

# 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*

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*Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:1-4 & 1 Peter 1:3-9*

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### **Lesson: A Salvation That Cannot Be Neglected**



- **We Must Pay More Careful Attention**
- **Such A Great Salvation**
- **A New Birth and A Living Hope**
- **Non-Perishing Inheritance**
- **The Goal of Faith**

# LOVE YOUR ENEMIES/PRAY FOR THEM

***“You have heard that it was said, ‘love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matt. 5:43-48***

What a high standard Jesus sets for his disciples! If we set foot on the pathway of following Jesus as Lord, we find ourselves challenged to live far above normal human emotions and responses. To walk with Jesus is to accept the high calling of divine love. God so loves us and in turn we then demonstrate his love in word and deed. When we use the word perfect, we usually mean without any flaw. The true meaning of the Greek word *Teleios* in this passage is being mature, whole, or complete. Since it is beyond our flesh to be without sin, we cannot be like God in this way. However, the Father has set the pattern. Jesus refers to the Father’s care for both the good and evil, the righteous and unrighteous. We are charged to be like him in our care for others. If we are going to be like our heavenly Father, our care for others must reach out beyond our loved ones. It means we seek good for others, even when they do not have that same desire for us.

When God sent Jesus into this world to save us by dying upon the Cross, every human being was God’s enemy. (Rom. 3:23--- *“All have sinned...”* Rom. 5:6---*“Christ died for the ungodly”*.... Rom. 5:8--- *“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”*....Rom. 5:10--- *“When we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son...”*) Since God does not make distinctions when he sends the sun and rain upon the earth, we must be like Him in our blessing others around us. One very possible way that we can show this kind of care is by offering prayers on behalf of those who are our enemies. In some cases that may be the only way to show the same kind of care that our heavenly Father does.

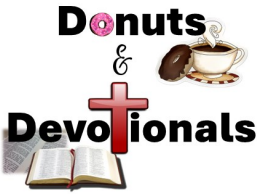
It isn’t surprising that it was said of Jesus that he went about doing good. Treating others who may be mistreating us the way Jesus did, can only be considered good.

***“He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humble with your God.” Micah 6:8***

**Max**

## ...ONGOING...

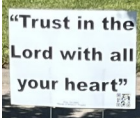
**DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D) weekly at 9:00 am in the activity building.**



Each week Max leads a brief bible study prior to morning worship services. 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. Additional fellowship and study time is always a blessing. If you've not yet joined this study...hope you can make it soon.

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** - Next delivery will be in May. Please keep this good work in your plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord. This is definitely a blessing to both giver and receiver.
- **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. 
- **Upcoming in May** - - -
  - 1) **May 12—Mother's Day**—as a note, Mike Lisle will speak for us that day while Max recuperates from his knee surgery.
  - 2) **May 19—3rd Sunday Fellowship Lunch.** Mark your calendar now.
  - 3) **May 27—Memorial Day.** The “official” start of the summer season. If you have travel plans, please be careful and have a good time.

**1 John 2:16-17**

**<sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.**

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:**

**The Flaherty Family**—Continued prayers for all the family for peace and comfort as they deal with life without our dear Samuel.

**Ella**—a 4th grader at the school where Susan teaches. She has juvenile diabetes (type 1) and has been very sick lately with the current “bug”, weak and unable to eat. Please pray for this child for healing and for her family’s peace and comfort.

**Sherry Jones**—She is doing remarkably well following neck surgery to fuse vertebrae. Please continue prayers for her complete healing.

**Betty Lane**— Please continue prayers for Betty and the family as they adjust to life without Bob.

**David Burris** — 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**—is back at work on the border in Laredo. Please continue prayers for Jessica’s recovery and safety.

**Sharold and Julie Ferris**—**Sharold** continues preparation for back surgery. He is doing well. Please pray for his overall health. **Julie** is still waiting on results and more information about the unwelcomed news 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 healing process and is settling in to his assisted living apartment. It was good to see him out briefly last week. 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 seems to be healing nicely from the recent skin graft on his nose. He is also preparing for knee surgery tentatively scheduled for May 6—that’s a week

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

from Monday Please continue to pray that all procedures and surgeries are successful, with minimal pain and down-time.

**John and Samantha Jewell et al**—John and Samantha have several major family challenges...Please pray for the entire family during the season of changes ahead, keeping all of the family in your prayers for strength, comfort and peace. And, of course, continue to pray for the work in Malawi.

**Rain**—Give Thanks for the blessing of recent rains. Continued prayers for the absence of severe weather as we approach that time of year.

**Those in assisted living** and unable to meet with us:

- ◆ 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 worldwide.
- **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.**

**Tracy Burris**

**May 26**

**Jane (Yates) Hall**

**May 28**

**Amanda Moore**

**May 31**



**Matthew & D’Ann Bristol**      **May 17**

**Hudson & Daniella Flaherty**      **May 17**



**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. Registration is now open.

More information is available at the website:  
<https://summerexcitement.com>



**Friday, May 10**

**5:30-7:30 pm**

**Melva Campbell Park**

We received an invitation from the City of Westworth Village for their annual Spring Fling Picnic.

*"Complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers will be cooked and served by our wonderful Police Department, free*

*snow cones will be provided.*

*Activities include a petting zoo, a craft station, games and more."*

*(Invitation can be seen on hallway bulletin board)*

**Do you have an idea  for a new fellowship event?**

**Maybe something we've never done before?**

**Something we've done in the past but it's been a long time? Something adventurous? A service event? Something calming & relaxing?**

**LET'S DO IT!!! If you want/need help, let the Trustees know. Then, make the plans, make the announcement, and let's do a bit of life together. Something that will bring us closer and display our love of Christ to the world.**



## Bits & Pieces

Conditions in Malawi are very challenging.

Please keep Snoden and his family in your prayers, as well as Abraham who works with Snoden to manage the mission, feeding and working to educate 150 children. 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.



## Time for a Directory Update

It's time to make sure your contact information in the church directory is up to date. Please use the space below to provide any updated information.

Until the new directory can be printed, please add the information below to your current copy:

**Lillie Rollins** (phone number correction) - 817-269-0740

**Christina Raley** (corrected email) cdrale13@gmail.com

Addition:        Kim Turner  
                         1617 Ems Rd. W.  
                         Ft. Worth, Tx 76116  
                         Phone: 817-907-7243

Your updated/corrected information: (just write your update below, remove this page from the bulletin and put it in the contribution tray.)

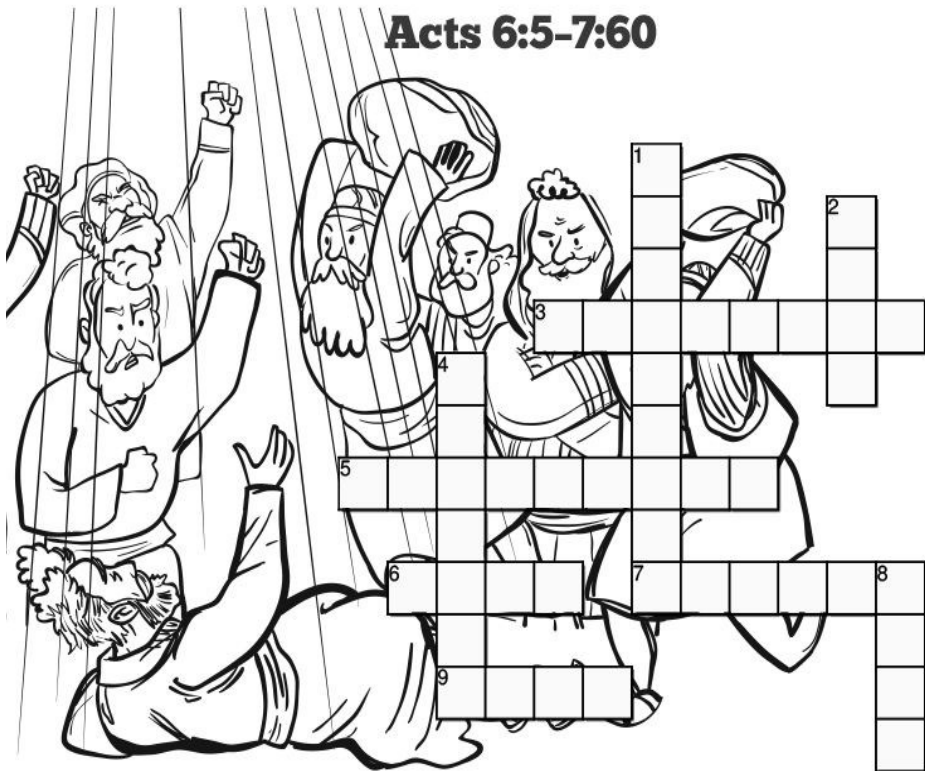
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# Kids Pages

## THE STONING OF STEPHEN

Acts 6:5-7:60



### Across

- Stephen went around preaching, healing people and performing \_\_\_\_\_ all proving the power of Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is when you say bad things about God.
- Because Stephen preached about Jesus in court, the leaders decided to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- The leaders threw \_\_\_\_\_ at Stephen until he died.
- When the Holy Spirit came upon Stephen in court, his face started to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down

- The \_\_\_\_\_ and leaders did not like that Stephen was teaching about Jesus.
- The religious leaders \_\_\_\_\_ about Stephen in order to get him in trouble.
- Stephen never stopped \_\_\_\_\_ as he was being stoned.
- One Pharisee who really hated Christians was named \_\_\_\_\_.





♥ Love thy neighbor

*Memory verse*

**Matthew 22:39** — You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

# SCHEDULED STUDIES

## Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study

Weekly — 7:30 pm via Google meet

Current Study: I’m Waiting, God

by Barb Roose



This study will conclude next week. All ladies are encouraged to join this weekly study, and this is a perfect time, as they are determining the next book or topic. Participants gain so much more than a time of study. As with most of our activities, the fellowship and support in the group is immeasurable, and something to be sought. 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, May 7, 2024 ←*

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

Continuing thru Wednesday, May 1, 7:00–8:30 pm

“Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong”



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for May: Curtis Dunson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—April 28</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Mike Lisle / David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>

## COMING WEEKS

Date	May 5	May 12	May 19
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Duson</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	<b>David Keller</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>	<b>David Keller</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>David Keller / Blair Montgomery &amp; Sarah Thompson</b>	<b>Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty &amp; Sherry Jones</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris / Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>John Snell</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>	<b>Cooper Thompson</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>	<b>Sherry Yates</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>

Communion Preparation May: Hettie Keller

# 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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