

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.



A WILLINGNESS TO FORGIVE

"Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" Matt. 18:33

Jesus told the parable about forgiveness for His apostles. The question had been asked of Jesus how many times forgiveness should be shown to a brother. The suggestion was that seven times would be plenty. But Jesus increases that number to seventy-seven times. Then the Lord shares the parable about why Christians should show mercy one to another. The story he told was of the man who owed a debt he could never pay back. The king was merciful to the man when he asked for it. He erased that huge debt. But then the forgiven servant found a fellow servant who owed him a little amount of money. He didn't have the money to pay him, but he begged for patience and he would pay it back. But no mercy was shown. He gave him no time. Our Scripture text are the words of the king who had shown such great mercy to the servant. It is a rebuke: "Shouldn't you have had mercy...?" It is a question that need not be answered. Yes! Yes, indeed mercy should have been shown.

The Lord is a merciful God. The Gospel message of Jesus Christ leaving the glory of heaven and coming to earth to suffer death and bear our sins upon the cross declares the Father's grace. We carry a debt we cannot pay. So, Christ paid the debt we could not pay. Having received such mercy, we in turn as God's children are to be merciful to others.

Jesus taught us to pray: "Forgive us our debts (transgressions) as we forgive our debtors." Matt. 6:12 Then the Lord makes it very clear: "For it you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matt. 6:14-15

In I Cor. 13 the apostle Paul defines love for us. The list of attributes includes: "Love......keeps no record of wrongs..." That is what Jesus teaches us. Love enables us to forgive rather than keeping a records. "Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." I John 4:11

THINGS WE'RE DOING

• DONUTS AND DEVO'S scheduled weekly at 9:00 am in the activity



building. If you've not yet joined this study...hope you can make it soon. Additional fellowship and study time is a blessing.

ionals Each week Max leads a brief bible study prior to morning worship services.

The topic for the study time has been:

"The Church in God's Scheme of Redemption"

A page of material is included to augment the discussion and help us remember the information and put it into practice.

This time also includes coffee and donuts. We hope many will take the opportunity to increase your study of the scriptures along with time for ex-

panded fellowship with brothers and sisters. Everyone is encouraged



to invite guests.

So set your alarms a little earlier and join us.

- 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. A Thank You note was received from them this week and is posted on the hallway bulletin board. 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.



- March 17—that's next week— Next 3rd Sunday Lunch. Hope your making plans to join in the fellowship.
- Easter Sunday—March 31— Max will be speaking in Ballinger, so Bob Mullen be in our pulpit that day. It is also 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 condition seems to be deteriorating rapidly. Betty continues as Bob's primary care giver, even with the help of hospice workers, this role for her is certainly taking a toll. 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. Tracy helps Betty as much as she can along with caring for her own family. Please continue prayers on behalf of David, Tracy and the whole family.

Darla Thornton—Darla has made an amazing recovery from her recent surgery and is slowly returning to solid foods. Please keep Darla in your prayers for complete recovery, and for no future recurrence.

Janice Stanfield—Janice has been able to return to worship, but still has some more healing before she will enter the next marathon. (kidding...l'm kidding) More prayers of thanks and for complete healing.

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. We were thrilled to have her in services last Sunday and ask your continued prayers for strength and healing. 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 continues his long healing process and is settling in to his assisted living apartment. 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 is deteriorating rapidly. She has very limited mobility on her own. Recently, the bad days out-number the good days. Please continue to pray for Joyce and for all those who provide her care **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

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

facing serious mental health issues and other challenges. 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 from the 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. Also pray for the many who are delivering assistance to the many needs of the victims.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

Pat Straw
Jane Whitley
Joyce Bennett

• Dennis McMillion - Dennis recently had surgery on his foot and is currently in a nursing home for rehab and wound care. Please pray for healing from the surgery and his overall health so he may return to the 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.

Anniversaries		Max & Sarah Lisle Mar 2		21	
$\mathbf{\mathbf{\bigcirc}}$		Mike & Lanette Lis	le	Mar 1	15
Cooper Thompson N	Var 8	Ernie Brawley	Ma	r 29	S
Jacquelyn Snell	Vlar 7	Mike Lisle	Ma	r 23	Birthdays
Lanette Lisle	Vlar 5	Debbie Highfill	Ma	r 21	d
Ben Jewell	Var 3	Max Pratt	Ma	r 13	5
Richard Hromek	Var 3	Sarah Thompson	Ma	r 12	<u>-</u>
Pat Straw	Vlar 2	Abbey Kreger	Ma	r 9	Β

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: www.chabad.org

Passover is celebrated by Jews every year

On the first two nights of Passover (just the first night in Israel), Jews hold a Seder. After candles have been lit, they enjoy a

ritual-rich 15-step feast, which centers around telling the story of the Exodus. Some highlights include: Drinking four cups of wine, dipping veggies into saltwater, children kicking off the storytelling by asking the Four Questions (Mah Nishtanah), eating matzah and bitter herbs, and singing late into the night.

On Passover, Jews may not own or consume *chametz*, anything containing grain that has risen. This includes virtually all breads, pastas, cakes and cookies. Prior to the holiday, homes are thoroughly cleaned for Passover, kitchens are purged and the remaining chametz is burned or sold.

Following the intermediate days, when work restrictions are somewhat relaxed but *chametz* remains forbidden, they celebrate the final two days of Passover (just one day in Israel), during which they look forward to the future redemption through Moshiach (Messiah).

Would you like to experience 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 Herell

has been distributed and copies are avail-

able 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 - to make sure materials are available for everyone.



Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him.⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.











Memory verse

1 John 4:19 — We love because he first loved us.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women's Virtual Bible Study

Weekly — 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—snowgirIntx@yahoo.com

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

Current Study: <u>If</u> by Mark Batterson. "Trading Your '**If Only**' Regrets for God's '**What If**' Possibilities"

Using Romans 8 as the blueprint for "What Ifs"

On Mar 5 we went to Roman's 8:1- "There is now no condemnation". Satan has hundreds of ways to get us to believe we have no value. This was a great lesson–hope you will join us for the next one.

Next Session: 🗲 7pm, March 19, 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

₹	Date	Today March 10, 2024	
her	Date	Today—March 10, 2024	
Irustee in charge for March: Brian Flaherty	Open	Curtis Thompson	
	Usher	Curtis Dunson	
	Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	
	Prayer	Randy Fetters	
	Communion	David Keller	
	Bible Story	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty &	
Trus	Kids Church	Sherry Jones	
=	Reading	Justin Snell	
	Lesson	Max Pratt	
	A/V	Sherry Yates	

	COM			
Date	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31	
Open	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Samuel Flaherty	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	Eric Kreger	
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Samuel Flaherty	
Prayer	Tom Reynolds	Max Lisle	Brian Flaherty	
Communion	Curtis Thompson	Johnny Box	Randy Fetters	
Bible Story Kids Church	Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller	5th Sunda no Childre	ay— en's Church
Reading	Jaedon Snell	Brian Flaherty	Marty N	lontgomery
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Bob Mul	llen
A/V	Randy Fetters	Christi Kreger	Christi K	reger

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.

රොරා	Leadership and Lo	ogistics २०१०	
Minister:	Max Pratt— (325)718-9987		
Trustees:	Curtis Dunson	Brian Flaherty	
	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson	
Mailing Address:	5728 White Settlement Road		
	Westworth Village, TX 76114		
Office Phone:	817-738-7536		
Worship Services:	Sunday, 10:00 am		
Website: Email: Facebook Group:	www.westworthcoc.org Westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net Westworth Church of Christ (https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/)		

- 12 -