

Westworth Church of Christ

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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**

Lesson: SATAN DEFEATED AGAIN

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10



- **Setting the Stage**
- **Thanksgiving & Praise**
- **Deep Conviction/Persecutions**
- **The Lord's Message Rang Out**

Troubled Over Suffering In This World?

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.’” John 15:18-20

Jesus did not mince any words about the trouble his followers would face. His subject was primarily that of rejection and actions of unbelievers. Persecution has always been part of Christian history. The Lord taught his disciples to expect it and prepare for it.

It was not just persecution that could be experienced. Putting the Lord first in life could bring some relationship problems, loss of security, and sacrificing earthly things. Check out Luke 9:57-62, Matt. 8:18-22, Luke 12:49-53 & 14:25-35. When we consider the many disruptions that faith can bring, there is struggle with it. We are emotionally attached to this life.

Jesus knows all about it. He suffered the hostility of others. He was truly a “Man of Sorrows”. He wept at Lazarus’ grave with his friends. He suffered in Gethsemane, as he faced Calvary. He was tempted to satisfy himself by turning stones to bread when he was hungry. He could have exalted himself in pride rather than humbly serving the Lord. He could have exchanged earth’s glory for his faithfulness to the Father. He didn’t! Why? So we can have his peace as we make our journey through this sinful and decaying world.

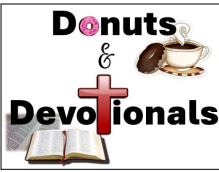
“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.” Matt. 16:24-25.

“My soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation.” Psalms 35:9.

“Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord will be your strength.” Neh. 8:10

Max

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SHARE ...



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

This weekly study continues. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to join this weekly gathering for study and brief fellowship prior to morning worship service.

Donuts and coffee etc., are part of this early time together.

- **Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank**

Deliveries are made each month and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please keep this good work in your plans for sharing the bounty we receive from the Lord. Southside never fails to express their gratitude. The latest "Thank You" from them is on the hallway bulletin board.

- **WORDS-OF-WISDOM**—Signs to "Plant" in your yard are available in the activity bldg. If you have one already, is it time for a new message to passers-by? It's good to keep the message fresh.



- **Weekly Sermon always available**— Did you miss the message last week? Everyone is subject to unexpected interruptions to our schedules that may prevent our attendance on Sunday morning. The lesson/message is always available to you on the church website at:

<https://www.westworthcoc.org/sermons-3/>

The previous Sunday's lesson is usually available no later than the following Tuesday. Additionally, there is an extensive library of past messages. Hope you will take advantage of this resource.



House to House Heart to Heart

Westworth is sponsoring another issue of *House to House Heart to Heart* this month. The topic for the

issue is "Do We Obey the Ten Commandments Today?". It will be distributed to the same postal area as before. There will be issues for all our members, and you may take any extras for family and friends.

Plans are to sponsor a total of four issues during 2025.

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:

Suzanne Fisher (D'Ann Bristol's sister) - recently had quadruple by-pass surgery with complications. There was a possibility for more surgery this past week. Please pray for healing for Suzanne, and comfort for the family.

Bill Jones—has back surgery scheduled later this month. Please pray for the desired outcome and quick healing for Bill.

Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)—battling Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. The most recent report indicates the cancer has spread to other organs, and one last immunotherapy treatment will be done. If that does not produce results, the doctor has said Hospice would be next. Her husband, Tony, is also dealing with his own Melanoma and is waiting on insurance to approve a dangerous and complicated surgery. Please pray for both Debbie and Tony and their entire family as they endure the challenges set before them.

Christi Kreger's 6 year-old nephew, Jack—Jack is experiencing an unknown, but potentially very serious condition. Tests performed here have not provided any answers. He was scheduled to go to M.D.Anderson on March 5 for a couple of tests. Please pray that the cause and solution will be found soon and he will experience complete recovery.

Wanda Reynolds' daughter Missy—Missy is greatly improved and submitting applications for jobs. Her previous job required heavy lifting which she is no longer able to do. Please continue praying for Missy's improved health, as well as prayers for successful hunt for an appropriate job.

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

Kelly Draper—continued recovery from back surgery.

Bonnie Davis, Maureen Fanta and Kelsey (Mason) McDowell—Breast Cancer surgery and treatments. Recent contact with Maureen and Kelsey indicate they are improving. Both these ladies have very positive attitudes which helps immensely. Please continue your prayers for best results.

Sharold Ferris—overall health issues and anticipated back surgery.

Julie Ferris— Latest review of nodes revealed no change, (good news) and the next review will be in one year—really good news.

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

Malawi Mission work—Please keep all those who are working for the children in Malawi. The teachers, administrators and especially the children.

Families of all who have lost loved ones in recent months.

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

- ◆ Pat Straw
- ◆ Jane Whitley
- ◆ Ernie Brawley

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Please include prayers for:

- **RAIN**—Thanks for what we’ve received and prayers for more.
- **Teachers , Students and Parents**—for wisdom and patience in training kids
- **Israel and Ukraine**—A cease to the war there and continued return of the prisoners-of-war to their family and loved ones.
- **Church growth and leadership**—worldwide but especially here. Pray for our leaders that God will provide all their needs as they serve, and that we may be an encouragement for them.
- **The new President and all government leadership**—As the new president and his officials begin their work for the country, pray for strength and wisdom for him and for all who serve in government positions.
- **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.

Titus 3:3-5

³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

March Birthdays

Pat Straw	Mar 2		Sarah Thompson	Mar 12
Ben Jewell	Mar 3		Max Pratt	Mar 13
Richard Hromek	Mar 3		Harley Boyce	Mar 20
Lanette Lisle	Mar 5		Debbie Highfill	Mar 21
Jaquelyn Snell	Mar 7		Mike Lisle	Mar 23
Cooper Thompson	Mar 8		Earnie Brawley	Mar 29

March Anniversaries

Freddy & Connie Heller	Mar 12
Mike & Lanette Lisle	Mar 15
Max & Sarah Lisle	Mar 21



Communion service for residents at Eagle Crest Villa



2:30 PM

Every Sunday
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113 Denver Tr.
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Mike Lisle led the devotional and communion service for the folks at Eagle Crest Villa last Sunday. Attendance grew significantly from the first week. Eight folks, including 2 of the staff members, joined the service. Everyone was happy for this opportunity and very appreciative for the efforts on their behalf.

This work will continue weekly. Everyone is welcome to take part and help lift the spirits of the brothers and sisters there.

www.Hugs4Tomorrow.org

Great Progress has been made on construction of the chapel/ multi-purpose building. Be sure to check-out the video of students gathering in the (under construction) chapel for prayer before class at this site:

<https://www.facebook.com/samantha.m.jewell/videos/1013486227301728>



Please continue to pray for the efforts on behalf of the children and those caring for them.

Hear the latest updates from John today following the fellowship lunch.

~~3rd~~ oops 2nd Sunday Lunch **TODAY**

We are trading 3rd Sunday Lunch (next week) for 2nd Sunday Lunch (today).

John and Samantha Jewell are in country to report on the latest activities at the HUGS For Tomorrow School in Malawi. We always look forward to their visits and are especially glad to learn about the progress at the school.

Following morning worship services we will gather in the activity building for a fellowship meal together. After lunch John will report on his recent trip and all that is happening at the campus.

Hope everyone is planning to stay and enjoy the good food and catch up with John and Samantha.

*John, Abraham and Snoden at the farm land owned and worked by the mission..
(clipped from a video)*



Samantha, Ben & friend on Ben's 16th birthday (Mar 3).

Kids Pages

NEW TESTAMENT WORDSEARCH

Find the books of New Testament in the wordsearch below. Then, use the left over letters to find the reason that John wrote the Gospel of John. Use the letters from the left to right, starting on the top line and working down.



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- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Romans
- Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- Thessalonians
- Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrew
- James
- Peter
- Jude
- Revelation

"...but these are written so that you may _____

the _____ of _____, and that by believing _____

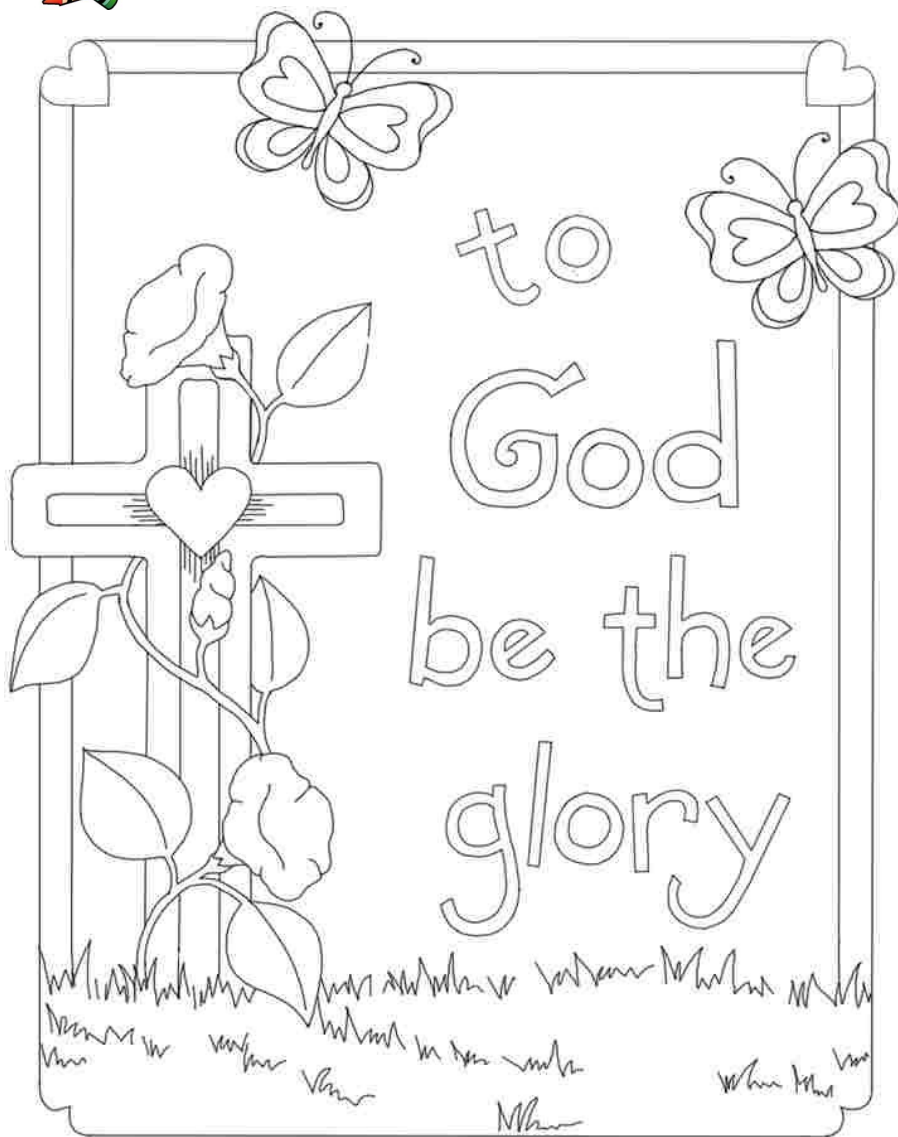
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John 20:31 ^(ESV)





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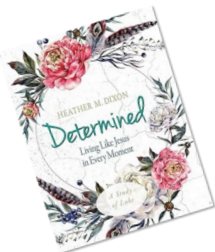
Memory verse:

Proverbs 3:5-6

- ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;**
- ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.**

SCHEDULED STUDIES

Monday–Women’s Virtual Bible Study Weekly – 7:00 pm via Google meet Current study -



DETERMINED: Living Like Jesus Every Day

If you have not been part of this group before but would like to join—AND ALL OUR LADIES ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN—please contact Tracy Robertson for website information and to be added to the text group. 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.

Tracy Robertson 817-308-0554 or tracyrob-erson1966@gmail.com



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

Continuing Study: **if** by Mark Batterson.

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

Next Session: 1:00 pm, March 18, 2025

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.

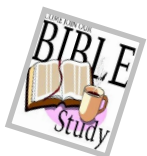
Similar to the ladies group—the additional fellowship and study time serves to bring us closer as family. See Bill Jones or Tom Reynolds for more info.



Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

Current Study: **2 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 March: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—March 9
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Dave Burris
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Max Lisle
Communion	Tom Reynolds
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30
Open	Eric Kreger	Mike Lisle	David Keller
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Johnny Box	Tom Reynolds	Tom Reynolds
Communion	David Keller	Johnny Box	Curtis Thompson
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy & Halleigh R.	Eric Kreger / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson	Max Lisle / Blair Montgomery & Susan Flaherty
Reading	Ruston Kirby	Harley Boyce	Justin Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates	Brian Flaherty	Tracy Robertson

Communion Preparation March: Laurice Reeves



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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