

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:
*Jesus is Our King***

Matthew 2:1-12



- THE MYSTERY OF THE WISEMEN
- THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS
- THEY BOWED DOWN TO WORSHIP HIM
- THEY OPENED & PRESENTED THEIR TREASURES
- OUR TREASURES & GIFTS FOR JESUS OUR KING

MARY TREASURED ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART

Luke's account of the incarnation provides for us many details which we hang on to and usually spend time remembering, repeating and celebrating. From that moment when the angel Gabriel spoke his first words to Mary, ***"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."***, she heard the Lord's call. Yes, she was troubled and wondered about the blessing she received. Gabriel's message had just begun. The news from heaven was more than just an acknowledgement of how favored she was in God's sight. The announcement was a calling into a special service. God had chosen Mary to be the virgin who would give birth to the long-awaited Messiah.

We are thankful that the Gospel accounts unfold the whole script before us as God ordained the sending of his Son into the world. Mary was told how the Spirit of God would overshadow her. She would give birth to the Son of God. Her son would be the holy one. She gave birth to Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem. Shepherds came and praised God for his birth and what they had been told about the Savior. Forty days after giving birth Jesus was taken to the temple in Jerusalem in obedience to the law. The first born would be presented to the Lord. She heard all that Simeon and Anna had to say about her child and to her: ***"My eyes have seen your salvation...a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory to your people Israel."*** Simeon prayed. Then to Mary he said, ***"This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."***

Jesus was twelve years old when he was with Joseph and Mary as they traveled to Jerusalem to observe the annual Passover feast. But he stayed behind and wasn't found among the group traveling home. When they found him, he had been amazing the teachers in the temple courts with his understanding and answers to their questions. Mary was worried about him, but his response was: ***"Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"*** Joseph and Mary did not understand. But at that time, the Word tells us: ***"His mother treasured all these things in her heart"***.

All of us who live by faith in Jesus the Christ get to treasure things in our hearts also. We hold dear the Truth of God's most precious gift. We celebrate with praise, as did the shepherds, the good news of great joy: ***"In the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."***

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Max

...OUR "REGULARS"...

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

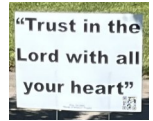


This study continues weekly. Join the brief study session on Sunday morning to learn more. Donuts are part of this fellowship. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join this weekly event.

- 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.

Psalm 25:4-5

⁴ Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

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 recently with RSV. He is home and rapidly recovering—like children tend to do, thankfully. Please pray for Quin's complete recovery and for strength for Blair and Marty.

Randy Binkley— Passed away on Tuesday evening, 11/19. At Randy's request, there will be no public memorial service. Please pray for peace and comfort for Randy's family.

Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)—battling Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. Aggressive chemo therapy has begun that will last for many weeks. After 2 treatments, they report she is handling it well. 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 was hospitalized with a serious illness/infection, but has now been removed from the critical list. He does have a way to go before he is back to normal. Please continue your prayers for him and his family.

Emerson Bellucci—12 y-o girl has made enough improvement that she is no longer on the list for a lung transplant. She is getting stronger every day and beginning to regain some weight. The hope is that she will be back in a local hospital (from Houston) within the next couple of weeks. Please continue to pray for Emerson and her family.

Freddy and Connie Heller—should be back with us today. Prayers of thanks for their safe return.

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—Kora Elizabeth Jewell was welcomed to their family on Thanksgiving day. 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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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



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



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

Updated Survey Ready

The new survey is available today. If you did not receive one when you came in, please pick one up from the box in the north foyer. After you have considered where you can serve, please complete the form, and be sure to put your name on the bottom.

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

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

After completing the form, please return it in the basket designated in the north foyer. If you need time to consider, please just return the survey before year end.

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



**Next
Saturday**



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*Westworth Church of Christ
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Reception and lunch to follow

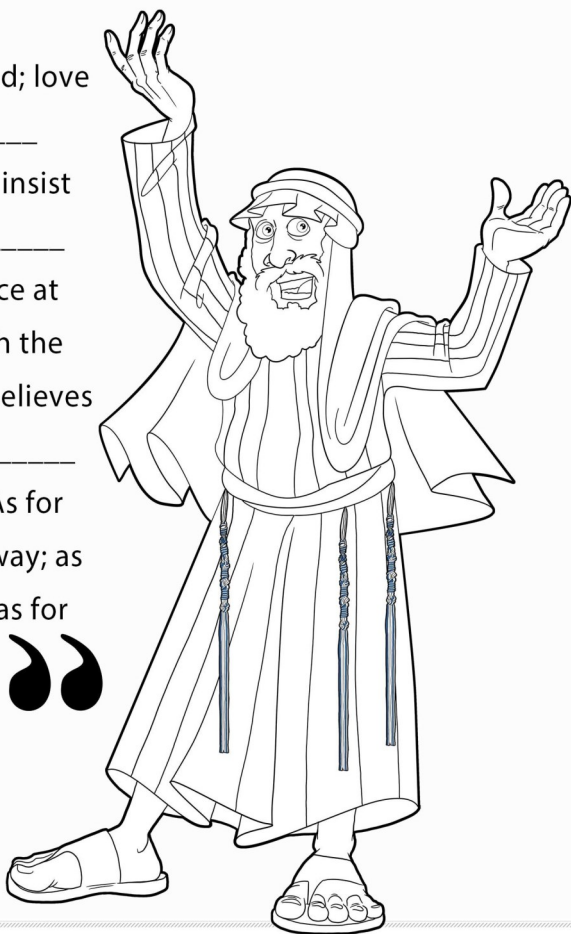
1 CORINTHIANS 13

WHAT IS LOVE?

Fill in the Blanks. Color the picture.

“ Love is _____ and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is _____ arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not _____ or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but _____ with the _____. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, _____ all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will _____ away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for _____, it will pass away. ”

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8)





Crayons available
in south foyer

Kids Page



Memory verse:

Matthew 28:20—I am with you always

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”

Next Session: 1:00 pm, December 17, 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.

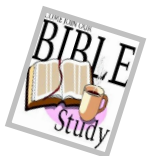


Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

Current Study: 1 Kings — Led by Curtis Dunson

Next Meeting: Wed., Jan 8, 2025

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

Date	Today—December 8
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	David Keller
Communion	Max Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Mike Lisle / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson
Reading	Justin Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Open	Mike Lisle	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty	Joun Snell
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Johnny Box	Max Lisle	Mike Lisle
Communion	Sharold Ferris	David Keller	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Curtis Thompson / Kylie Campbell & Laurice Reeves
Reading	Jaedon Snell	Harley Boyce	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Max Pratt	Mike Lisle	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates	Christi Kreger	Susan Flaherty

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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