
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	
A/V	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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