



# Westworth Church of Christ

Worshipping  
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— Max Pratt*

### **Lesson: Running Our Race**

*Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

**2024 Olympic Records are in the Books.**

**Paul's reference to the Christian's Race:**

- **Three Instructions**
- **The Written Record**

## We Must Be Like Him

***“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly....”*** I Peter 2:21-23:9

This scripture and many others instruct us who follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior to be like him. We are to follow in his ways and give evidence of our faith by doing so. Our following in the footsteps of Jesus doesn't happen without decision and determination. The influence of our enemy the Devil does everything to prevent, distract and persuade us to depart from our faithfulness. To be successful in our walking and staying on the path of righteousness things have to take place in our hearts, minds, speech, attitude and behavior. Peter also wrote: ***“Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”*** I Peter 2:1-3.

The apostle Paul joins in the instructions on how to be like Jesus when we develop the attitude of Christ. ***“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:... he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.”*** Philippians 2:3,5,8

He further gives us instruction on how to imitate the Lord Jesus in these words: ***“I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God---this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind then you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is---his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*** Romans 12:1-2.

The Lord took fishermen and made them into fishers of men. He turned the heart of a son of 'thunder' and he became the apostle of love. The Lord's innocence changed the thief's heart from hurling insults at him to defending him, asking for mercy. Has he filled our hearts with love, kindness, compassion, gentleness, forgiveness, self-control, mercy and grace? It takes being led by the Spirit.

## ...ONGOING...

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



Each week Max leads a brief bible study with supporting materials, prior to morning worship services. This time also includes coffee and donuts.

Everyone is encouraged to invite guests and join the study. If you've not yet joined ...hope you can make it soon for additional study and fellowship.

- **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank**

Next delivery will be in August. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This is definitely a blessing to both giver and receiver. Please keep this good work in your plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord.

- **WORDS-OF-WISDOM**—If you haven't taken advantage of this very easy ministry, now's the time. Signs are available in the activity bldg. You just have to grab one and 'plant' it in your yard. For more information, chat with Max.



## Upcoming - - -

**TODAY — 3rd Sunday fellowship lunch.** Hope you are planning to join and enjoy the good food and fellowship that are always part of these gatherings. The last 3rd Sunday of Summer.

**TENTATIVELY— Wednesday—September 4 - Dema—our brother from the Ukraine**— is planning a visit and our time with him will be on Wednesday. He will report on the work there in the Ukraine and answer any questions. We hope everyone can arrange their schedule to be here that evening. A light meal will be provided to help relieve busy evening schedules.

**Church Work Day— Saturday, Oct 19**—it has been 2 years or more since we scheduled a general work day. Put it on your calendar then put on your work clothes and be part of the day.

**Harvest Festival and Car Show—Saturday, Nov 9**—this will be something new for us and will replace the Fall Festival (but we will still have some fall festival activities).

**Looking for volunteers and suggestions.**

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:***

**Christi Kreger's Mom**—Christi reported last Sunday that her mother, Bonnie, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Bonnie in your prayers for her complete and swift recovery as they plan her treatment and she undergoes all that is scheduled.

**David Burris** — David 's surgery to replace the plate in his head was scheduled for Thursday, August 15, at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Please continue prayers on his behalf, as well as Tracy and the whole family. (hope to have update with good news on Sunday before services).

**Ralph Gray**— He is doing well as he continues to recover at home. There will be another surgery after a lengthy time of healing. Please continue to pray for Ralph and Paula as they take all the steps necessary for Ralph's full recovery.

**Wanda Reynolds**— Wanda continues to have some less than optimal days as she strives to return to her "energizer bunny" status/strength. Please keep Wanda in your prayers for a return of her strength and stamina.

**Tom Reynolds**—Currently in Oregon to spend some time with his children. Wanda reports that he developed Covid while there, and on Monday evening made a visit to the ER for dizziness and 'unusual' feelings. Please pray for swift and complete recovery.

**Joyce Ferris**—She is now under hospice care following a fall and subsequent hospitalization. Sharold and Julie are in Michigan with the family. On Tuesday, Julie reported that Joyce was "fading fast". Please pray for comfort for Joyce and for her family.

**Sharold and Julie Ferris**—**Julie** - please continue prayers for stability with no growth in the nodule they are monitoring. **Sharold** continues preparation for back surgery. He is doing well. Please pray for his overall health.

**Cheyenne Vickers**—returned from her summer of Army Training in South Carolina, just in time to start her senior year in Azle High School. Prayers of thanks that she is back home and well.

**Our "New" Brothers & Sisters**—Please keep those recently baptized, in your prayers for strength and growth in the faith, as well as all Christians for stamina to "run the race" successfully.

**Kim Turner**—Kim reports that her daughter Sara is still excited about her new job in a lawyer's office with different experience and new opportunities. Please continue prayers for Sara and her daughters, Blakely and Emma, for improved family situation/circumstances as well as prayers for Kim and her role in their lives.

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

**Members with COVID**—The latest is Juan Pratt testing positive on Monday evening. I believe most of our members who have recently had Covid (except Tom, as mentioned on page 4) , are now on the mend and back with us. Prayers of thanks for these recoveries and continued prayers for healing for all the ‘new’ infections.

**Max** - continues exercises to gain more flexibility and complete healing following his knee replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for Max’s healing and comfort.

**John and Samantha Jewell et al**—They continue to ‘settle-in’ in Costa Rico—their latest location for missionary work. Please keep the whole family in your prayers for success as they continue to try to make a difference for God. (more info in “Bits & Pieces”, pg .7)

**Andy and Lauren Jewell**—Lauren is expecting. Reports are they are having a girl who they plan to name “Cora”. Please pray for their young family.

**Families of Bob Lane, Samuel Flaherty, Joyce Gray, Nolan Williams, Randy Mason and Belva Swanner**—Please continue your prayers for each of these families that they may have peace and comfort following the loss of loved ones.

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

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

**Please include prayers for:**

- **Teachers and Students**—as the new school year begins, please pray for the teachers that they may teach truth without intimidation and that our students can enjoy a safe and encouraging learning environment.
- **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.
- **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 while not in school.**

**Please make known your prayer needs.**

## Some Recognitions

The Bible tells us to give honor to whom honor is due. I got to thinking about the various ministries that we are engaged in as a church and those taking on tasks to get it all done.

The thing is that I do not know about what everyone is doing. That is the way it is with true servants. The work gets done and no one really cares who gets the credit.

- \* I know that Eric takes care of more than the computer and audio equipment for us. He checks and repairs the sprinkler system as well. He even washes windows.
- \* The communion is prepared by several members who wash and clean and fill the trays. Janice makes and keeps the list of helpers organized. Who else is unknown to me.
- \* Decorations are changed from time to time, season to season, holiday to holiday. I do know that Sherry Y., Sherry J., Susan, Katelyne & Kinzie have made it happen.
- \* The food items for Southside just show up at the building each month. I am at the building a lot. I never, ever know when it comes and from who. But it is here.
- \* Tracy keeps the ladies' group in a study.
- \* Bill & Tom always have a good study for the men.
- \* David & Curtis bring quality studies on Wednesday nights.
- \* Sherri D. takes care of the UMW finances.
- \* Sarah L. & Blair M. show up weekly to clean what we mess up.
- \* John Snell is always on call to check on everything that isn't working right at the buildings.
- \* I doubt that Jim A. has missed getting the trash cans out twice each week.
- \* Brian F. has the Words of Wisdom signs ready for our yards.
- \* Brothers take care of the audio during worship. Sisters do the video slides during the services. Again, I don't know who does all that.
- \* DeAnn can be seen in the kitchen for Donuts and Devos and lunches as well.
- \* Many among us send cards, make calls, pray, cook food. You name it and so much happens around here.
- \* Curtis T. slicks up the outside appearance in the heat of the day each week. He and others made a great swing set.
- \* The children's Bible lesson and crafts is handled by many.
- \* Mike & Lanette L. give Wanda a ride to worship.
- \* Greeters have a special welcome every Sunday.

I am running out of space and how could I not mention all the help Sherry does daily in the office. Well, I can't mention it all because I don't know all of it. I want to pass on the honor due to all who contribute to serving the Lord in beautiful ways. Maybe I should just say thank you all for everything you do. God bless our church family that stays busy doing God's Kingdom work. You are valuable and greatly appreciated.

# Bits & Pieces



Samantha's latest blog can be read at:

[Sunshower: When Rain Falls While the Sun is Shining – HUGS for Tomorrow \(hugs4tomorrow.org\)](https://hugs4tomorrow.org)

You can always keep up with their work here:

[Hugs4Tomorrow.org](https://Hugs4Tomorrow.org)

Hope you are taking the opportunity to enjoy Samantha's skills as a writer and story teller. The latest blog (website noted above) shares memories and updates pertaining to a particular child that was one of the students early in the mission..

John is planning a "quick" trip to Malawi as soon as all can be arranged. It has been over a year since they were there last, and Snoden continues to plea for John's return to see the progress that has been made, as well as provide personal direction and plans for the future.

A major building project is about to begin and anticipation of the multi-purpose building (lunch room, chapel, auditorium) is adding excitement to the school.

Possibly in September sometime, they will be briefly back in the states to report all that is happening.

Please keep them all in your prayers for successful efforts and of course safety for the whole family, as well as all those who are working with the kids in Malawi.

## August Birthdays

Debbie Simco	04 Aug	Floretta Hubbard	12 Aug
Halleigh Robertson	07 Aug	Kaytlyne Kirby	12 Aug
Lillie Rollins	08 Aug	Jonathan Dunson	20 Aug
Sherry Yates	09 Aug	Jewlianna Snell	20 Aug



## August Anniversaries

David & Hettie Keller	2 Aug
Ruston & Kaytlyne Kirby	16 Aug
Curtis & Sarah Thompson	27 Aug





# YOUTH NEWS

**Not sure what's next for our young folks. Since school has started, they will be busy with those things required of each one—from pre-school to High School seniors.**

**The Youth Group sponsors are reviewing potential activities—both fun and service projects.**

**If you have a suggestion or would like to help, please contact Susan Flaherty or Kaylie Campbell.**



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## The Time Has Come...

Those “Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer” have come to an end for our students and teachers.

Whether home-school, private school or public school, our students need our prayers and support as they work to learn the necessary lessons of school and life. Please include prayers for everyone on the list below, along with their families, for a productive and successful school year. And... when you have the opportunity...give them a word of encouragement.



### STUDENTS:

Harley Boyce

Lillie Kirby

Brodie Kirby

Kenzie Kirby

Jack Lisle

Quinn Montgomery

Halleigh Robertson

Justin Snell

Jaeli Snell

Jaedon Snell

Jaquelyn Snell

Jewlianna Snell

Cheyenne Vickers

### AND THE TEACHERS:

**Susan Flaherty**

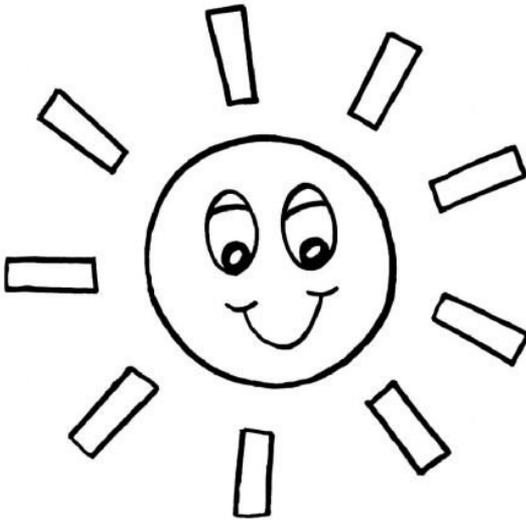
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**Christi Kreger**

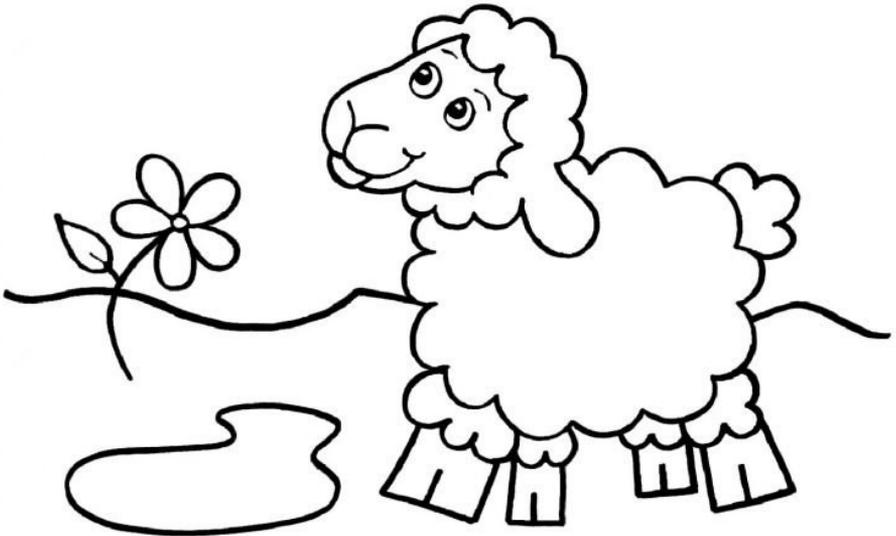
**Tracy Robertson**



# Kids Page



The Lord  
is my  
shepherd.  
I have  
all that I  
need.  
Psalms 23:1



**Memory verse:**

**Psalm 138:1** — I will praise thee with my whole heart.

# SCHEDULED STUDIES

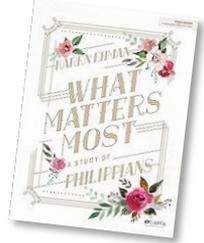
## Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study



**Weekly — 7:30 pm via Google meet**

**New Study beginning Aug 19**

### WHAT MATTERS MOST— A Study of Philipians



Participants gain so much more than a time of study—the fellowship and support in the group is immeasurable, and something to be treasured. “Christian family time” is priceless and this is a standing invitation—join any time.

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, August 20, 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 group is currently studying the book of Hebrews led by David Keller.



Take advantage of another opportunity to fellowship with your Christian family while you study God’s word and get thoughts on how to more effectively apply the word to your life.

The invitation to join in is always open.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Curtis Dunson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—August 18</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Jonathan Dunson</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson &amp; Tracy Robertson</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Cooper Thompson</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Sherry Yates</b>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>August 25</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>Sept 8</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>		
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>		
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Max Lisle</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>		
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>David Keller / David &amp; Hettie Keller</b>		
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Jaedon Snell</b>		
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>		
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>		

Communion Preparation August: Donna Simco



## 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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