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Sunday, June 15, 2025

# 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

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

## **OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**

- God Gives
- God Forgives
- God Leads & Delivers
- Earthly Fathers

# A Discussion on Church Leadership

When I sat down with Brian, Curtis T., Curtis D. and Eric about making a move to preach for Westworth, I mentioned to them that there would be a need to discuss and work toward setting elders and deacons over the church's work here. It has now been a little over two years and I had another meeting with Eric and Curtis. We had some conversations about adding deacons several months ago. I have had some conversations about eldership on a private basis with members also. So, we discussed the need to do some teaching on the Scriptures that would be appropriate for the selection and ordination of elders and deacons. We will be having some teaching beginning Sunday morning June 22. This will be at the 9:00 hour during our before-the-service Bible study. We are inviting all who can join us for these studies each week on church leadership, gualifications of elders and deacons and the way it was handled by the apostles. I will also be sharing some lessons during the worship hour as well about the leadership roles in the church as Jesus and His apostles have set the foundation.

Let us be in prayer over the setting in order the leadership of our congregation. This is an important part of my work. It is an important part of the church's spiritual and physical needs to be met by those who fill these duties. Keep the church in prayer at this time. We must rely upon the Lord to guide us and give us the wisdom to set elders over the church and deacons to help serve the congregation as well.

I will be glad to share any discussion about the church leadership with any members of the congregation. We want this to be a very smooth and easy transition. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this leadership process. Thank you for your prayers and for all the considerations of the men who will take on a new role of leadership for us all

## CONTINUE TO GROW & SHARE ...

#### DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D)



Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Beginning June 22, for a period, this time will be devoted to studying qualifications and responsibilities of church **Devolionals** leadership as we proceed with selection and installation of new elders and deacons.

Donuts and Breakfast beverages will be available.

#### 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.

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

HUGS for Tomorrow Photography—Something New—Samantha's global pictures available for purchase. All proceeds go to HUGS.

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https://hugsfortomorrow.smughug.com



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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:

**Church Leadership**—We are working toward establishing elders and deacons. Please pray for the process and those who will be appointed.

**Joe Campbell**—Joe was moved to a rehabilitation facility on Friday, June 6. Following rehab, they anticipate treatments for the tumor at some point in the reasonably near future. Please continue prayers for Joe's recovery and Melva's well-being.

**Lee Hall**—had cataract surgery and cornea replacement surgery on 6/11. Please pray for swift and complete recovery.

**Ronnie Cope's wife Mary** - A recent CT scan revealed a small suspicious growth on her pancreas. They are still awaiting a biopsy and results. Please pray for Mary (and Ronnie) that the doctors will determine the right treatment to restore her health.

**Wanda Reynolds**—Please keep Wanda in your prayers for complete recovery from her recent health issues.

**Christi Kreger's 6 year-old nephew, Jack**—Jack's cortisol levels have begun to improve. The doctors are hopeful this will continue. Please continue your prayers for Jack and the family as well as the doctors.

**Debbie Highfill's sister, Janet** - Janet received the good news that the precancer and genetic testing have both returned negative results. Next step is a partial thyroidectomy at a date TBD. Prayers of thanks and continued good results for Janet.

John & Samantha Jewell & Ben—The Jewells are returning to the states on July 1. They will live in Miami where John has taken a job as a minister and Bible Teacher at the school operated by the church where he will be preaching. Please pray for their successful relocation.

**Missy Sherrill** (Wanda Reynolds' daughter) - recovery from health issues and 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** — Dave is experiencing some new issues and recent tests have been inconclusive. Please pray for healing and improved health.

**Sharold Ferris**—Hand surgery on 5/19. His hand is still in a cast. Please pray for complete healing for Sharold.

Julie Ferris— Julie has been feeling a bit "shaky" lately and is conferring with

#### Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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:

- Children with Summer Food insecurity—The school year has ended and many children face food uncertainty during the break. Please pray for resources and those who serve the needs during the summer.
- RAIN—Prayers of gratitude for the recent rains.
- Israel and Ukraine—A cease to the war there and 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 President and all government leadership—Please pray for strength and wisdom 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>June Birthdays</u>

	June 9
Jim Allen	June 9
Oslo Lisle	June 10
Wayne Kreger	June 12
Donna Simco	June 13
Dean Corder	June 22
Ruston Kirby	June 24
Janice Stanfield	June 26
<b>Doug Robertson</b>	lune 27
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Sherri Dunson	June 28



## June Anniversaries

Marty & Blair Montgomery	June 17
Tony & Carla Kerske	June 10
John & Samantha Jewell	June 8
Curtis & Sherri Dunson	June 4
Max & Juan Pratt	June 3

## 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.

Thank you to all those who regularly participate in this work. Everyone is invited to join this service and help lift the spirits of the brothers and sisters there. The group of residents who participate 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 of us who are able to attend 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 Pratt, Mike Lisle, or Brian Flaherty if you need more information.

#### 1 Timothy 4:8-10 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> For physical training is of some value,

but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. <sup>9</sup> This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. <sup>10</sup> That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

### **Future Events and Special Dates**

### Some future events for your Calendar...

#### June 15—Father's Day (TODAY)

We will NOT have our usual fellowship lunch in order that everyone can spend time with

"DAD" TODAY. Thanks and God Bless You to all our Dads.

#### June 29—5th Sunday Lunch

Conveniently, June has 5 Sundays so we still get to enjoy the good food and fellowship.

#### July 4 (Friday) - Independence Day

A time to be thankful for our freedoms.

#### July 12, 6 pm (Saturday)—How About an Ice Cream Social?

Put this on your calendar and bring ice cream (home made if possible) and accompanying items, and enjoy a summertime refresher as well as fellowship time.

#### July 20—3rd Sunday Lunch

Lets keep this one **COOL** (think salads/sandwiches). We've done this before and mid-summer seems to be the ideal time to repeat. Bring your favorite salads/sandwiches and desserts to share.

New Ideas??? (I know you must have amazing ideas)

Do you have an idea for a fellowship event—a repeat of something we've done in the past or something new to enjoy—please let it be known and let's have some new fun together.

## Directory Additions—in case you missed it last week.

As announced last week, we are very pleased to report that Larry & Terri Wilhite, and Terri's mom, LaVon Ballard, have asked to be counted among our members. We are excited and honored to do so. Please add them to your directory.

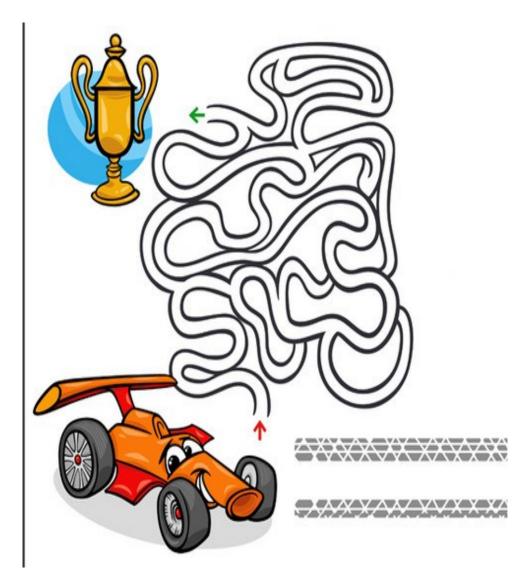
Larry & Terri Wilhite 5536 Gilbow Ave Ft. Worth, TX 76114 817-999-1433 LaVon Ballard 4925 Scott Rd., # 239 Ft. Worth, TX 76114 817-996-3705







# Kids Pages





You are My friends if you do what I command you.

## SCHEDULED STUDIES

### <u>Monday–Women's Virtual Bible Study</u> Weekly — 7:00 pm via Google meet

## A new study will begin June 23 — The Book of 1 John

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. The fellowship and "sisterhood" found in this group is a treasure chest of support and encouragement.

> 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, June 17, 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**

On Wednesday we will be learning about the leaders of the Great Awakening in England and the American Colonies, and its effects on the established churches.

Everyone is always welcome to join us on Wednesday.

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Tr	Re	ading	Harley Boyce				
	Lesson		Max Pratt				
		A/V	Sherry Yates				
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Us	her	Bill Jones		Curtis Thompson			
So	ongs/Close Curtis Dunson		Eric Kreger				
Pra	Prayer Sharold Ferris		Max Lisle				
Со	Communion David Keller		Mike Lisle				
Bible Story Kids Church Susan Fla Sherry Jo		aherty &	Curtis Dunson / David & Hettie Keller				
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A/V		Eric Kreger		Eric Kreger			

Communion Preparation June: Max & Juan Pratt

## 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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