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

Today's Lesson Lights that Shine for God

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

- DISCIPLESHIP IS LETTING THE WORLD SEE
- Shine like Stars in the Universe
- Being Careful
- . Being Transparent

Bus Driving Scenes

(Adapted and taken from my school bus driving days)

The early morning bus routes provide some great views in West Texas as the sun is beginning to rise and a new day is dawning.

Recently I thought of the contrasting views from one morning to another. The first view came on a morning when the fog lay upon the ground. It was light enough to see, but it was not clear. As I turned back upon the county road my eyes caught the movement of the cow and her calf moving away from the road among the herd that grazed upon the wheat field. With the low-lying fog over the field and the light of the sky behind, a picture was etched in my mind of that moment. I think it could have been a prize-winning picture.

Then in contrast came another impressive sight in the predawn light. On this day the sky was crystal clear. It was light blue, no radiant colors from the sun had appeared. There was a line of clouds that reached from the ground to just above the mesquite trees. When making a turn on my familiar track, another view settled into my mind. The clouds formed the backdrop for the well-lit Cross that was so visible. Its lighted form stood just above the tree line.

Both scenic moments were very different. Yet both of them shared a common message. I thought of the Creator. The beauty of each one launched some thoughts and prayers to the One Who gives us;"life, breath and all things...and in Whom we live and move and have our very being". Since then, I have thought of how contrasting the reaction to such views would be. I saw God's handiwork, His awesome power, the beauty of life. Then the hope of eternal life through His greatest gift at the Cross. So very many who believe in God's creative wonders and loving grace would share it as well.

But what does the unbeliever see when those inspirational moments appear?

Max

...ONGOING...

Donuts

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 receiv- Lord with all er. 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 ...

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. This day is intended to do some "deep" cleaning or other maintenance items that are beyond weekly cleaning and repairs.

3rd Sunday Lunch—October 20 - Hopefully our temperatures will begin to cool off and we can enjoy the wonder of changing seasons along with our fellowship lunch

Family Fun Event and Car Meet —Saturday, Nov 9—more on pg 6.

Invitation—The church received an invitation to join South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford on Saturday evening, Nov 9, 4-6 pm for a **Praise and Harmony songfest.** This would be a wonderful way to finish the day of our Family Fun Event and Car Meet. The invitation can be seen on the hallway bulletin board.

Phil 4:6-7

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which

transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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:

Emerson Bellucci—a 12 year-old girl whose uncle Brad Turner is an associate of Darla Thornton and Ann Gray—she was given antibiotics a while back that caused major damage to her lungs that has resulted in anticipated need of a double lung transplant. She is currently in Houston at Texas Children's for further evaluation and determination whether lung transplant or extended healing time will be necessary. Please pray for Emerson and her family during this incredibly stressful time.

Jerry Heptner—husband of Laurice Reeves' cousin Suzanne from Smithville, TX — Jerry experienced a bad fall while on the job resulting in a broken jaw. Surgery was done on 10/1 at Seaton Hospital in Round Rock, to repair the damage, and wire the jaw in position for healing. Doctors feel the surgery was successful, but please keep him in your prayers for complete and recovery.

Kelly Draper— Mark Cohen's sister—is at home and doing well. She is able to be up and about at home. Please continue to pray for Kelly's healing and comfort.

Mike Lisle—Knee repair wet well. He is "almost" ready to hit the golf course again. Please continue prayers for full recovery.

Bonnie Davis—Christi Kreger's Mom—Bonnie is doing well. Doctors say she may need more treatment in the future. Please continue to pray for Bonnie's recovery and future health.

Maureen Fanta - Breast cancer surgery went as expected. Maureen has decided to go forward with additional treatment as recommended by her doctors. Please continue your prayers for her treatment and full recovery.

Randy Binkley—Randy is at home and Home Healthcare (Hospice) visits and provides care on a regular basis. Randy remains optimistic and feels he will recover. Please keep him in your prayers.

David Burris — David healing continues. Please continue prayers for his complete healing, and for Tracy and the family as they go forward.

Ralph Gray— Max and Juan visited Ralph and Paula this week. Ralph is doing well, and the next required surgery is scheduled Oct 29. Please continue to pray for successful follow-up surgery.

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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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.

John and Samantha Jewell et al—remain 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, Belva Swanner, Judy Rice, Kathy Lisle, Ana Ramirez &

Joyce Ferris—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 school year continues please pray for 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.

Please make known your prayer needs.



YOUTH NEWS

Not sure what's next for our young folks. I do know Max has plans to utilize their youthful energy during the Nov 9 Familu Fun event and Car Meet.

Can't wait to see the results.

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.



Saturday, Nov 9, 2024 — 10:00am—2:00 pm Parking Lot—Westworth Church of Christ.

5728 White Settlement Rd., Ft Worth 76114

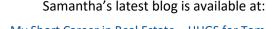


Games and fun activities for the young ones, as well as games for young and young-at-heart adults.

Spread the word and invite family, friends and neighbors.

> Plans are taking shape—join the fun! Be part of this "new tradition".

Bits & Pieces





My Short Career in Real Estate – HUGS for Tomorrow (hugs4tomorrow.org)

You can always keep up with their work here:

www.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) includes an interesting story associated with her brief early career in Real Estate.

The water supply in the village is inconsistent and recently they had no water service for more than 4 days. They are in the process of building "holding tanks" to store water and avoid the disruption to their work when water service is unavailable.

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.

New Apping



Don't forget to ask Curtis and/or Sarah Thompson about the latest addition to their family. I just imagine—with a little encouragement—they could be persuaded to "boast" just a little.

Congratulations on the delight of their first grandchild.

Leo Benedetti 1/2/24 7lbs 11.5 Oz

October Birthdays

John Jewell Caleb Dunson 3 Oct 17 Oct Jane Underwood 4 Oct Christi Kreger 19 Oct **Christian Lindsey** 8 Oct Curtis Dunson 23 Oct Randy Fetters 24 Oct **Betty Lane 12 Oct** happy biRthay **Lily Kirby Tony Kerske** 31 Oct 14 Oct

October Anniversaries



Kids Pages

Noah's ARK

Read Genesis 6:1-8:22. Find and circle the words below.

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Memory verse:

Genesis 1:1—In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday-Women's Virtual Bible Study

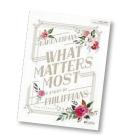


Weekly – 7:00 pm via Google meet

Current Study
WHAT MATTERS MOST—

<u>WHAT MATTERS MOST—</u>
A Study of Philippians

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: <u>If</u> by Mark Batterson. "Trading Your 'If Only' Regrets for God's 'What If' Possibilities"

Next Men's Group → 7pm, October 15, 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. Similar to the ladies group—the additional fellowship and study time serves to bring us closer as family. See Bill Jones or Tom Reynolds for more info.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Weekly @ 7pm—

Wednesday Night Bible Study group started a new study on Wednesday, Sept 11, in the activity building.



Current Study: 1 Kings — Led by Curtis Dunson
Take advantage of another opportunity to fellowship with your
Christian family while you study God's word and its meaning
for your life.

The invitation to join in is always open.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today—October 6		
Open	Eric Kreger		
Usher	Curtis Thompson		
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger		
Prayer	Sharold Ferris		
Communion	Bill Jones		
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Kaylie Campbell & Laurice Reeves		
Reading	John Snell		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	Sherry Yates		

Trustee in charge for October: Eric Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27
Open	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Mike Lisle
Usher	Curtis Thompson	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Max Lisle	Johnny Box	Tom Reynolds
Communion	Tom Reynolds	David Keller	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Curtis Thompson / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	Jaedon Snell	James Kreger	Ruston Kirby
Lesson	TBD	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger	Eric Kreger

Communion Preparation September: 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.

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