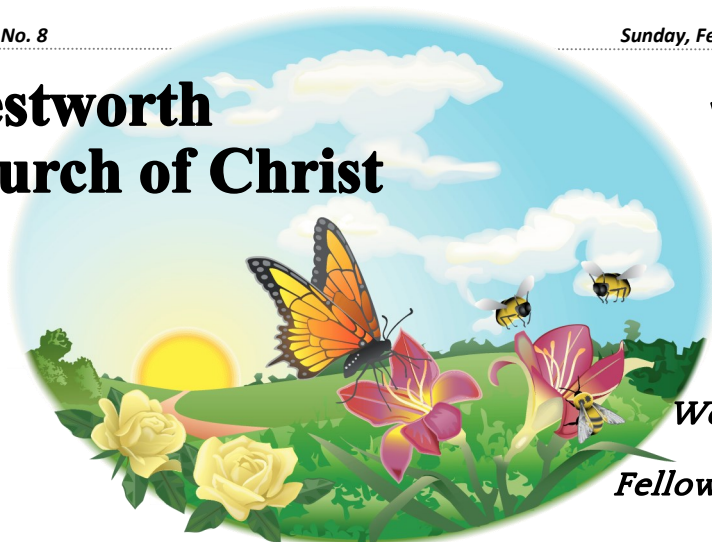


# Westworth Church of Christ

The  
Westworth  
Word



*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.

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

*Speaker—Max Pratt*

### ***Great Statements of the Bible—#1***

***Scripture Reading: John 3:16-17***

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#### **Introduction to Series**

- ♦ **Living by Faith**
- ♦ **From Great Statements of God's Word**
  - **First Great Statement**
  - **Principles**
  - **Promises**

## **“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD”**

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### **PSALMS 46:10**

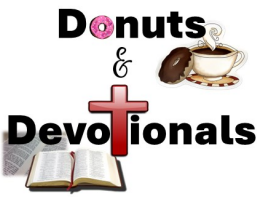
Through the inspired pen of the Psalmist, we hear God's command to take time, to stop, to pause and to consider God. It is early in the calendar year, but I have already heard from two dear sisters in Christ whom I communicate with every month about the radio programs that the passage of time is racing so very fast the pace is unbelievable. How can we have spent the first month of the year? And now we are not far from Spring. (I did not burden them with the facts of aging, and how time changes speed, which I am sure they didn't need me to share.)

Obviously we live busy lifestyles. The State of Texas has co-operated with us in addressing our needs. They set the speed limits higher so we can get from one place to another quicker. The technology industry is doing their part. Every electronic gadget has a faster processor. I didn't live before telephones, electricity, or automobiles. These and other things that have added to a faster pace were already around before I came on the scene. But I recall my dad telling of his childhood when they traveled on foot, or by horse and carriage. My granddad had a difficult time changing over from the horse and buggy to a pickup. I have experienced the computer age and the advances in technology, and I have problems making some changes. I must ask my children and grandchildren often how to work my smart phone. If anything changes on my computer, it challenges me to use it. (Eric is on speed-dial) So, I can relate well to Grandpa's problem.

With all these developments, we use these things to free up time and space. But I am thinking and witnessing that the opposite is true. Instead of helping free up time, seems they have created the need to spend more time using them and having less time for other things.

How easy is it for us to obey the command of this Scripture? It is a command. It is God speaking through the psalmist. He commands that we devote time to knowing Him and His majesty. Nothing in all our day is more important. Have you been still today? Do you have a quiet time? Does it include meditation upon the Heavenly Father? Who he is? If so, then we will know the truth from where the Psalmist began: “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”  
Psalms 46:1

# THINGS WE'RE DOING



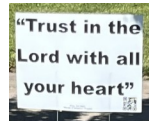
- **DONUTS AND DEVO'S** scheduled at 9:00 am in the activity building weekly . If you've not yet joined this study...hope you can make it soon. Additional fellowship and study time is a blessing.

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.

- **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.
- **Soon ...** It is less than one month until Daylight Saving 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... you could 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 continues to recover from surgery to remove a cancer earlier this month but his overall condition seems to be deteriorating. 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 remember them in your prayers.

**David Burris** — David is still working on recovery from the ordeal he has faced for such a long time. Additionally, 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.

**Darla Thornton**—had surgery on Wednesday to remove 'plaque' from a spot on her tongue. This is a recurrence of a condition she had about 5 years ago. She is staying with friends while she recovers. Please keep Darla in your prayers for swift and complete recovery, and for no future recurrence.

**Wanda Reynolds family**—Her daughter, **Sherri** was in severe pain and hospitalized last week in San Angelo. She is battling diverticulitis and a UTI. She was released on Wednesday with meds to address the UTI. Also, Wanda's sister, **Alice Simon** has been told she has 2 small tumors in her head and an MRI was done on Wednesday. No news on results at 'press time'. Please keep these in your prayers for comfort and healing.

**Janice Stanfield**—Please keep Janice in your prayers for complete healing/recovery from her foot surgery. She will be "out of commission" for a while longer.

**Sharold Ferris**—Continued prayers, please as Sharold meets with doctors to address other health issues. He is doing well, but complete recovery from his most recent surgeries will take a while. Please pray for his overall health.

**Wanda Bryant**—is at home and seems to be doing well. She is having some difficulty finding a home health care group that is within her insurance coverage. 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. I know he would enjoy cards and phone

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

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.

**John and Samantha Jewell et al**—Pray for John and Samantha and the work in Malawi. John's brother is battling cancer and they have asked for prayers on his behalf. John's Dad is under hospice care, "in pain and ready to go home", according to John's request for prayers this week. Jonah is at home and still struggling with mental health issues while adjusting to civilian life. Please keep all in your prayers.

**Rain**—Give Thanks for the blessing of recent rains and the continued blessing of more to fill the lakes and reservoirs. And on the other hand, pray for relief from the flooding in California.

**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.
- **Church growth and leadership**—worldwide and especially here. Pray for the wisdom needed by our leaders to help us be the beacon of light for the world.
- **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. Pray for young people who are beginning their adult walk, that they will resist the devil and always seek God's will.
- School teachers, administrators and staff as the school year progresses.

**Please make known your prayer needs.**

**Birthdays**

Charlotte Belich	Feb 26	Cooper Thompson	Mar 8
Jaedon Snell	Feb 28	Abbey Kreger	Mar 9
Tommy Bennett	Feb 29	Sarah Thompson	Mar 12
Pat Straw	Mar 2	Max Pratt	Mar 13
Richard Hromek	Mar 3	Debbie Highfill	Mar 21
Ben Jewell	Mar 3	Mike Lisle	Mar 23
Lanette Lisle	Mar 5	Ernie Brawley	Mar 29
Jacquelyn Snell	Mar 7		



**Anniversaries**

Mike & Lanette Lisle	Mar 15
Max & Sarah Lisle	Mar 21

## Passover



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

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.

According to Multi Faith Neighbors Network (mfnn.org) :

The celebration of Passover includes a seder, a festive and ritual meal that incorporates the retelling of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. In addition, Jews abstain from eating "chametz" (chametz is leavened bread) and other leavened food. As the Israelites fled Egypt, they baked bread but left so quickly that they did not have time to allow the bread to rise. Instead, they baked flat, cracker-like food known as "matzah." Many Jews get rid of every trace of "chametz" in their home prior to the start of Passover.

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.**

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If you are interested in simple "facts" about Passover and the associated celebrations and traditions, as well as how the date for the celebration is determined, there is much information online. All you have to do is "Google" your questions regarding Passover and many options for answers to your question will be shown.

## 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.



House to House  
Heart to Heart

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

### Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong

Scheduled on Wednesday evenings beginning March 20, continuing for six 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.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.



## Kids Pages



# Bible Heroes of Faith

H Q K L C X B I G J A C O B S  
A A J A E A Z S I C H W R N E  
O P A O R B T R D G H G A R T  
N S W A S E A U E S A E H Z I  
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ABEL  
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ABRAHAM  
SARAH  
ISAAC

JACOB  
JOSEPH  
MOSES  
ISRAELITES  
RAHAB

GIDEON  
BARAK  
SAMSON  
DAVID  
SAMUEL  
PROPHETS





## 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, March 5, 2024 ⬅**

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

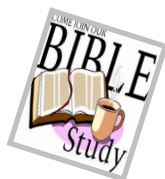
### Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—

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. 25, 2024</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 Feters</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>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Mar 17</b>
<b>Open</b>			
<b>Usher</b>			
<b>Songs/Close</b>			
<b>Prayer</b>			
<b>Communion</b>			
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>			
<b>Reading</b>			
<b>Lesson</b>			
<b>A/V</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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<b>Facebook Group:</b>	Westworth Church of Christ ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/">https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/</a> )