

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.

From the Pulpit Today



Speaker— Max Pratt

**Today's Lesson:
*The Peace of God***

Philippians 4:4-9

Come, Follow Me

“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.” Matt. 4:18-22

The record of these fishermen answering the call of Jesus impresses us with their willingness to leave their businesses and families to follow Jesus. He had a new direction for them. Their call would be to rescue lost souls. Obviously, they knew Jesus by this time. Unlike these men who readily began following Jesus, others who were called did not answer him as they did.

“As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ Jesus replied, ‘Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.’ He said to another man, ‘Follow me.’ But the man replied, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’ Still another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.’ Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:57-62

Besides letting relationships in this life prevent one from following Jesus, we also learn from these scenes from the life of the Lord that following him means we are “ALL IN”. Part-time or when it is convenient doesn’t exist in our being a true disciple. It is all or nothing.

Our answering the call of the Lord Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, will not necessarily mean we must leave everything behind. We can continue in business and be right at home with family as we walk in the footsteps of the Lord. It does mean putting him first and foremost over all the temporal things. Following him is for eternity. It is choosing the spiritual over the physical. It is placing him as Lord over our lives. Jesus never said it would be an easy street. But the reward will be more glorious than we can possibly imagine.

Max

...OUR "REGULARS"...

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

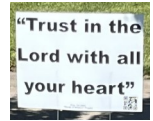


This study continues weekly. Join the brief study session on Sunday morning to learn more. Donuts are part of this fellowship. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join this weekly event.

- 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.



... and year end "Specials"...

December 14—Wedding—Tyler Nichols and Sarah Dunson. (pg. 7)

December 31 (Tuesday evening) - New Years Eve—Game Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Because of the limited time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, along with the wedding mentioned above, as well as family commitments/expectations for almost everyone, the decision was made to have one December event that combines it all.

Our traditional "New Years" celebration will include everything and there will be something for everyone... Games, Food, Fun, and for those who wish to participate—a White Elephant gift exchange. More details a bit later, but begin to make your plans now to be part of this celebration of love and fellowship we enjoy so much here at Westworth as we welcome a new year of service to our Lord and Savior.

1 Chron 29:13-15

¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵ We are foreigners and strangers in your sight...

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:

Quin Montgomery—was hospitalized this week with RSV—released on Wednesday afternoon. Because Quin has asthma, recovery takes a bit more attention and time. Please pray for Quin's complete recovery and for strength for Blair and Marty. Dealing with a sick child is a challenge unequalled by anything else and we know God hears our prayers for these little ones.

Randy Binkley— Passed away on Tuesday evening, 11/19. Information regarding services is not yet available. Please pray for peace and comfort for Randy's family.

Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)—battling Bladder Cancer and recently elevated to stage 4. Her condition has worsened recently with a major blood clot (from her abdomen to her foot). Aggressive chemo therapy has begun that will last for many weeks. Please pray for her and her treatment and that no more cancer will be found. Prayers for her family also as they face this incredible challenge.

Henry Sena—An Elder at the Anna Street Church of Christ in Amarillo. Henry is hospitalized in Amarillo with a serious illness/infection. Nathan Keller passed along this request for prayers for Henry's healing and comfort.

Emerson Bellucci—12 y-o girl has made enough improvement that she is no longer on the list for a lung transplant. Additionally, word is she will be able to return to a local hospital (from Houston) in the near future. Please continue to pray for Emerson and her family.

Freddy and Connie Heller—We received word from Freddy that they are on the journey home. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels. They plan to be back with us next week.

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

Kelly Draper—recovery from back surgery

Bonnie Davis, Maureen Fanta and Kelsey Mason—Breast Cancer surgery and treatments.

Ralph Gray— recovering from the recent surgery as expected and doing well.

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.

Andy & Lauren Jewell—new family/baby in late November. No word on

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Wednesday, but it should be very soon. Please keep them in your prayers
Families of all who have lost loved ones this year.

Our “New” Brothers & Sisters—here and in the Lord’s churches everywhere.

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

♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ 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 new President and all civic 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.

December Birthdays



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| Joe Campbell | 1 Dec | Christi Snell | 26 Dec |
| Curtis Thompson | 4 Dec | Joslyn Dunson | 27 Dec |
| David Burris | 24 Dec | Jack Lisle | 29 Dec |
| Darla Thornton | 25 Dec | Abe Elizondo | 31 Dec |

December Anniversaries



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| Nathan & Andrea Keller | Dec 15 |
| Bill & Sherry Jones | Dec 30 |
| Jane & Lee Hall | Dec 31 |

Updated Survey—SOON

It has been quite some time since we last surveyed our membership for willingness to serve during worship service and other capacities within the needs of the church.

Please be praying about what your contribution might be, and considering what you are in a position—and willing— to do.

The plan will be to distribute and collect the survey before the end of the year so we can begin the new year with a fresh list of folks who are willing to be called on for service.

The survey will include more than positions during Sunday worship services. Service like maintenance items—beyond weekly janitorial tasks; decorating/redecorating; event planning/coordinating and more.

An advance “Thank You” for your willingness to help at all levels as another way to honor our Heavenly Father.

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. New videos of John’s trip are available there.

John is back in Costa Rica with his family after a successful trip to the school. Several video’s from the trip are on the HUGS website, as well as Facebook. Take a few minutes and see the amazing progress.

Tentative plans are for John to be here in March to bring the latest news.

Please continue to pray for the efforts in Malawi.

Celebrate



together with our families

*Tyler Nichols
&
Sarah Dunson*

joyfully invite you to their wedding
12.14.24

11 o'clock am



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*Westworth Church of Christ
5728 White Settlement Rd
Westworth Village, TX. 76114*

Reception and lunch to follow



*Mark your calendars and plan to join the celebration for
Tyler and Sarah.*

BIBLE ACTIVITY SHEET

Add words from the box to finish each Bible verse!

1. "Your world is a _____ for my feet, a light on my _____." (Psalm 119:105)
2. "For God so _____ the world that he gave his one and only _____, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal _____." (John 3:16)
3. "For the _____ God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us _____, love and self-discipline."
(2 Timothy 1:7)
4. "Commit to the Lord whatever you _____, and He will establish your _____." (Proverbs 16:3)
5. "In the _____, God created the heavens and the _____." (Genesis 1:1, NIV)

Earth
Loved
Power
Spirit

Plans
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Beginning
Life
Path
Lamp

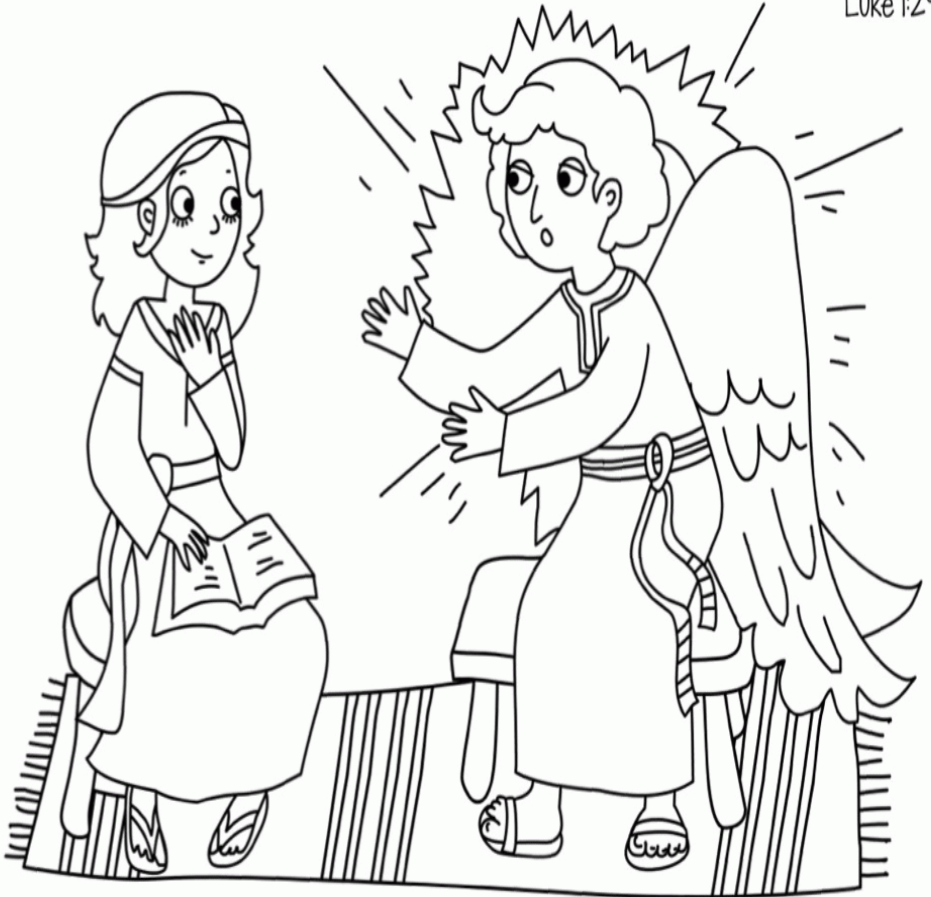


Crayons available
in south foyer

Kids Page

The angel said, "Do not be afraid. You are very special to God."

Luke 1:29



Memory verse:

Genesis 16:13 —You are the God who sees.

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 ladies group is taking a “holiday break” and will resume in January 2025. Info on new study will be announced in late December.

For information regarding materials and access (web-site and passcode) contact: Tracy Robertson at 817-308-0554— or—tracyrobertson1966@gmail.com

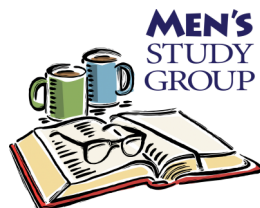
Westworth Men's Group (monthly 1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

Current Study: **If** by Mark Batterson.

“Trading Your ‘If Only’ Regrets for
God’s ‘What If’ Possibilities”

NOTE—New Time —1:00pm

Next Session December 3, 2024



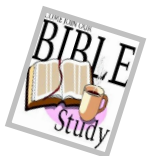
The Men's group continues to review and consider the concepts presented in this book. Many good conversations and biblical considerations are provoked when looking at things from someone else's viewpoint.

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— 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

Trustee in charge for December: Brian Flaherty

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| Date | Today—December 1 |
| Open | Eric Kreger |
| Usher | Curtis Dunson |
| Songs/Close | Eric Kreger |
| Prayer | Tom Reynolds |
| Communion | Bill Jones |
| Bible Story Kids Church | Max Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson |
| Reading | John Snell |
| Lesson | Max Pratt |
| A/V | Christi Kreger |

COMING WEEKS

| Date | Dec 8 | Dec 15 | Dec 22 |
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| Open | Curtis Dunson | Mike Lisle | Eric Kreger |
| Usher | Brian Flaherty | Bill Jones | Brian Flaherty |
| Songs/Close | Curtis Dunson | Mike Lisle | Eric Kreger |
| Prayer | David Keller | Johnny Box | Max Lisle |
| Communion | Max Lisle | Sharold Ferris | David Keller |
| Bible Story Kids Church | Mike Lisle / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson | Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones | Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson |
| Reading | Justin Snell | Jaedon Snell | Harley Boyce |
| Lesson | Max Pratt | Max Pratt | Max Pratt |
| A/V | Susan Flaherty | Sherry Yates | Christi Kreger |

Communion Preparation December: 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.



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