

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

Great Statements of the Bible—#2

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8



Lesson: Faith's Personal Victory

- The Apostle Paul and Timothy
- 2 Timothy—A farewell letter
- The Greatest Statement of Christian Living and Hope

FEW DAYS AND FULL OF TROUBLE

Job 14:1, "Man born of woman is few days and full of trouble. He springs up like a flower and withers away; like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure."

Job's friends were agonizing this suffering man with their reasons why he was suffering so much. His losses were many. His grief would have been overwhelming for anyone. From being comfortably wealthy, healthy and filled to the full with family; this righteous man of God fell into a pit of darkness choking the very life from his soul. All he could see was the troubles that come in the short time a person lives on earth.

John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble." Jesus forewarns his apostles that life will not be easy. People rejected him, plotted to kill him, hated him and ultimately had him crucified. Before the final blow of man's jealousy and hatred, the Lord revealed to his chosen followers that persecutions, hatred and imprisonment would come to them because of him.

Anyone dealing with the exhaustive daily care of the elderly, anyone suffering with a loved one who is struggling with a relentless disease, people who are living with the void because death has taken a loved one; knows how troubling life can be in our few days to live. Countless scenes race across my own mind of life's pain caused by a world of troubles and trials. Job was counting those in his own life. Multiply that with everyone whom you share in life.

We need to finish hearing the Lord's words from the pen of the apostle John, "But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus desires that we find peace from our troubles in him. The truth is that life will bring trouble of one kind or another, but Jesus offers a peace that can only be found in him. Having the presence of Jesus as we face life's tribulations and sorrows calms the storms that arise. While the fallen, sinful world hurts us and rejects us; we have Christ's acceptance and assurance that all is well with our soul. In Jesus there is a peace beyond comprehension. Embrace his love and peace.

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.

Donuts

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 ionals 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, Lord with all allowing you to rotate your 'yard' message to passerby's. Signs are in the activity bldg.

NEXT **SATURDAY** NIGHT ... (Actually 2am Sunday)



- March 17— Next 3rd Sunday Lunch. Hope your making plans to join in the fellowship.
- Easter Sunday—March 31—is a 5th Sunday, but we will NOT have our usual 5th Sunday Lunch.

thanks.

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 in February but his overall condition seems to be deteriorating. The decision for doing reconstructive plastic surgery is not yet made in consideration of 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. The pathology report gave no indication of carcinoma, and we are so very grateful for that. Darla is back at home now, still unable to eat solid food for a little longer. Please keep Darla in your prayers for swift and complete recovery, and for no future recurrence.

Wanda Reynolds family—Her daughter, Sherri was released from the hospital and seems to be recovering well. Also, Wanda's sister, Alice Simon received the results from the MRI and learned that the 'tumors' were calcifications and not malignancies. Prayers of thanks for both of Wanda's family members.

Janice Stanfield—Janice has been able to return to worship. More prayers of

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 still trying to find the right home healthcare agency for her needs. 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 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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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 received a good report from his last scan and the tumors have been reduced but doctors still project only 24 months. John's Dad is in a hospice facility in Colorado, "in pain and ready to go home". Jonah is at home facing serious mental health issues. Please keep all of the family in your prayers for strength, comfort and peace.

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 severe weather in other parts of the country.

Wildfires in the Panhandle—pray for all those impacted by the fires in the panhandle and for the firefighters to gain control and extinguish.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

- Pat Straw
- ◆ Jane Whitley
- Joyce Bennett
- Dennis McMillion Dennis had to undergo surgery last week for a wound that was not healing on his ankle. Please pray for healing from the surgery and his overall health as he remains in a group home.

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.

Pat Straw	Mar 2	Abbey Kreger	Mar 9	B
Richard Hromek	Mar 3	Sarah Thompson	Mar 12	Birth
Ben Jewell	Mar 3	Max Pratt	Mar 13	4
Lanette Lisle	Mar 5	Debbie Highfill	Mar 21	ğ
Jacquelyn Snell	Mar 7	Mike Lisle	Mar 23	days
Cooper Thompson	Mar 8	Ernie Brawley	Mar 29	S

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.

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 continue to pray for the mission and all who are working





there on behalf of the children.

It's Here!!

is "in the mail" and copies are available

for members to share with family and friends.

As shown on the back page, Max will again offer the workshop:

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 (it really is now) —to make sure materials are available for everyone.



Psalm 62:7-8

- ⁷My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

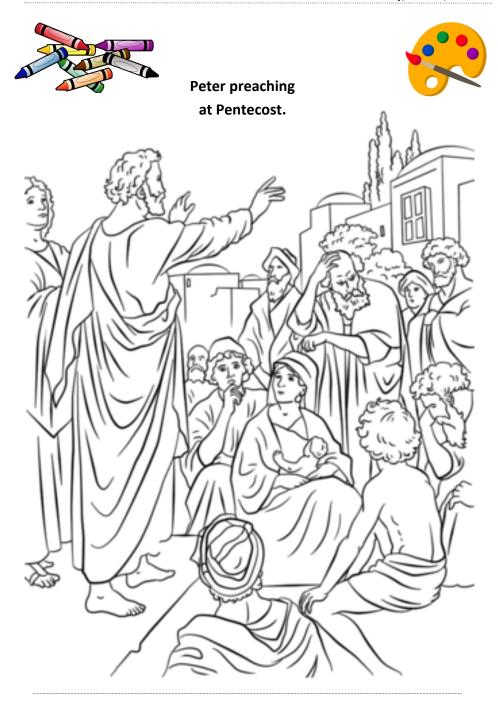


Kids Pages



Help each duckling find the pond.





Deuteronomy 6:5— You shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday Women's Virtual Bible Study

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

<u>Tuesday - Westworth Men's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)</u>

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

Date Today—March 3, 2024 **Eric Kreger** Open Trustee in charge for March: Brian Flaherty **Brian Flaherty** Usher Songs/Close **Eric Kreger TBD** Prayer **Johnny Box** Communion Max Lisle / **Bible Story Blair Montgomery & Kids Church** Max Lisle Abe Elizondo Reading Lesson

A/V

Max Pratt	
Susan Flaherty	
COMING WEEKS	

Date	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24
Open	Curtis Thompson	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Usher	Curtis Dunson	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Randy Fetters	Tom Reynolds	Max Lisle
Communion	David Keller	Curtis Thompson	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Justin Snell	Jaedon Snell	Brian Flaherty
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates	Randy Fetters	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation March: Janice Stanfield

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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