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# Westworth Church of Chris

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

Lesson: LIKE A MOTHER / AS A FATHER

## Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12



- The Purest of Motives
- Like a Mother
- Like a Father
- Living Lives Worthy of God

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD

"Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say,

For these religious fellows among the sect of the Pharisees, the Lord's answer must have been very strange. I think it was a difficult concept for any of the Jews to grasp. The nature of the kingdom of God was so different than what they imagined it would be. Even the apostles after walking and talking with Jesus, hearing him teach about the kingdom; were still asking when the kingdom would be restored.

I have to say that all the history of Israel, the promise land and the prophets concerning David's line of kings would lead to the conclusion that the restoration of the kingdom of Israel would have a time connected to it. Since John and Jesus had been announcing that the kingdom of heaven is near, interest in its arrival would have been high.

For Jesus to be the crucified and risen King reigning from heaven just didn't fit the expectations of the victorious kings of the past. Jerusalem had long been the city of God and made by David himself, the place for the king to rule. Hearing Jesus say that the kingdom was not something observable clearly means it is something spiritual.

Because we have God's Word in its fullness we read and understand the Lord's description of the kingdom. Jesus rules in the hearts of mankind. His Spirit dwells within us as the gift and the seal of His grand promises. The nature of God's Kingdom is worldwide. It is universal. All nations are invited.

When we observe the many structures for worship and ministry in the name of Jesus, we must remember not one of them anywhere is anything more than a useful instrument of service. The kingdom rests solely in the hearts of disciples. Praise comes from within the heart of believers. What glorifies and honors the Lord are godly saints being steadfast, immovable and abounding in the work of the Lord.

## **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.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"

 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.



The issue has been distributed to a number of copies available for

you to distribute to your friends and neighbors who don't live in the 76114 zip code.

Feel free to take as many as you need, for additional distribution. This might be an excellent means to invite family, friends, neighbors and even coworkers to join us.

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:

Christy Snell—After a few days in the hospital and several tests/procedures, Christy had gallbladder surgery on Wednesday afternoon. She is now at home recuperating. Please pray for swift and complete recovery.

Christi Kreger's 6 year-old nephew, Jack—Jack experienced some unexplained symptoms until last week when MD Anderson was able to identify a pituitary tumor. Brain surgery is scheduled on March 28 to remove the tumor. Please continue to pray for successful removal of the tumor and that Jack will have a speedy and complete recovery.

Suzanne Fisher (D'Ann Bristol's sister) - after quadruple by-pass surgery and emergency gall bladder surgery, Suzanne was doing well enough to go home last Sunday. Please continue prayers for swift and complete recovery.

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 .

Wanda Reynolds' daughter Missy—Missy is greatly improved and continues her search for a job more in line with her physical limitations. Please continue praying for Missy's improved health, as well as prayers for a successful job search.

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. Please continue your prayers for complete healing.

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.

#### 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—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 continue 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.

### 2 Cor 9:13

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for

the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

## March Birthdays

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Ben Jewell	Mar 3	N State	/lax Pratt					
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Lanette Lisle	Mar 5	DINIHDAT	ebbie Highfil					
Jaquelyn Snell	Mar 7	Ν	/like Lisle					
Cooper Thompson	Mar 8	E	arnie Brawle					
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March Anniversaries								

Freddy & Connie Heller Mike & Lanette Lisle Max & Sarah Lisle



Mar 12

Mar 13

Mar 20

Thompson

Mar 15

Mar 21

## Communion service for residents at Eagle Crest Villa



Every Sunday 113 Denver Tr. Azle, TX

2:30 PM

A group led by Brian Flaherty was able to visit the residents at Eagle Crest Villa again last week. Others joined in and a brief devotional was done as well as the offer of communion. They continue to express their appreciation for this weekly service. The attendance at each service varies, but the Spirit is always in attendance.

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.

## March is one of those "5-Sunday" months

# That means we get to enjoy another fellowship lunch !!

- Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 30.
- Prepare your favorite meat/side-dish/casserole/dessert to share.
- Stay after worship services to enjoy the good food and even better fellowship with brothers and sisters.

## In The Know

Many of you took the opportunity last Sunday to stay for lunch and to hear the latest from John Jewell regarding the work with the children in Malawi.

If you want to keep up with the activities and needs at the school, there are electronic methods at your disposal 24-7. The websites listed below are available to see the latest on the developments at the school, the current needs of the children and conditions in Malawi. John and Samantha are always happy to answer your questions.

#### Samantha's FaceBook page:

https://www.facebook.com/samantha.m.jewell

#### HUGS for Tomorrow website:

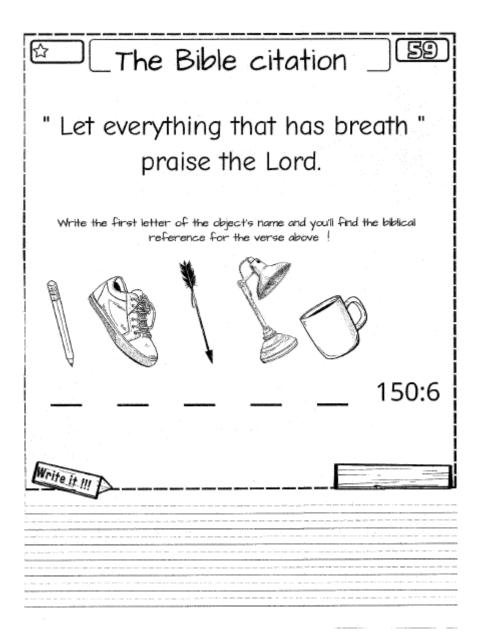
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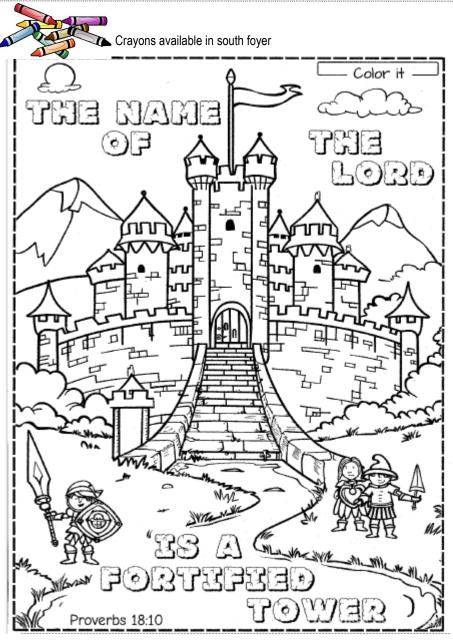
#### DonorSee website:

https://donorsee.com/jewell



# Kids Pages





Memory verse:

#### Psalms 119:135

# Make your face shine on your servant and teach me your decrees.

## SCHEDULED STUDIES

#### <u>Monday–Women's Virtual Bible Study</u> 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 treas-

ured. "Christian family" time is priceless and this is a standing invitation.

Tracy Robertson 817-308-0554 or tracyroberson1966@gmail.com



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

Continuing Study: <u>If</u> 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 yourChristian family while you study God's word and its meaningfor your life.The invitation to join in is always open.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Trustee in charge for March: Eric Krege	Bible Story Kids Church		Curtis Thompson / Sherri Dunson and Tracy & Halleigh Robertson			
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	COMING WEEKS					
	Date Mar 23		Mar 30	Apr 6		
Ор	en	Mike Lisle		David Keller		
Usł	her	Curtis Dunson		Bill Jones		
Sor	ngs/Close	Mike Lisle		Curtis Dunson		
Prayer		Tom Reynolds		Tom Reynolds		
Communion		Johnny Box		Curtis Thompson		
Bible Story Kids Church		Eric Kreger / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson		Max Lisle / Blair Montgomery & Susan Flaherty		
Rea	ding	Harley Boyce		Justin Snell		
Les	son	Max Pratt		Max Pratt		
A/V		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.

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