

Westworth Church of Christ



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 14:1-3

Lesson: Three Predictions by Jesus



- **Comforting Words**
- **Jesus Predicts...**
- **Let us Beware!**

NICODEMUS—A SECRET DISCIPLE

Nicodemus' interview with Jesus is recorded for us in the gospel of John chapter three. We find more references to this man later, but we are introduced to him in this text. The first thing written of him is that he was a Pharisee. This sect among the Jewish people was very strict regarding rules and regulations. However, we also know from the words of Jesus that many of them were hypocritical as well. They would practice some things so they could parade their righteousness before men rather than God. Another fact about Nicodemus is that he occupied a ruling position among the high council. This would have been a very respected place among the people.

What John records next is somewhat shocking. Most of the time Jesus was in conflict with the leading rulers. They were very critical and even condemning of Jesus and His teachings. But not Nicodemus. He came to Jesus, at night. We would conclude that he did so, to avoid being seen having this conversation with a man not approved by the council.

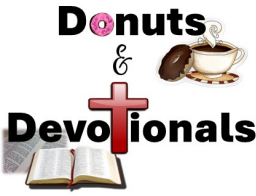
"Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." His confession of faith in Jesus as a teacher from God would certainly not have been approved by the council and many others. But he was speaking from his own acceptance of the signs Jesus performed. We do not know all the signs Jesus had done that led Nicodemus to believe in him as a teacher from God. But whatever they were, led Nicodemus to this faith.

Because of his faith Jesus shared with him the way and means to salvation. It was to this man that Jesus said, ***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*** It was Nicodemus that challenged the council when they planned to arrest Jesus without hearing him. And it is Nicodemus who came to the Cross after the crowds had left and helped Joseph of Arimathea take the body down, then using the seventy-five pounds of myrrh and aloes he brought they wrapped the Lord's body in linen strips and placed it in the tomb. This Joseph and Nicodemus were disciples of Jesus. They feared the Jews, and kept their faith hidden. But before we find fault, we might want to evaluate the kindness and respect shown to Jesus. I suspect the Heavenly Father noticed, don't you?

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 July. Please keep this good work in your plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. 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** - - - Lots to enjoy

June 29—Spaghetti Dinner—served by our youth. Plan to join this event and support our youngsters. (more info on page 6)

June 30—5th Sunday—Let's do a Salad lunch. Everyone bring your favorite salads—and desserts, of course—and let's keep it cool. Fellowship time and good food... what could be better?

July 4—Independence Day (Thursday). If you are traveling or celebrating, please be safe.

July 6—40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration—Julie & Sharold Ferris (see page 7).

July—We received an invitation from Southside Church of Christ for anyone who might like to join their Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 8—11, 8:45am—3pm, for Pre-K to 5th Graders. Lunch is provided. If interested registration is required by **June 25** at the following site:

SSCOFC.ORG/VBS (flyer on hallway bulletin board)

July 21—3rd Sunday— Fellowship 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:

Max, Juan, Ann. Ralph and all the extended family—As they adjust to life without Joyce and go through the adjustments and emotional ups and downs associated with this loss.

Wanda Reynolds— Wanda continues to recover from her recent health scare and hospital stay which we have learned was Sepsis. Please keep Wanda in your prayers for a return to strength and stamina.

Sharold and Julie Ferris—**Julie** received word from recent tests that the nodule they were watching has not changed so they will revisit in 6 months. This is good news. Please pray for stability with no growth. **Sharold** continues preparation for back surgery. He is doing well. Please pray for his overall health. .

Cheyenne Vickers—Please continue your prayers for Cheyanne while she is away at Army Basic Training in South Carolina. Please pray for her safety, and strength in the faith while she is away from home and family.

Our “New” Brothers & Sisters—Please keep those recently baptized, in your prayers for strength and growth in the faith.

The Flaherty Family—Continued prayers for peace and comfort for all the family as they go forward without Samuel.

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

David Burris — David reports in a recent conversation with his doctor that a new CT scan must be scheduled during which needed measurements will be taken for making a new plate for his forehead. Consults with the plastic surgeon and team to carefully assess David’s condition before the next steps. Please continue prayers on his behalf, as well as Tracy and the whole family.

Kim Turner—please continue 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 for your prayers on their behalf.

Ernie Brawley—It was a blessing to have Ernie back in services with us for a couple of weeks. Please pray he will continue to improve and be with us.

Max - his knee replacement surgery went well. Recovery is progressing slowly, but—according to his physical therapist—pretty much as would be expected. Please continue to pray for Max’s healing and comfort.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—They will be leaving on Wednesday (6/26) for Costa Rica and the next step in their missionary journey. While in Costa

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Rica, they hope to learn how to help prevent child trafficking for application in Malawi. Please keep the whole family in your prayers for success as they continue to try to make a difference for God.

Andy and Lauren Jewell—Lauren is expecting. Please pray for their young family.

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

- ♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Joyce Bennett ♦ Ernie Brawley

Please include prayers for:

- **Israel and Ukraine**—A cease to the war there and 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.
- **Children who may be food insecure as the school year ends.**

Please make known your prayer needs.

Ruston Kirby	24 June		Kenzie Kirby	05 July
Janice Stanfield	26 June		Wanda Reynolds	21 July
Doug Robertson	27 June		Sharold Ferris	23 July
Sherri Dunson	28 June		Julie Ferris	26 July
Jaeli Snell	01 July		Ann Gray	27 July
Justin Snell	02 July		Juan Pratt	27 July
Brian Flaherty	03 July		Carla Kerske	27 July
Marty Montgomery	03 July		Hettie Keller	30 July



Sharold & Julie Ferris 8 July

July Anniversaries



What's next for our Youth Program?



Saturday, June 29, 5:00 PM

\$PAGHETTI DINNER / FUND RAISER

Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread and dessert.

Price: Donation of your choosing to the Youth fund*

Our youth will prepare and serve your dinner.

***The group wants to go play miniature golf, and the funds raised here will help pay for that outing.**

Mark your calendars now to support our youth in the first of—what promises to be - many summer activities.

So we will be sure to have enough, please sign up on the list in the North Foyer.

If you would like to serve as an adult 'advisor' for this project, (or any youth project please contact Susan Flaherty or Kaylee Campbell.

If you missed John and Samantha Jewell's update on the plans and current activities at the Malawi Mission, please visit the HUGS for Tomorrow website at

Hugs4Tomorrow.org



The Jewells will be leaving for Costa Rica on Wed. 6/26.

Samantha posted a new blog last week, at the website above. In her usual fashion, Samantha writes about matters that 'could' apply to anyone, with such insight and understanding. Her messages always include a "message". Just look for "Blog" at the top of the webpage.

Bits & Pieces

Saying “Farewell” ...

Visitation and Graveside service was conducted Saturday, 6/22.

Today

As is our custom, we will provide a meal for family and friends of the family, following morning worship service.

Celebration of Life—

At 3:00 pm honoring the life of Joyce Gray.

Following that service everyone is invited to return to the activity building for any additional fellowship and visiting with family and friends.



A TIME TO CELEBRATE

On July 8, 1984, Sharold & Julie Farris were married. The family felt that 40 years together was worthy of celebration, and almost everyone would agree.

That celebration is scheduled to occur on July 6, 2024, from 2pm-6pm in the activity building. The 'formal' invitation is posted on the bulletin boards.

RSVP is requested to Bethany Kurtz, 817-999-3763.



Did you notice the clean windows???

Pat-on-the-back and “Thank you” to Eric Kreger for his hard work on the windows this week.



Kids Pages

Jesus Blesses Little Children

Read **Mark 10:13-16** to find out how Jesus said the kingdom of God must be received.



Bible



disciple



Jesus



child



heart



tree





Jesus talks to Nicodemus about God's love.

John 3:1-21



Memory verse:

Psalm 56:3 — When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.

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, any time is a perfect time. 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 treasured.

For information regarding materials and access

(web-site and passcode) contact: Tracy Robertson at 817-308-0554—
or—tracyrobertson1966@gmail.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, July 2, 2024 ←



The Men’s group continues to review and consider the concepts presented 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—

Wednesday Night Bible Study returned to the book of Hebrews led by David Keller. 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 soon.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for June: Brian Flaherty

Date	Today—June 23
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Johnny Box
Communion	Sharold Ferris
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Justin Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	June 30	July 7	July 14
Open	Eric Kreger		
Usher	John Snell		
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger		
Prayer	Bill Jones		
Communion	Johnny Box		
Bible Story Kids Church	No Children's Church on 5th Sunday		
Reading	Harley Boyce		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	Christi Kreger		

Communion Preparation June: Ann Gray

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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