

Westworth Church of Christ

*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:

LET US...

Scripture: Hebrews 4:7-16

- God’s Rest From His Work of Creation**
- Let Us Make Every Effort to Enter that Rest**
- Let Us Hold Firmly to Our Faith**
- Let Us Approach the Throne of Grace**

Loving Jesus More

“Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them he said: ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters----yes, even his own life----he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:25-27

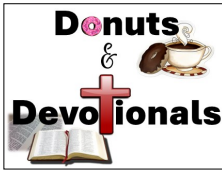
“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in law--- a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household. Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matt. 10:34-39

Only in the setting where our family relationships bring any kind of separation does this instruction of the Lord have meaning. Marriage is to be held in honor. Death is the only real demise of our wedding vows. Children are to honor their parents. Losing our life can only take place when we place it in our devotion to Christ.

Our dedication to Jesus is far beyond anything we have or want here on earth. Jesus is far more important to us. Jesus sets it straight. We get a choice. Thank God we make a choice to serve the Lord. In that decision we chose a partner, we raise our children, we give ourselves to the Lord. The Lord Jesus is first and foremost above all things. We have the great blessing of sharing Him with the family who has also been raised to choose Him first above all others.

Max

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* 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. The doctors have determined this did not fix the issues. Jack is facing more doctor visits and potential life long meds. Please continue your prayers for Jack and the family.

Debbie Highfill—biopsy on her lung in the near future because of suspicious nodules discovered.

Debbie Highfill's sister, Janet - thyroid biopsy on Wednesday last week because of nodules discovered and pressing on carotid artery.

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

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

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 the recent rains, especially the great rains this week that helped fill rivers and lakes.
- **Israel and Ukraine**—A cease to the war there and continued return of the prisoners-of-war to their family and loved ones.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

- **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.

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

Patience!

This could possibly be the most difficult virtue anyone has ever been asked or expected to develop. We've all admonished or been admonished with a phrase encouraging us to do just that..."Be Patient"; "Cool your jets"; "Hold your horses"; "Hold on"; "Take it easy"; "Don't jump the gun"...and more. As Christians, we know that patience is among the fruits of the spirit, and many scriptures are given to help us grow our patient nature. A few are listed below:

- James 5:7-8
- Romans 5:3
- Colossians 1:11-14
- Ephesians 4:2
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Proverbs 15:18

Communion service for residents at Eagle Crest Villa



2:30 PM

Every Sunday

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113 Denver Tr.

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This service for the residents at Eagle Crest continues weekly.

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.

May 18—3rd Sunday

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.

www.Hugs4Tomorrow.org



John has sent an update on recent activities at the campus including budget information. A copy is available in either foyer. Don't miss the heartwarming story of "Blessings" (one of the students) at the end of the report.

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

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>

A 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. The computer is used to keep information on the students and their families.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-29

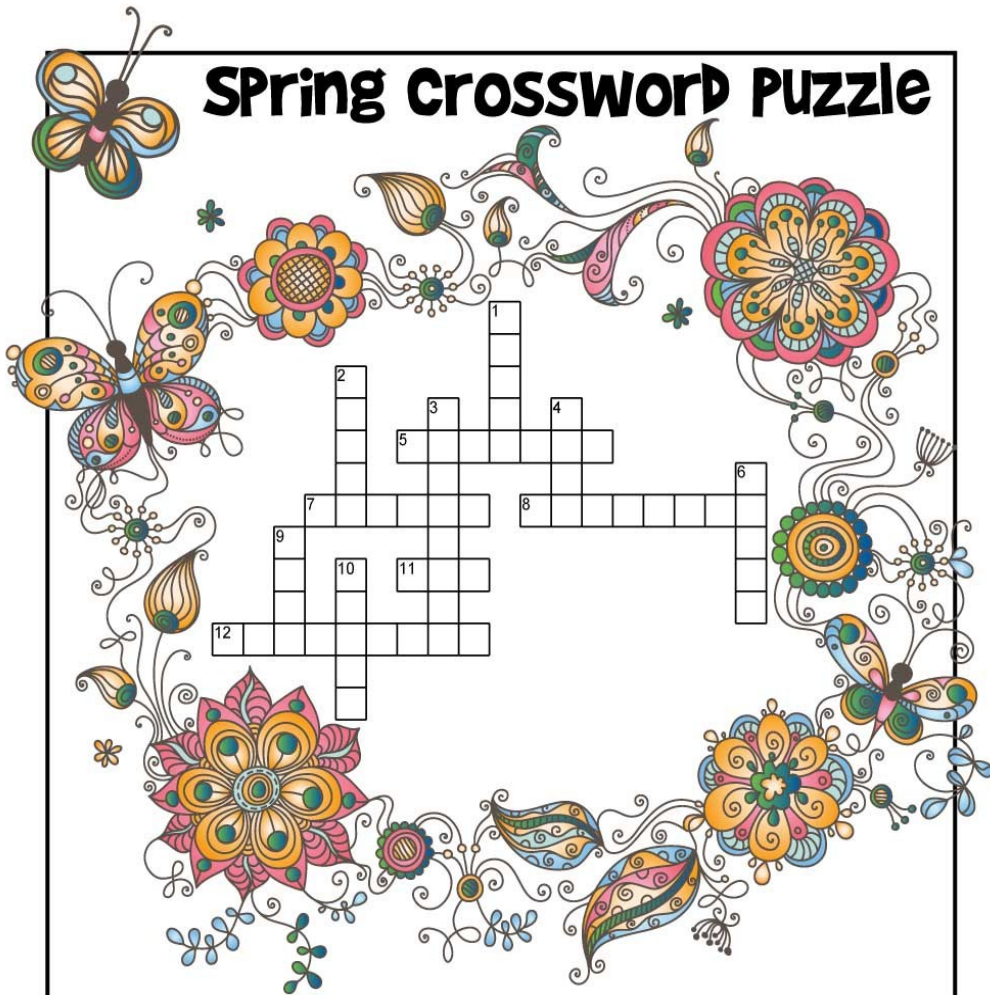
¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to

drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.

¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Kids Pages

SPRING CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

5. A spectrum of color in the sky when it rains.
7. A colorful plant with leaves and petals.
8. A circular device that keeps the rain off your head.
11. The month in which we celebrate moms.
12. A winged insect that comes in many colors.

Down

1. One of the earliest birds to appear in spring.
2. _____ showers bring May flowers.
3. A sport played with a bat and ball.
4. The early bird gets the _____.
6. The month in which spring starts.
9. When snow and ice turn into water.
10. The color of grass once it comes back to life.





Crayons available in south foyer

This is
the day
that the
Lord has
made

-Psalm 118:24

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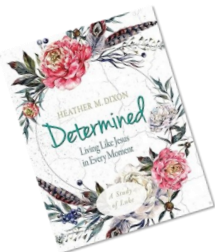
Memory verse:

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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—Our Church History



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for May: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—May 4
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Curtis Thompson
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Brian Flaherty
Communion	Mike Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson
Reading	John Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	May 11	May 18	May 25
Open	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle	Eric Kreger
Usher	David Burris	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Dunson
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Sharold Ferris	Johnny Box	Marty Montgomery
Communion	Bill Jones	David Keller	Johnny Box
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Sarah Thompson & Blair Montgomery	Curtis Thompson Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	Mike Lisle / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Jaedon Snell	Ruston Kirby	Harley Boyce
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Sherry Yates	Brian Flaherty

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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