

# Westworth Church of Christ

*Worshipping  
Serving  
Fellowshipping*

*The  
Westworth  
Word*

**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.

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## ***Today's Message***

***Speaker—Max Pratt***

### **A Summit Meeting the God— Standing on Holy Ground**

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**Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-6, 10**

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- ◆ **A Summit Meeting with God**
- ◆ **A Heavenly Calling**
- ◆ **No More Excuses**
- ◆ **I Will Be with You**

# LORD OF THE SABBATH

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Reading the Gospel accounts will reveal that many of the Jews were upset with Jesus. In particular the Pharisees had lots of objections to what Jesus did and allowed his disciples to do. One of the most notable objects was the breaking of the Sabbath. One record is found in Luke 6.

***“One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. Some of the Pharisees asked, Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”***

There were laws in the Scriptures governing what could be done on the Sabbath. In the Old Testament law given to Israel by Moses the Sabbath was a day of rest. It was set aside from the other six days of the week. In Mark's Gospel account this same scene is recorded. Jesus said, ***“The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”*** The record of both Luke and Mark continued with Jesus challenging their question toward him with him asking: ***“Which is lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?”*** They did not answer Jesus. Then the Lord stood a man with a shriveled hand before them, and he healed him. In Matthew the 12th chapter Jesus asked those Pharisees:

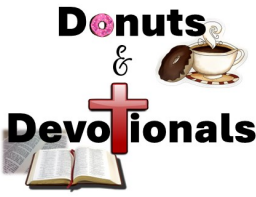
***“If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”***

The same objection was made against Jesus because he healed a man who was paralyzed. He healed him and told him to take up his pallet and go home. It was on a Sabbath Day. Those Pharisee, watchdogs of the law of Moses had misapplied God's command to ***“Observe the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy”***.

That law was given to bless those who observed it as was true of all the laws the Lord imposed on his people. The laws given to guide us in following Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords will bless everyone who observe them. How sad to know that those who were so judgmental of Jesus could not see the good he did or the miracles of healing, but rather devised plots to kill him.

The law of keeping the Sabbath, eating only clean meats and many others are not imposed upon us under the New Testament covenant. In keeping Christ's law we should become 'Good Samaritans' every day of the week.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?



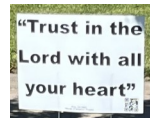
- **DONUTS AND DEVO'S** scheduled at 9:00 am in the activity building weekly . If you've not yet joined this study...hope you can make it soon. Additional fellowship and study time is a blessing.

So set your alarms a little earlier and join us each week as Max leads a brief bible study prior to morning worship services.



This time includes 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 18, 2024 (TODAY) - 3rd Sunday lunch.** Hope everyone plans to stay for good food and fellowship after services today.
- **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank** - Your continued 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 less than one month until Daylight Savings Time begins - on March 10, 2024!!
- **Next 3rd Sunday Lunch**—Sunday, March 17. Never too early to mark your calendar.
- **Easter Sunday—March 31**—is a 5th Sunday, but we will NOT have our usual 5th Sunday Lunch.



**Fellowship**

As the weather improves and everyone is ready to shed the winter doldrums, would you like to plan a fellowship event? Something here at the building, or somewhere else that you enjoy? All fellowship activities are welcomed.

Any member is encouraged to share with your brothers and sisters an activity that you enjoy . Who Knows! You may plan something that will become another favorite in our "traditions". OR... take responsibility for planning/execution of one of our standard activities.

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, On Tuesday this week, he had the 'follow-up' visit and seemed to be doing well. 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.

**David Burris** — David is still working on recovery from the ordeal he has faced for such a long time. Additionally, on Friday he had a carcinoma removed from the area around one of his eyes. Please continue prayers on behalf of David, Tracy and the whole family.

**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 longer.

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

**Snell Family**—almost every one has had some illness recently. They are on the mend and we are thankful for that. Please pray they will all get better and be done with all this.

**Wanda Bryant**—was released from rehab this week. She is at home and seems to be doing well. Her sister-in-law helps with her needs but cards and calls always brighten the days.

**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. Please pray for Ernie's comfort during his prolonged recovery.

**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 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.

## **Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)**

**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. He has been released from the hospital. Jonah is now home with John & Samantha adjusting to life as a civilian once more.

**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 very challenging.

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. 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.



The Westworth edition of “House to House, Heart to Heart” will be out soon. 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. A sign-up sheet is in the south foyer—to make sure materials are available for everyone.



House to House  
Heart to Heart

### Directory Update/ New Address

**Ernie Brawley**

**Ridgmar Place, Apartment #3217**

**2151 Green Oaks Road**

**Ft. Worth, TX 76116**



After the fellowship lunch today, some of our ladies have made plans to go to the movies to see the next release from The Chosen, Season 4.

The final release will be on February 29 and the same group will probably plan to see that on Sunday, March 3.



# Kids Pages



## Obeying God

**Noah Obeyed  
God**

—Genesis 6, 7

God told Noah to build a very big boat for his family and two each of all the animals. Noah obeyed God. What happened next? Fill in the letter missing from each animal pictured. Copy the missing letters in order onto the lines at the bottom of the page. These letters will spell the answer.



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O L P H I N



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**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above

## SCHEDULED STUDIES

### **Monday 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)**

Current Study: **If** by Mark Batterson.

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

Based on the first study session the men's group learned some things about regrets. In the short-term, considering Action vs Inaction: 53% to 47% felt that Action was the most important.

However, when considered long-term the view was 84% to 16% that Action was the most important.

Conclusion: **In the long term, we regret our inaction more than our action.**

Do we try so hard to avoid doing something wrong that we don't have enough time to do anything right?

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

**Using Romans 8 as the blueprint for "What Ifs"**

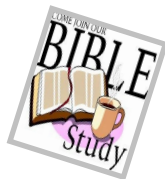
### **Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—Feb. 18, 2024</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Cooper Thompson</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>		
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>		
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Randy Fетters</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>		
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson / David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>		
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Jaedon Snell</b>		
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>		
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Sherry Yates</b>		

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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