Sunday, May 18, 2025

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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... (P.ART 2)

Scripture: Hebrews 5:11-6:3; 10:19-25

- Hebrews is Packed Full of "Let Us" Passages
- Warning Against Falling Away
- Let Us Leave the Elementary Teachings
- The Call to Persevere

Ministering to One Another

I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another." Rom. 15:14

The apostle Paul had not been to Rome. He was expecting to travel there and this letter to the congregation there precedes his arrival. Evidently from the farewell greetings posted at the end of the letter there were many whom Paul knew and to whom he refers to as those the church should greet. Being so far removed from the entire ministry and scope of Paul's travels and his many stops it would be impossible to know those whom he writes about.

The apostle speaks with confidence in knowing some important factors about the church in Rome. He writes about their ability to share one with another. Let's take a look at what this apostle says about the Christians in the congregation.

You are *full of goodness*! Without any information concerning this group, it would be unlikely that the apostle would have this assurance about the group. Was it just what he had heard from others? Was it something that the Lord had revealed to him? I suspect that the many folks to be given greetings as he closes the letter, had shared news from the church. The congregation was full of goodness, a measure of character within the body of Christ Jesus.

You are *complete in knowledge*! In a time when the Gnostics were going from place to place and making claims about their better understanding, this would be a bold statement made of the congregation. It is important for the whole church to be taught the principles of Christ. This would enable them to guard against any false prophets who were making claims contrary to the pure Word of God. Their knowledge of the Gospel Truth would provide for them and train one another in the Lord Jesus.

You are *competent to instruct one another*! Maybe this apostle, unknown to them personally, was about to be in Rome. Perhaps his humble spirit was enabling them to receive his letter as something that would be very helpful to the entire congregation. We do know that the apostle had two years of sharing his personal testimony with the congregation there. He had many people come to him during his time there.

I would hope and pray that the same evaluation would be true for us today. God is watching. He has provided His Word of Truth to guide us. If we are of the same nature as these disciples were then, Jesus will be honored by us today.

Max

CONTINUE 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.

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:

Joe Campbell—Joe was released from the hospital last Sunday and is at home doing well. Joe has several follow-up appointments scheduled. Please pray for Joe's complete recovery and Melva's strength.

Wanda Reynolds—was admitted to the hospital last week with pain in her chest associated with breathing. Doctors determined there was some pneumonia and also that the sepsis had returned. She reported feeling much better and was released on Monday afternoon with home health care to continue monitoring her condition and administering IV meds.

Please keep Wanda in your prayers for complete recovery.

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 last Thursday because of suspicious nodules. Results were expected Friday. Please pray for and healing for Debbie. **Debbie Highfill's sister, Janet** - thyroid biopsy on Wednesday last week revealed NO thyroid cancer. Left side benign, right side slightly suspicious for "pre-cancer". More lab tests on the tissue will determine next steps. Please continue to pray for Janet.

Please continue your prayers for these folks for complete healing and health: 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
A Jane Whitley
Frnie Brawley

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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 recent rains, especially the great rains that helped fill rivers and lakes.
- Israel and Ukraine—A cease to the war there and return of the prisoners-ofwar 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 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.

<u>May Birthdays</u>

Tracy Burris Freddy Heller Jane (Yates) Hall May 26 May 26 May 28 May Anniversaries

Matthew & D'Ann Bristol May 17 Hudson & Daniella Flaherty May 17

<u>Another Opportunity to Help</u>

Andy Jewell, his wife Lauren, and baby girl Kora are returning to the States. They have reached out to ask for prayers and assistance for this upcoming move. (A portion of his email below— let me now if you would like to see the full message)

"...We need prayer support and financial support. This plan to move to Nebraska is temporary. It would just be a start where Lauren and I could get our foot in the door and save some money. <u>If anyone has any job or living opportunities for the near future,</u> we would love to talk about them with you. We hope to come visit Westworth in July. Thank you! ... Andy"

We will be collecting a special offering to try and assist this young couple get started on their life together. If you would like to help, simply add "Andy & Lauren" on the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate.

Communion Service for Residents at Eagle Crest Villa



2:30 PM Every Sunday 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 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 also raises the spirits of those 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.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NASB)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not

lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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





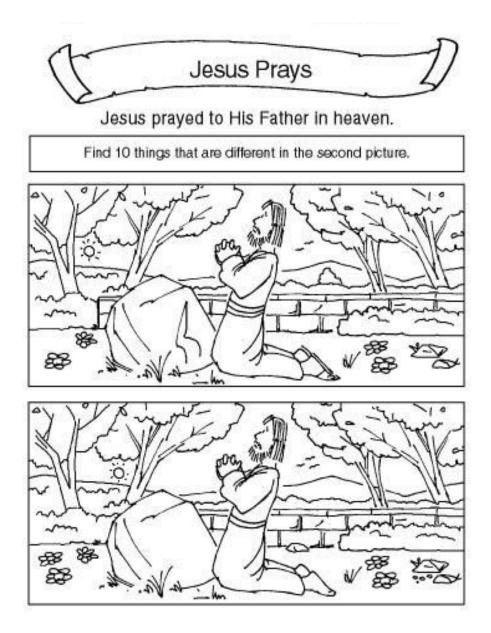
Justin Snell and Cheyanne Vickers

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

Please stay and offer your congratulations and encouragement to them on this first of many accomplishments that lie



Kids Pages





Memory verse:



⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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 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: <u>If</u> by Mark Batterson. "Trading Your 'If Only' Regrets for God's '**What If**' Possibilities"

Next Session: 1:00 pm, May 20, 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

Of course, our roots begin with God and Jesus. However, the group known as the Church of Christ is less than 200 years old. Come and see how the church transformed through the years from one unified tree trunk to a tree with hundred of branches.





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WORSHIP SCHEDULE						
	Date			Today—May 18		
: Eric Kreger	Open		Mike Lisle			
	Usher		Brian Flaherty			
	Songs/Close		Mike Lisle			
- May	Prayer		Johnny Box			
ge foi	Communion		David Keller			
Trustee in charge for May: Eric Kreger	Bible Story Kids Church		Curtis Thompson / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones			
	Reading		Ruston Kirby			
	Lesson		Max Pratt			
	A/V		Sherry Yates			
			COMING WEEKS			
Date		May 25		June 1	June 8	
Open		Eric Kreger				
Usher		Curtis Dunson				
Songs/Close		Eric Kreger				
Prayer		Marty Montgomery				
Communion		Johnny Box				
Bible Story Kids Church		Mike Lisle / David & Hettie Keller				
Reading		Harley Boyce				
Lesson		Max Pratt				
A/V		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.

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