

# Westworth Church of Christ

Worshipping  
Serving  
Fellowshipping

*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: GEMS FROM THESSALONIANS*

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 & 5:16-18**



### **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**

- **A Disciple’s Ambition**
- **Expected Benefits**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

- **God’s Will for Us In Christ**
- **Do So More and More**

## **GARDENS**

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Memory takes me back to my childhood home in Amarillo. I cannot remember a single year we did not have a garden. I was seven years old when we moved outside of town to our less-than-an-acre where we had plenty of room for a garden, raise chickens, own milk cows, and have a big orchard. We enjoyed the benefits at our table in all seasons of the year. From age seven to eighteen, summer chores included everything from preparing to plant, planting, weeding, watering, harvesting and helping process the harvest. At times some of those chores were not what I really wanted to do. However, I never backed away from mother's good meals.

Reading our Bible will take us to several gardens. The first one will be the perfect and, without doubt, beautiful Garden of Eden. God was the gardener who arranged it for mankind. This was Adam and Eve's first home. I can only imagine the botanical beauty where God placed this couple. It must have been spectacular. But then it was spoiled by the Old Serpent who undermined God's loving care and provisions in the mind of Eve. His deceitful nature and lying tongue led to their sin and the permanent loss of their sheltered garden. How sad that must have been for God, Adam and Eve.

King Ahab wanted to turn Naboth's vineyard into his vegetable garden. Naboth responded to the king's offer saying he would not sell what he had inherited from his father. Another very sad day came when Queen Jezebel plotted lies about Naboth that led to his being stoned to death. Ahab took possession of the vineyard. Maybe he planted the garden he wanted there. Perhaps he ate from its fruit. Maybe not! God sent Elijah with condemning words to Ahab and Jezebel. Both would die over what they did for a garden plot. Their blood was spilled upon the ground.

Jesus frequently visited a place called Gethsemane. It was there that our Lord prayed while his disciples slept. His sweat fell like drops of blood to the ground as he agonized over the cross before him. The mob came to arrest him. Judas betrayed him there with a kiss. The disciples fled as the Lord was taken away. It is another record of a very sad day. Angels had come to strengthen Jesus. Men forsook him.

**Gardens** (continued)

Another garden was at the place where Jesus was crucified and, in the garden, a new tomb was where they laid his body. On that glorious first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. While weeping, Jesus spoke to her. She thought he was the gardener, until he called her by name.

Her tears were wiped away. The greatest news to be told was the empty tomb of Jesus, who had died for our sins and was alive forevermore.

*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 or juice 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.

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:***

**Bill Jones**—is scheduled for back surgery on March 26. Please pray for the doctors who will perform the surgery, for a good outcome and quick healing for Bill.

**Christy Snell**—Following gall bladder surgery Christy was with us last Sunday. She continues her recovery at home. Please pray for her swift and complete healing.

**Christi Kreger's 6 year-old nephew, Jack**—Jack experienced some unexplained symptoms until 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)** - D'Ann reports that her sister is at home and doing well following heart and gall bladder surgery. Please continue prayers for her complete recovery.

**Deborah White Tallant (life-long friend of Tracy Robertson)**—battling Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. She had a "pivotal" PET scan on 3/19. Please pray for positive results from that scan that will determine what's next. Her husband, Tony, was able to have his surgery and reports that he is healing well. 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 abilities. 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.

**David Burris** — continued healing from his long ordeal.

**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**—As we move into warmer weather, to fill the lakes and rivers.
- **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.**

**Titus 3:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> 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**

**Mike Lisle**  
**Ernie Brawley**

**Mar 23**  
**Mar 29**

**April Birthdays**

**Vivian Keller**  
**Sarah Lisle**  
**Susan Flaherty**  
**Andrea Keller**

**April 5**  
**April 7**  
**April 21**  
**April 23**



**Johnny Box**  
**Mark Cohen**  
**Tracy Robertson**

**April 25**  
**April 26**  
**April 27**

**April Anniversaries**

**No known April anniversaries. If I have missed someone, please let me know.**

*Sherry*

## Communion service for residents at Eagle Crest Villa



2:30 PM

Every Sunday  
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113 Denver Tr.  
Azle, TX

A group led by Max was able to visit the residents at Eagle Crest Villa again last week. This service included a couple of hymns and the residents really seem to enjoy that. They continue to express their appreciation for this weekly service. The attendance at each service varies, but the Spirit is always in attendance.

Last week, I was very pleasantly surprised to find the brother of a cousin of mine was a resident there. As we visited about where he had grown up, he included Lubbock in his list. I mentioned I had cousins there named Boling. It was at that point I learned he was the brother of my cousin's wife. A lady who is no longer with us, but was dearly loved by the whole family. It's amazing—the little 'tidbits' of joy God brings to our lives!

This work will continue weekly. Everyone is welcome to take part and help lift the spirits of the brothers and sisters there. Who knows, you too might find a "relative once removed".

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### Annual Corporate Meeting

The required annual meeting of Westworth Church of Christ, Inc., will be conducted immediately following morning worship services



**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

On that date, following dismissal after worship, all members are requested to remain in the auditorium for this brief meeting.

**MARCH IS ONE OF THOSE “5-SUNDAY” MONTHS**

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



- ◆ *Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 30.  
(That's Next Sunday)*
  - ◆ *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.*
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**[www.Hugs4Tomorrow.org](http://www.Hugs4Tomorrow.org)**



If you want to keep up with the activities and needs at the school, these electronic methods are 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:**

[Hugs4tomorrow.org](http://Hugs4tomorrow.org)

**DonorSee website:**

<https://donorsee.com/jewell>

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

# Kids Pages

## Jesus' First Miracle

Read **John 2:9-10** to find out what the man in charge of the wedding feast thought about the wine that Jesus made.



Bible



drumstick



jug



cake



goblet



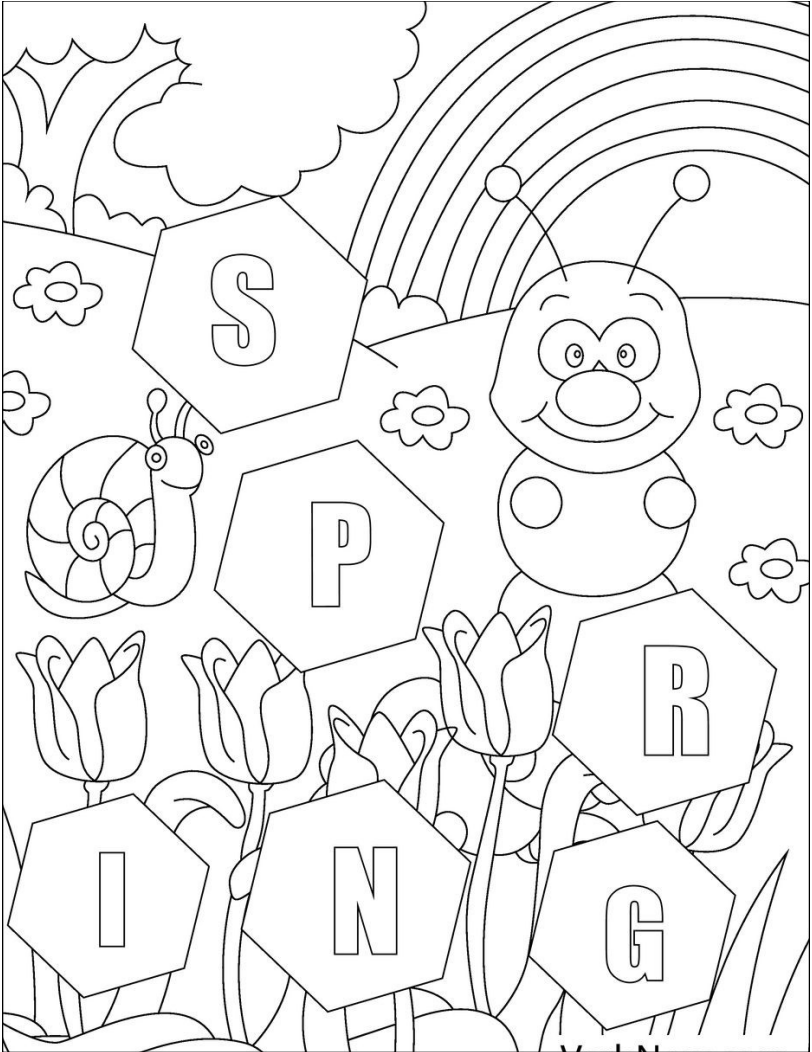
ring







Crayons available in south foyer



**Memory verse:**

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

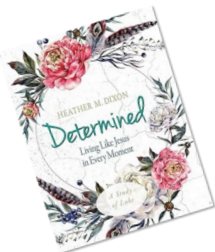
**Psalms 28:7** my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy,

and with my song I praise him.

# 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, April 1, 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.**

In April, Max will present a special series on Wednesday Evenings.

### **Christ’s Cross—His Resurrection—His Ascension.**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for March: Eric Kregger

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—March 23</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Eric Kregger / Jonathan &amp; Joslyn Dunson</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Harley Boyce</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>

## COMING WEEKS

Date	Mar 30	Apr 6	Apr 13
<b>Open</b>	<b>David Keller</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>		
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>		
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Tom Reynolds</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>		
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Max Lisle / Blair Montgomery &amp; Susan Flaherty</b>		
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Justin Snell</b>		
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>		
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Tracy Robertson</b>		

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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<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:Westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net">Westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Facebook Group:</b>	Westworth Church of Christ ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/">https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/</a> )