



Westworth Church of Christ

*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.



Today’s Message

Speaker—Bob Mullen

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:8-14

Lesson: Crucified with Christ

- **Crucifying & Burying our Sins**
- **Our Resurrected Life**
- **The Death of Sin**
- **Presenting Ourselves to God**

AGONY IN GETHSEMENE

“Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you will not fall into temptation’. He withdrew about a stone’s throw and prayed. ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.’ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ‘Why are you sleeping?’ he asked them. ‘Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation’.”
Luke 22:39-46

Jesus shed tears many times in his years on earth. We have records of his weeping over the city of Jerusalem. He had come to preach good news to God’s people, but they were not receptive to him. He wept when he shared the sorrow of his good friend Lazarus’ death. Our Scripture text is the record of his suffering the agony of the cross. Crucifixion was Rome’s most painful and shameful means of punishment. They made public examples of those who violated their laws. Jesus was facing his death sentence, not because he was a criminal. He faced this suffering because religious people were full of hate and envy. Pilate found himself on the judgment seat. He examined Jesus about all the charges that had been brought against him. He declared publicly that he found no fault in Jesus. To finish the Father’s work Jesus would have to bear the horrible agony of crucifixion. He faced more than physical pain. He would bear our sins and feel the guilt and condemnation of sin. He would cry out, “My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?” Never before had he been separated from the Father. The curse of sin and death would be his and his only to bear for all of mankind. It is no wonder why Jesus would drip sweat like blood from his brow as he bowed in prayer. We should never, ever forget our Savior’s agony in the garden that night. Jesus came to give his life to ransom sinners from the condemnation of sin. The Heavenly Father’s love sent Jesus into this world to save the world from judgment. Jesus stayed upon that cross because he loves us.

“Oh, what wondrous love I see, freely shown for you and me, By the One who did atone! Just to show His matchless grace, Jesus suffered for the race, In Gethsemane alone.

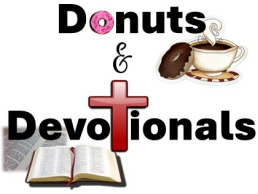
Long in anguish deep was He, Weeping there for you and me, For our sin to Him was known; We should love Him evermore For the anguish that He bore, In Gethsemane alone.

Oh what love, matchless love, Oh, what love for me was shown. His forever I will be, For the love He gave to me, when He suffered all alone.”

...S.E. Reed

THINGS WE'RE DOING

DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D) weekly at 9:00 am in the activity building.



Each week Max leads a brief bible study prior to morning worship services. A page of material is provided to support the discussion, help us remember the information and put it into practice.

This time also includes coffee and donuts. Everyone is encouraged to invite guests and join the study. If you've not yet joined this study...hope you can make it soon. Additional fellowship and study time is a blessing.

Next scheduled "D&D" - Next Sunday April 7, 2024

Any time is the perfect time to join in this weekly additional study and fellowship time with brothers and sisters in Christ.

- **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. Bring back the one you currently display and swap for a different one, giving someone else the opportunity to use the one you return. Signs are in the activity bldg.
- **Easter Sunday—Today**— Max is speaking in Ballinger today, and we are thankful to have Bob Mullen bringing the lesson for us.
- **5th Sunday**—We are not doing our typical 5th Sunday lunch because of the holiday and many of our members involved with family activities.
- **Next 3rd Sunday Lunch—April 21.** Mark your calendars now and begin planning those gourmet dishes we all love to share. (... or those country kitchen dishes, or family favorite dishes, or favorite potluck dishes.. we like them all).



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:

Sherry Jones—had surgery on her neck on Thursday to relieve pressure and improve conditions there. The surgery went well and she was up and moving around on Friday morning. Not sure when she will be released from hospital.

Betty Lane— Betty was here on 3/24 and we were all excited to see her. Steve was here, as well, along with Tracy, David and Richard. Please continue your prayers on behalf of the family .

David Burriss — David is still working on recovery from the ordeal he has faced for such a long time. Please continue prayers on behalf of David, Tracy and the whole family.

Jessica Snell—Jessica had shoulder surgery on Friday, March 22. Our last word was that she was—as expected—in a lot of pain. Please pray for Jessica’s swift and complete healing.

Janice Stanfield—Janice has been able to return to worship, but still has some more healing before she is completely over her foot surgery. Please continue prayers for complete healing.

Sharold and Julie Ferris—Sharold had a procedure on his back in preparation for back surgery. He is doing well. Please pray for his overall health. Julie has received unwelcomed news regarding her health as tests have revealed a “concern” regarding her latest cancer screening. Please keep Julie in your prayers also.

Wanda Bryant—is at home and managing, but still needs to gain strength before she is back to her normal. Please continue to pray for Wanda’s well-being and increased vitality.

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. Bad days continue to 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. Max is anticipating knee surgery in the near future.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—Please pray for John and his family for peace

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

in loss of his Dad, and for his brother who is battling Cancer. Also continue to pray for the work in Malawi. John has asked for intense prayer for Jonah and all he faces. 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 Victims in the Panhandle—The wildfires in the panhandle left behind serious devastation and destruction that will require many months/years of recovery and rebuilding. Please pray for all those who have lost possessions that they will have strength and the resources to rebuild and restore the land.

Those in assisted living and unable to meet with us:

- ◆ Pat Straw ◆ Jane Whitley ◆ Joyce Bennett
- ◆ Dennis McMillion - Dennis remains 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:

- **Families of Victims**—families of those victims/fatalities resulting from the Frances Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore harbor.
- **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.
- **Young adults/couples** who are beginning their adult walk, pray that they discern the truth and always seek God’s will.
- **School teachers, administrators and staff** as the school year has only a short time left on the year.

Please make known your prayer needs.

Birthdays



Vivian Keller	Apr 5	Johnny Box	Apr 25
Sarah Lisle	April 7	Mark Cohen	Apr 26
Susan Flaherty	Apr 21	Tracy Robertson	Apr 27
Andrea Keller	Apr 23		

No known April anniversaries

Passover



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

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.

➡ DEADLINE — TODAY, MARCH 31 ⬅

David has provided information about the items included in this meal. Things that may not be part of your everyday fare. Matzo, lamb, parsley and other items that each had special meaning during this meal. I know I’m looking forward to learning a bit more about this piece of history.



SummerExcitement

Summer Excitement 2024 is scheduled for June 16-21, in Lubbock, TX.

If you know of a student between 8th & 12th grade who would like to attend, please contact Max or one of the trustees.

A WELL-LED SONG MAY STIR THE
Soul & Mind
 IN WAYS THAT NO SERMON CAN

Whatever your level of experience as a singer or song leader, you'll find programs to edify and inspire you here. Including worship leading, songwriting, and a *cappella* singing workshops. All are welcome – men, women and teens – and we even offer need-based scholarships. Please join us for a truly uplifting week.

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July 21-26, 2024

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If interested, please contact Trustees.

(more information on the bulletin board in North foyer)

Bits & Pieces

Conditions in Malawi are very challenging.

Compounding recent financial strife, floods are ravaging central Malawi, but Samantha reports the flooding is north of the school compound. 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.



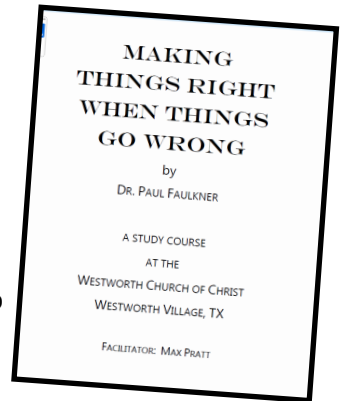
Don't Forget...

To pick up extra copies of The Westworth edition of "House to House, Heart to Heart" and share with family and friends.

Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong

This seminar/workshop began on March 20, and will continue each Wednesday night, 7-8:30 pm thru April 24. This workshop will substitute for our 'normal' Wednesday evening bible study. It is open to all members and guests.

Even if you missed the first two and would like to attend the remainder, there is plenty of space available for all who want to participate.



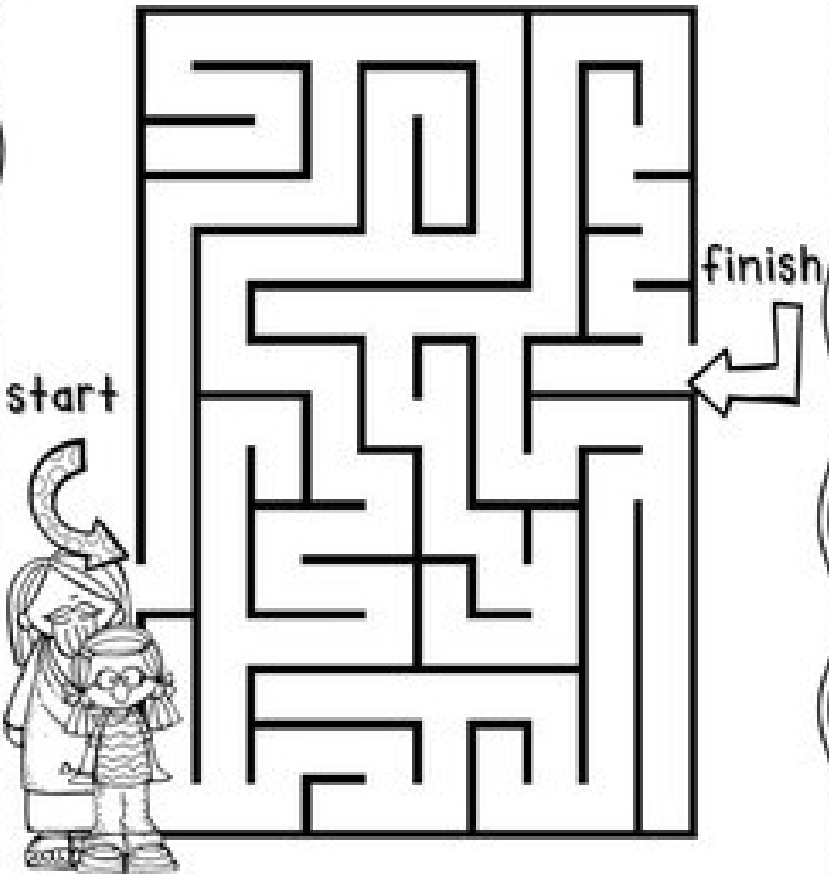
1 Corinthians 1:27-29

²⁷ 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. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.



Kids Pages

Find your way through the maze.
Remember, no matter where you are,
God is watching over you!





BE HAPPY!
IT'S EASTER!
JESUS IS WITH US!



Memory verse

Psalm 139:4 — I praise you God, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study

Weekly — 7:30 pm via Google meet

Current Study: I’m Waiting, God

by Barb Roose



A 4-Week Study - explore the stories of women in the Bible who had to wait on God. Learn how to wait for God during long seasons of unanswered prayers, family difficulties, and challenging times in general. Together we will discover that there is goodness and blessing to be found in times of waiting, including a closer relationship with God than we’ve ever dared to dream. 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”

Most recently we looked at Matthew 18:23-24, 35. It is about a man who owed 10,000 talents. Mark Batterson provided this comparison with the currency exchange of today:



Mina = 3 months wages Talent = 60 minas or 180 months (15 yrs) wages
10,000 talents (what the man owed) = 150,000 years of wages
150,000 years in todays life expectancy would be 2,232 lifetimes
Minimum wage today = \$7.25/hour Annual income = \$15,080.
*Annual income x 150,000 years of wages = \$2,262,000,000.00 (That’s **B**illions)*

The take-away: This is your value to God in today’s currency.

Give that a few minutes to soak in.

Next Men’s Group → 7pm, April 2, 2024 ←

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—

Beginning Wednesday, Mar 20, 7:00–8:30 pm

“Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong” (see P 7)



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for April: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—March 31, 2024
Open	Samuel Flaherty
Usher	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Prayer	Brian Flaherty
Communion	Randy Fetters
Bible Story Kids Church	5th Sunday— no Children’s Church
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Bob Mullen
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Apr 7	Apr 14	April 21
Open	Curtis Thompson	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Curtis Dunson	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Mike Lisle	Max Lisle	Johnny Box
Communion	Bill Jonesq	Tom Reynolds	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Curtis Thompson / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Max Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	John Snell	TBD	Cooper Thompson
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger	Sherry Yates

Communion Preparation April: Max & Juan Pratt

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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