

Westworth Church of Christ

The Westworth Word

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

Scripture Reading: John 4:21-24



Lesson: Come See A Man

- **Racial & Social Barriers**
- **Christianity Breaks All Boundaries**
- **Living Water**
- **True Worshipers**
- **Come See A Man**

ON THE JERICHO ROAD

Luke 10:25-37

I wonder how well traveled the road from Jerusalem to Jericho might have been in the time of Christ?

Obviously, it was familiar to many. It would have been a very difficult journey going up to Jerusalem from Jericho. In the 17-mile hike one would ascend about 3300 feet in altitude. On the journey from Jerusalem the descent would be much less stressful. However, the description of the road conditions of that day indicates that rocks, ravines, and caves were along the path. This gave excellent hiding places for thieves. Since Jesus used a priest and Levite making the journey from Jerusalem down to Jericho it was common for them to live there.

I do not doubt that the lawyer who asked Jesus the question, “Who is my neighbor?” would have been knowledgeable about the dangers along that road. What he did not know was that Jesus took him down that pathway to teach him how to obey the Law. Since Jews and Samaritans had been at odds with each other for centuries, the parable would have struck a nerve. Jesus intended for the contrast to be of such a nature that the lawyer would be unable to miss his answer.

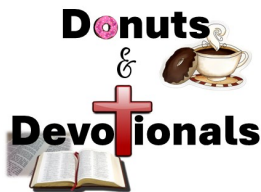
The priest and the Levite both saw the condition of the man robbed, beaten, and wounded. According to the law (and the lawyer would have known this) if a neighbor’s ox or donkey was lost or hurt help should have been given. How much more if it were a person in need? They both left the man to bleed and perhaps die by walking on the other side of the road. Loving one’s neighbor cannot be seen in their actions. But on that road came the Samaritan. He stopped and helped the Jewish man in the ditch. His sacrifice of time, care and resources to help the man showed the kind of “Love your neighbor as yourself” that God commanded.

We might be on the Jericho Road any day at any time. Not literally traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, but figuratively we travel down life’s road and opportunities to help someone may present itself to us. Jesus set before us the two most important commandments. In them the whole law of God rests. The first is to love God with our whole being and the second is to love our neighbors. The Samaritan kept the Lord’s ‘golden rule’. He treated another just like he would want to be treated. Let us keep in mind how we can use the resources God has given us to help someone out of a ditch. All it takes is compassion.

Max

...ONGOING...

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

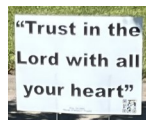


Each week Max leads a brief bible study prior to morning worship services. Material is provided to support the discussion, help us remember the information and put it into practice.

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 - - -**

May 12—Mother's Day—as a note, Mike Lisle will speak for us that day while Max recuperates from his knee surgery.

NO DONUTS AND DEVOTIONS ON MOTHER'S DAY.

May 19—3rd Sunday Fellowship Lunch. Mark your calendar now.

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 Peter 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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. Ella was back in school before the week's end. Thank you for your prayers on her behalf.

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 recently. 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 - preparing for knee surgery scheduled for TOMORROW May 6. Please continue to pray that all procedures and surgeries are successful, with minimal pain and down-time, and a quick and complete recovery.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

John and Samantha Jewell et al—John and Samantha have several major family challenges...Please pray for the entire family during the season of change 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 and the restoration of most lake levels.

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.
- **Storm Victims**—All who have been in the path of recent severe storms.
- **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>



*Spring
Fling
Picnic*

Friday, May 10

5:30-7:30 pm

Melva Campbell Park

We received an invitation from the City of Westworth Village to 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)

**Saturday—
June 1**

4:30 pm—??

(so the young ones can enjoy along with their parents—then get to bed at their normal time)



Family

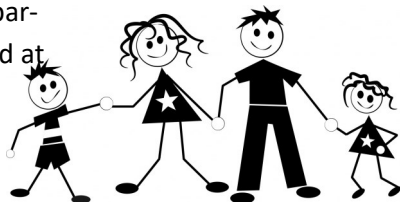
game night

Max & Sarah Lisle will again host a game night

• *Games provided (or bring your favorite)*

• *Bring your favorite snacks to share.*

• *Come prepared to have some fun!*



Bits & Pieces

There are many challenges and the Jewells and the staff in Malawi continue to plan and work for the good of the children there. Please continue to pray for the mission and all who are working there on behalf of the children.



Max reports that his grandson, Jackson—whose graduation we recently celebrated—has already secured a job in a related field. He is excited and looks forward anxiously to beginning his new career. CONTRATS, Jackson!



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.

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

Thanks



Kids Pages

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 238

Matt. 5:9-19

Beatitudes2

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GLAD	FATHER
GREAT	HEAVEN
INSULT	HIDDEN
LAMP	KINGDOM
LEAST	LONGER
LETTER	NEITHER
LIGHT	PROPHETS
PEOPLE	REJOICE
PRAISE	REWARD
SALTY	SMALLEST
SHINE	TEACHES
TRUTH	THROWN
WORLD	TRAMPLED

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

MORE PUZZLES AT:
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LIVE AS FREE
PEOPLE, BUT DO NOT
USE YOUR FREEDOM
AS A COVER-UP
FOR EVIL; LIVE
AS GOD'S SERVANTS.

1 PETER 2:16



Memory verse:

Psalm 46:10 — Be still, and know that I am God.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study

Weekly – 7:30 pm via Google meet

Current Study: Personal testimonies of faith—
“Aha” moments to share and how those moments tested and strengthened our Christian walk.

All ladies are encouraged to join this weekly study, and this is a perfect time, as a new study period is beginning. 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”

Next Men’s Group → 7pm, May 7, 2024 ←

The Men’s group continues to review and consider the concepts in this book.

Many good conversations and biblical considerations are provoked when looking at things from someone else’s viewpoint.

Join this group for additional insight and a time of fellowship.



Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—

The Bible Study on May 8th will be about the Christian connection and interpretation of the Passover. May 15th we will return to the book of Hebrews. Take advantage of another opportunity to study God’s word and get thoughts on how to more effectively apply the word to your life. Hope you will join us.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for May: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—May 5
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Duson
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	May 12	May 19	May 26
Open	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Curtis Thompson	David Keller	Sharold Ferris
Communion	David Keller	Max Lisle	Bill Jones
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Sharold Ferris / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Sharold Ferris	Cooper Thompson	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Mike Lisle	Max Lisle	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

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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