

Westworth Church of Christ

*The
Westworth
Word*



Worshiping
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.

From the Pulpit Today



Speaker— Max Pratt

**Today's Lesson:
Mary's Heart**

Pro. 4:23

Pro. 23:7

Matt. 5:8

Matt. 12:34

- CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS
TOUCHES HEARTS
- THE BLESSING OF THE HEART
TOUCHED

- MARY'S HEART
- WHAT IS IN THE HEART
- TREASURES AND PONDERINGS
OF OUR HEARTS

SHEPHERDS TESTIFY FIRST

“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about’. So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

Luke 2:15-20

The very first ones to give testimony of Jesus were shepherds. How appropriate! God chose Moses to become the one who would go to Egypt and deliver Israel from bondage. He would lead the people to the mountain to worship. He would then lead the people during the forty years of their wandering in the wilderness due to their unbelief. When God called Moses to these awesome tasks, he called him from being a shepherd in the land of Midian. For forty years Moses had lived there tending to his father-in-law’s sheep. When God sent Samuel the prophet to anoint a new king over Israel, he sent him to the house of Jesse. After having the sons of Jesse brought before him, Samuel asked if there were any other sons. They had not brought David before Samuel. He was tending to his father’s sheep. David was a shepherd boy. God made him king.

God chose to announce the birth of his Son to shepherds who were in the field at night watching over their flocks. These shepherds were the first to give their testimony concerning the newborn Savior. This baby would become the Great Shepherd of the sheep. When it was time, Jesus left the carpenter’s shop and began to teach and lead the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Jesus said, *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep....I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me....I lay down my life for the sheep.”* John 10:7-14

From Hebrews 13:20-21, *“May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will,...”*

Peter’s inspired pen gave us this description of Jesus; *“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers....being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory, that will never fade away.”* I Peter 5:2-4

Is Jesus your Shepherd? How do you testify to that?

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.



... The End is Near? - YEAR end, that is...

December 31 (Tuesday evening) - 6:00 pm until ???

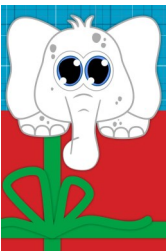
(we know it WON'T be midnight 😊)

New Years Eve—Food, Game Night and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Because of the limited time between Thanksgiving and Christmas 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 something for



everyone... Games, Food, Fun, and for those who wish to participate—a White Elephant gift exchange.

Bring your favorite snack foods—sandwiches, chips, dip, or maybe even black-eyed peas and cornbread—oh, and don't forget the desserts.

Make your plans now to be part of this celebration of love and fellowship that we enjoy so much here at

Westworth as we welcome a new year of service to our Lord and Savior.

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:

Wanda Reynolds' daughter Missy—early this week, Missy had surgery to repair a serious hernia that she has dealt with for a long time. The surgery went well, but following the surgery she had some issues and was kept in the hospital to monitor and treat as needed. She went home with Wanda for a few days. Please pray for Missy's recovery and restored health.

Tyler and Sarah Nichols—Please pray for them as they begin their life together as husband and wife, and for a lifetime of love and “partnership”, always seeking to do God's will.

HUGS for Tomorrow campus in Malawi—a severe storm recently caused serious damage. (see page 7)

Quinn Montgomery—was back with us last week. Prayers of thanks for his recovery.

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.

Ralph Gray—Is still recovering from the last surgery to restore what was interrupted earlier this year in treatment of his condition. Ralph reports some days are easier than others and this portion of the treatment is proving to be challenging. Please continue to pray for Ralph's recovery.

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 released and seems to be his old self. Prayers of thanks for his healing.

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. Please continue to pray for Emerson and her family.

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

Kelly Draper—recovery from back surgery. (still in a lot of pain)

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

David Burris — continued healing from his long ordeal.

Sharold Ferris—overall health issues and anticipated back surgery.

Julie Ferris— most recent tests showed no change in her condition (good news).

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

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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.

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

♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Ernie Brawley

Please include prayers for:

- **RAIN**
- **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

Survey — did you get one?

The new survey was distributed last week. If you did not receive one please be sure to get one from the box in the north foyer.

This survey is for ALL members.

After you have considered where you can serve, please complete the form, and be sure to put your name on the bottom.

Please pray about what your contribution might be, and consider 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 by Sunday, December 29.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERSHIP AND MISC SERVICE NEEDS SURVEY

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

For the **Men** of the congregation: Please complete the form below, indicating where you are willing to serve during worship services. Thank You

Worship Service Roles (Please check even if you already serve)		Place a check mark where you are willing to serve
Open Services (announcements & opening prayer)		
Usher (work sound board)		
Lead Songs (choose songs and lead singing)		
Public Prayer		
Officiate at Communion		
Serve Communion		
Public Scripture Reading		
Presenting a Sermon		
Children's Bible Story		

For **Everyone** in the congregation: Please consider the items below and indicate where you are willing to step in and offer your help as needed. Thank You.

Additional Service Opportunities (please check even if you already serve)		Place a check mark where you are willing to serve
Children's Church Volunteer		
Prepare Communion (monthly rotation)		
Computer (A/V) (during worship service)		
Serve as Greeter (Sunday morning)		
Seasonal decoration of Activity Building		
Plan/Coordinate/assist fellowship activity		
Special Cleaning/Maintenance (as needed)		

Name: _____

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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.

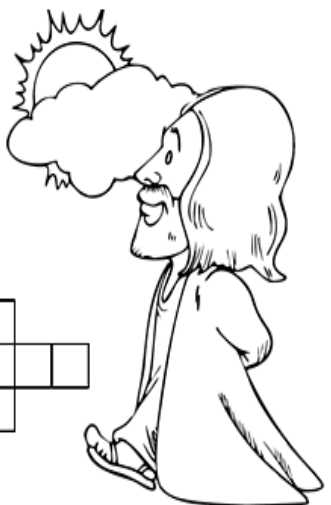
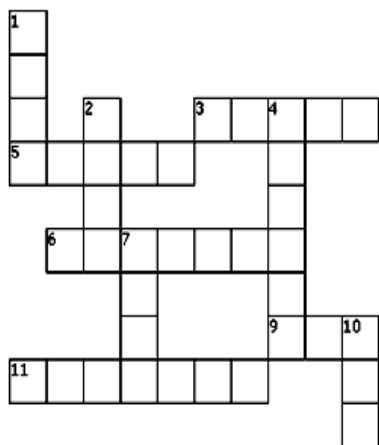
John and Samantha's Facebook page shows video of the recent storm damage at the campus. The storm ripped the roof off two classrooms, and knocked down a major portion of the back security wall. Repairs to the wall were started immediately. All the children had already been dismissed for the day and Snoden diligently searched for all the students after the storm—unlike here, he had to go out and visit homes for this. He found that they had all made it safely with the exception of one minor injury. Please keep this mission work in your prayers—especially at this time for speedy repair to the damages.

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

Please continue to pray for the efforts on behalf of the children in Malawi.

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.



ACROSS

3. The organ in the body that pumps the blood
5. To make letters and words with a pen or pencil
6. To accept as true, genuine, or real
9. Evidence given by witness in court
11. Something that continues forever

DOWN

1. To understand something
2. The period from birth to death
4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
8. The creator and ruler of the universe
10. A male child

Check your answers

accept	believe	eternal	write
testimony	heart	life	know
God	liar	son	



Crayons available
in south foyer

Kids Page



Memory verse:

John 10:11—I am the good shepherd.

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.

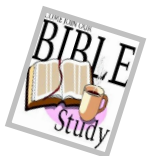


Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

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 15
Open	Mike Lisle
Usher	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Johnny Box
Communion	Sharold Ferris
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones
Reading	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates

COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 22	Dec 29	Jan 5
Open	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Joun Snell	
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Curtis Dunson	
Prayer	Max Lisle	Mike Lisle	
Communion	David Keller	Johnny Box	
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson	Curtis Thompson / Kylie Campbell & Laurice Reeves	
Reading	Harley Boyce	Marty Montgomery	
Lesson	Mike Lisle	Max Pratt	
A/V	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.



Leadership and Logistics



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