

Westworth Church of Christ

Worshiping
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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:

THE FATHER’S LOVING APPEAL

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

- **The Joy of Redemption**
- **The Older Son’s Anger & Judgment**
- **The Compassionate Father**
- **The Blessing of Grace**



Judged by the Law that Gives Freedom

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he is blessed in his doing.” James 1:22-24

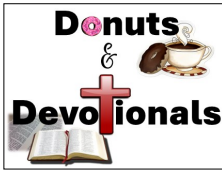
A little later in James’ practical Christian living letter we find him instructing us in this way: **“So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.” (Jas. 2:12)** A vital part of his letter is that of having the Word making a difference in who we are and how we live by our faith. Without the Word how would we know what we should and should not be doing. Among the New Testament writers, James does his part in leading us toward the Word of God so that we are under its influence. The Psalmist recorded that the laws, commands, precepts and statutes of the Lord were highly cherished to him because they provided heavenly guidance. James tells us that the wisdom from above is: **“pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits”**.

I like the reference James gives to the Gospel message Jesus brought by calling it the “law of liberty” or the “law that gives freedom”. The Old Law, the covenant God made with Israel, did not liberate anyone. It condemned people because no one who lived under it could fulfill it; until Jesus came along and lived without sin. The New covenant that Jesus inaugurated does indeed have the power to liberate man from his sin. Because the payment for sin has been made by the Lamb of God—Jesus.

Along with the Psalmist I pray, **“Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.” Ps.119:33-35** Then the benefit will be: **“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Ps. 119:105**

Consider the scene from The Revelation of Jesus Christ by John’s inspired pen---Rev. 20:11-15

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SHARE ...



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

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.

- **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**— The lessons/messages from previous weeks are 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. Hope you will take advantage of this resource.



ROOTS—Wednesday Night Bible Study

Ever since Alex Haley’s “Roots” (the television mini-series) came out in 1976 people have been fascinated with tracing our ancestors. Hettie and I both have ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War and wars that followed, but the golden nugget was her great-grandfather who was a circuit riding preacher on the frontier. How cool is that!

At the Wednesday Night Bible Study we will be tracing our religious roots. Of course, our roots begin with God and Jesus. However, the group known as the Church of Christ is less than 200 years old. So, your ancestors probably worshipped as Puritans, Catholics, Anglicans, or Lutherans. On Wednesday night we will follow the fracturing of the Catholic Church through, the Reformation, the Great Awakening and the Restoration movement. Come and see how the Church transformed through the years from one unified tree trunk to a tree with hundreds of branches.

David Keller

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:

Christi Kreger's 6 year-old nephew, Jack—Jack's surgery to remove a pituitary tumor was one month ago. He is home with his family to complete his recovery. Please keep Jack and the family in your prayers.

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

Susan Fisher (D'Ann Bristol's sister) - continued recovery from heart surgery.

Tom Reynolds—continued recovery from stroke.

Missy Sherrill (Wanda Reynolds' daughter) - recovery from blood clot and other health issues and successful job search/fit.

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 — Dave is experiencing some new issues and recent tests have been inconclusive. Please pray for healing and improved health.

Sharold Ferris—overall health issues and anticipated back surgery.

Julie Ferris— Julie has been feeling a bit "shaky" lately and is conferring with doctors in search of the cause and solution. Please pray that she will find a 'fix' and will feel better very soon.

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

Malawi Mission work—Please pray for all those who are working for the children in Malawi.

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

◆ Pat Straw ◆ Jane Whitley ◆ Ernie Brawley

Please include prayers for:

- **Teachers , Students and Parents**—The school year is drawing to a close. Pray for a safe environment and successful activities for all our students and those who work to help them learn and grow.
- **RAIN**—Thanks for what we have received recently and prayers for more to fill the lakes and rivers.
- **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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

- **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.

April Birthdays

Tracy Robertson

April 27



May Birthdays

Tracy Burris

May 26

Freddy Heller

May 26

Jane (Yates) Hall

May 28

May Anniversaries



Matthew & D’Ann Bristol

May 17

Hudson & Daniella Flaherty

May 17

“Pray Without Ceasing”

If you’ve been to a church service in your lifetime, it is highly likely that you are familiar with the words above. Sometimes, praying can be a challenge. Remembering to pray amidst the ‘hub-bub’ of life, how to pray, for whom to pray, how often to pray... and much more. The scriptures listed below are a few that may be of some encouragement to your prayer life.

- **1 Thes 5:16-18**
- **1 John 5:14**
- **Ephesians 6:18**
- **Philippians 4:6-7**
- **Hebrews 4:16**
- **John 14:13-14**
- **James 5:16**

Communion service for residents at Eagle Crest Villa



2:30 PM

Every Sunday

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113 Denver Tr.

Azle, TX

This service for the residents at Eagle Crest continues weekly.

This would be a great addition to your Easter activities. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this work and help lift the spirits of the brothers and sisters there. The group of residents in attendance may differ from week to week, but they are always glad to see us and to have the opportunity to sing a couple of hymns, hear some words of encouragement and take communion.

This service is also uplifting for those of us who are able to join the gathering on Sunday afternoons.

If you would like to join the group just arrive at the site a few minutes before 2:30 or contact Max or Mike Lisle, or Brian Flaherty if you need more information.

TODAY—Fellowship Lunch

Hope everyone will stay to enjoy the abundant good food and fellowship that is always available at our meals together.





May 18—3rd Sunday—has been designated
GRADUATE SUNDAY.

Justin Snell and Cheyanne Vickers

We will recognize and celebrate this milestone accomplishment with them, in association with the 3rd-Sunday Lunch.

Bring cards and/or gifts to congratulate and encourage them as they begin a new phase of life.



ALSO—Another graduation (of sorts) has come to our attention. Mark Cohen will be graduating (retiring) from Lockheed after 43 years of service on April 30—**3 days left and counting.**

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE, MARK.

www.Hugs4Tomorrow.org

If you want to keep up with the activities and needs at the school, check out these websites. 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

DonorSee website:

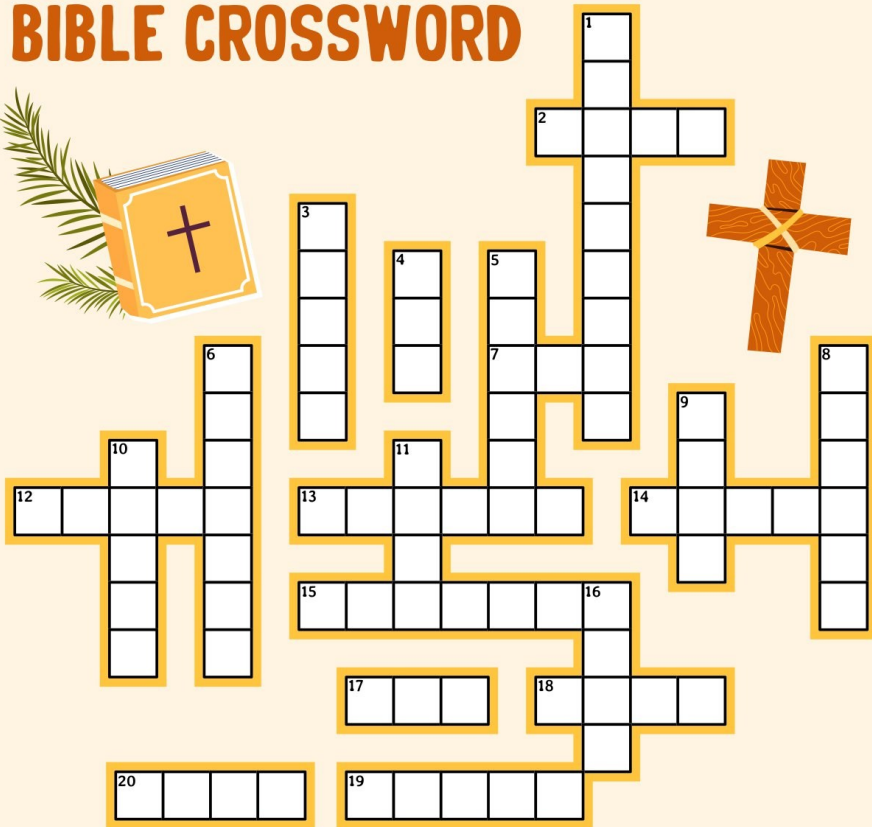
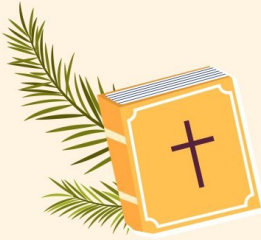
<https://donorsee.com/jewell>

The most current need, recently posted on DonorSee is money for a "new" refurbished laptop computer because the 2013 model they have been using is no longer working.

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

Kids Pages

BIBLE CROSSWORD



Across

2. This led the wise men to baby Jesus
7. The first woman
12. The queen of what country came to see Solomon
13. What is it called when we talk to God?
14. Who wrote the 23rd Psalm?
15. Wisest man in the world
17. God created the world in how many days?
18. Two ladies argued about this
19. Who parted the Red Sea?
20. What kind of bird did Noah send out of the ark to see if the land was dry?

Down

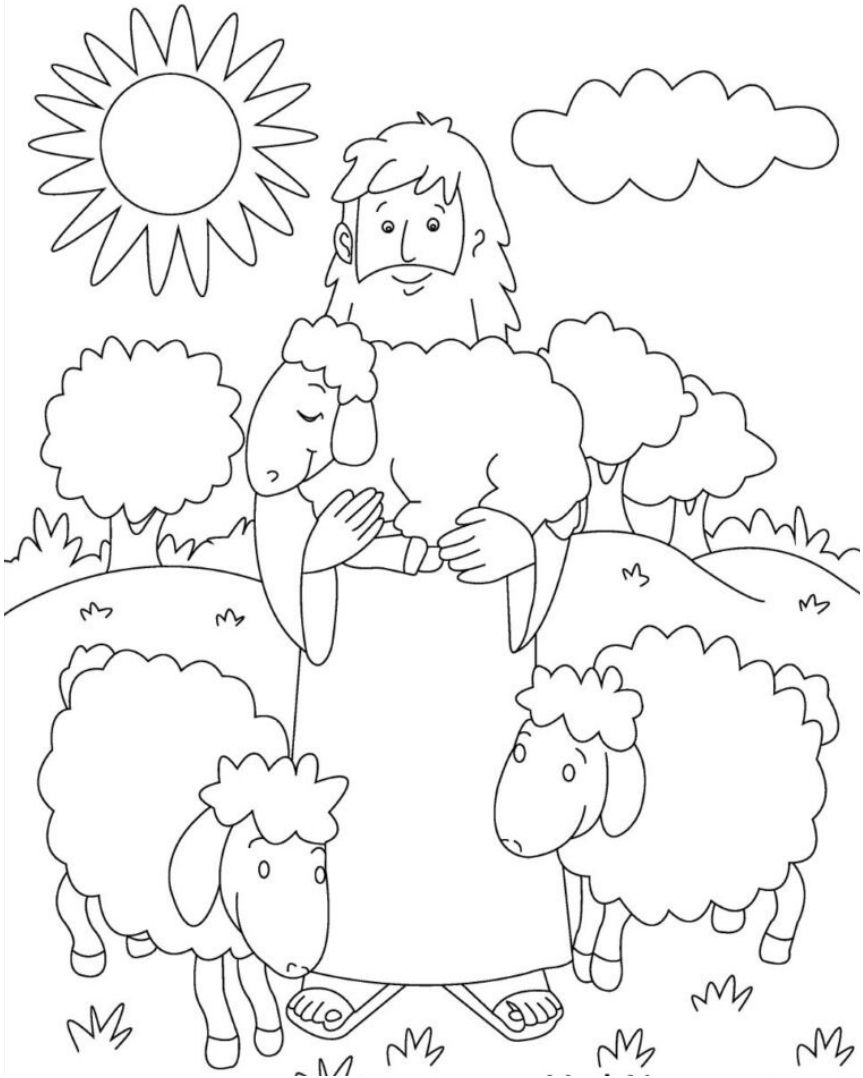
1. The town Jesus was born in
3. Long sharp weapon
4. Who created everything?
5. How many disciples did Jesus have?
6. Who was the first Jew?
8. What Solomon asked God for
9. The first man
10. Who is a descendant of Abraham and King David, and is the Savior of the world?
11. The first king of Israel who died in battle with his son, Jonathon
16. He built the ark

Word Bank

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| Dove | Star | Bethlehem | Twelve | Adam | Wisdom | Saul |
| David | Prayer | Sheba | Jesus | Moses | Noah | Baby |
| Sword | Abraham | Six | God | Eve | Solomon | |



Crayons available in south foyer



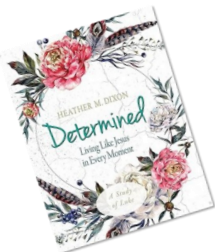
Memory verse:

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

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 tracyroberson1966@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, May 6, 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 Max Pratt for more info.

Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —

Roots

Beginning Wednesday April 30, David Keller will resume the studies of Church history. (see page 3)



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for May: Eric Kregger

Date	Today—April 27
Open	Mike Lisle
Usher	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Bill Jones
Communion	David Keller
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty Sherri Dunson & Tracy & Halleigh Robertson
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	May 4	May 11	May 18
Open			
Usher			
Songs/Close			
Prayer			
Communion			
Bible Story Kids Church			
Reading			
Lesson			
A/V			

Communion Preparation May: Wanda Reynolds



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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