## 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: Personal Attributes of Disciples

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-9

- Christ Teaches His Chosen Ones & the Multitudes
- THE CROWDS WERE AMAZED
- Blessed—More than Happy
- The nature of Believers
- THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND LIVING BY CHRISTIAN VALUES

### Dreams and the Future

"The king asked Daniel, 'Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?' Daniel replied, 'No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come.'.....The king said to Daniel, 'Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.'" Daniel 2:26-28, 46-47

Babylonian King had a dream and ordered his advisers to tell him the dream and what it meant. They begged the king to tell them the dream, but he refused. In his anger with them he ordered that all the wise men in Babylon be executed. But then Daniel comes on the stage. He asked the king for time. Then he asked his friends Hannaniah, Mishael and Azariah to seek God's mercy so that he would know the dream and what it meant. God answered their prayers, and the next day Daniel reveals it to the king.

The great king Nebuchadnezzar was not a nice guy. Listen to his threats to the astrologers, magicians, enchanters and sorcerers: "If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble." Daniel 2:5 Without doubt power and authority had gone to this king's head. His rule over people did not bring peace and security. I believe that most of us today who can cast ballots to elect leaders desire more than anything to have rulers who will work toward us having both peace and security. But not all leaders do so. In places where rulers are not elected, but are in power by force, they mirror someone like Babylon's king. Not nice!

God does not reveal things through dreams anymore. He speaks through His Son. The time has past when God would send his messages in many and varied ways. Today we have the Lord's own words and the inspired teachings. All we need to know about the future has been written. Daniel told the king that one day there would be a kingdom established that would never end. The peace and security for mankind is to be found in this kingdom, which is Christ's church.

Remember, John came preaching, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near." Jesus and His apostles continued that message until it came. "Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the

Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:36, 38Here are the prophetic words of Jesus left for us to look into the future: "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book....Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:7,12-14

Max

"Trust in the Lord with all

your heart"

#### ...Ongoing...

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



This study continues weekly. Join the brief study session on Sunday morning to learn more. Donuts are part of this fellowship. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join this weekly event.

- Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank
   Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please keep this good work in your
   plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord. Deliveries are
   made each month.
- WORDS-OF-WISDOM—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 ...

Nov 2—Birthday celebration for Wanda Bryant and Betty Lane (pg. 8)

Nov 3—Standard Time returns —"Fall Back" one hour

Nov 5—Election Day

Nov 9—Family Fun Event and Car Meet (pg. 6) also—

**Praise and Harmony songfest at** South Main Church of Christ in Weatherford 4-6 pm. More info on the hallway bulletin board.

**Nov 10— Wedding Shower** for Sarah Dunson & Tyler Nichols. Details soon. Registered at Target & Amazon.

Nov 17—3rd Sunday Lunch / "Holiday Meal"

**December 14—Wedding**—Tyler Nichols and Sarah Dunson. (pg. 7) **December 31** (Tuesday evening) - **New Years Eve**—Game Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange. (replaces 3rd & 5th Sunday lunches in

December).

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:

**Family of Ruth Ann Yates**—Max Pratt's cousin. A retired nurse who was caring for her 100+ year old father. She was discovered in her home recently after passing away suddenly and unexpectedly. Cause has not yet been determined, and graveside service will be in Amarillo on Mon., Nov. 4.

**Ralph Gray**— his next scheduled surgery will be on Tuesday, October 29, in Tulsa. This is the 'next stage' to repair the condition discovered a few months ago. Please pray for success and complete healing for Ralph.

Please continue your prayers for these folks for complete healing and health:

Emerson Bellucci—12 y-o girl facing possible lung transplant.

Jerry Heptner—recovery from surgery to repair broken jaw.

Kelly Draper—recovery from back surgery

**Bonnie Davis and Maureen Fanta** —Breast Cancer surgery and treatments.

**Randy Binkley**—currently on Hospice (diagnosed with brain cancer)

David Burris — continued healing from his long ordeal.

**Sharold Ferris**—overall health issues and anticipated back surgery.

Julie Ferris— stability of the nodule that is monitored (potential cancer).

Kim Turner's daughter and granddaughters—improved family conditions.

John & Samantha Jewell—successful mission efforts in Malawi. (pg 5)

**Andy & Lauren Jewell**—new family/baby in late November.

Families of all who have lost loved ones this year.

Our "New" Brothers & Sisters—here and in all the Lord's churches.

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

◆ Pat Straw → Jane Whitley → Joyce Bennett → Ernie Brawley

#### Please include prayers for:

- RAIN
- Hurricane Victims in Florida and southeastern U.S.
- **Teachers and Students**—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.
- The upcoming election and Civil leadership—pray for upright leaders at all levels of government worldwide.

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

- 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.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT to Hurricane Relief Efforts

Unsurprisingly your generosity has once again been made evident through your willingness to help those who were impacted by the massive storms that recently swept across the southeast U.S. and Florida.

On Monday, Oct 21, a check for your donations in the amount of \$1,730.00 was mailed to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort\* - COCDRE

This organization has been at work in the regions affected since the storms were "done" enough for them to move in to work.

\*more information regarding this organization, is available on their website—



(https://www.disasterreliefeffort.org).

#### www.Hugs4Tomorrow.org

Hope you are taking the opportunity to enjoy Samantha's skills as a writer and story teller on the "BLOG" section of the website above.



Construction of one water storage unit (to overcome the challenge of intermittent water outages in the village) should be complete. John has only a few more days of his visit to the work in Malawi. Please pray for his safe travel and for continued progress in the work.

#### It's almost that time again ---

Our 3rd Sunday Lunch on November 17 will be our congregational Holiday Meal. Turkey and Ham will be provided by the church, but we need volunteers to cook said meats and the accompanying dressing/stuffing. If you can help with these tasks, please see the sign-up sheet in the North foyer.



Copies of the flyer above (Thanks Susan) are available in either foyer for you to take and distribute to your friends and "car 'guys'".

There is still plenty to do to prepare for the big day. If you can help, please let Max know. Can't wait for our new "annual" event.

## Celebrate



Sunday-November 10, 2024

Following morning worship services.

Couple is registered at

- Target or Target.com
- Amazon



#### <u>October Birthdays</u>

**Lily Kirby** 

**31 Oct** 

#### November Birthdays



#### **November Anniversaries**

David & Tracy Burris Nov 17



happy biRthay

### Won't you Join Us to Celebrate...



Two of our Amazing members...

Wanda Bryant—
On Nov 1, will celebrate 96
years

Betty Lane—
On Oct 12, celebrated 95 years



Lovely ladies who have been part of

this congregation the majority of their lives. In those many years of faithful service they have been examples and provided encouragement for everyone who had the pleasure of meeting them and—with any luck—spending some time with them.

To celebrate the joy and love they bring, we will take the opportunity to let them know what a "treasure" they are to us.

Saturday, November 2, 2024 2:00—4:00 pm "Come & Go" Birthday Party

Please bring a card with your best wishes and any special memory. We will have cake and punch and ask members to bring "finger foods" for this happy occasion.

Psalm 150:1 & 6

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD.

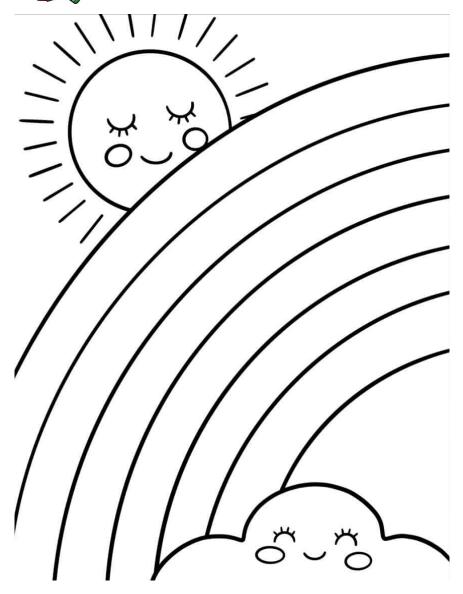
Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty heavens.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD.



## Kids Page



Memory verse:

Acts 5:29—We must obey God rather than men.

#### SCHEDULED STUDIES

#### Monday-Women's Virtual Bible Study



## Weekly — 7:00 pm via Google meet Current Study

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.

The current study is just wrapping up and a new study will begin in the near future. All ladies of the congregation are invited to be part of this group.

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, November 5, 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—



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 27		
Open	Mike Lisle		
Usher	Bill Jones		
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle		
Prayer	Tom Reynolds		
Communion	Johnny Box		
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones		
Reading	Ruston Kirby		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	Eric Kreger		

Trustee in charge for November: Curtis Dunson

#### COMING WEEKS

Date	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17
Open	Eric Kreger	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	Mike Lisle
Usher	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	Brian Flaherty	Jonathan Dunson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Max Lisle	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Mike Lisle	David Keller	Max Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	Max Lisle / David & Hettie Keller	Curtis Dunson / Kaylie Campbell & Laurice Reeves
Reading	Justin Snell	Jonathan Dunson	Cooper Thompson
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty	Sherry Yates

Communion Preparation November: Janice Stanfield



## 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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