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Sunday, July 20, 2025



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.

Today's Message "The Lord is My Shepherd" *Speaker –* Max Pratt

Scripture: Psalm 23

- The Shepherd's Psalm
- The Lord is My Shepherd
- Provisions are Made
- Guidance is Provided
 - You are With Me
 - His Rod and Staff

The Value of Human Life

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Gen. 1:26-27

It is amazing to think that mankind continues to take human life as very little. Murders happen daily. Wars over land and possessions take the lives of soldiers engaged in the battles as well as the innocent humans where bombs claim their lives. Domestic violence claims the lives of mates and children alike. There is so much of it in our world. Drive-by shootings often have no reason for claiming human life.

It must be related to the fact that so many have denied God as part of their lives. He doesn't exist. Without God and the creation account, man is nothing more than an animal creature. To be in that frame of mind is to dehumanize men and women.

But then there is something that stands out. The flood in Central Texas has claimed the lives of adults and children. The effort to find all who have been lost is a great effort on the part of the first responders from many places. It is a huge undertaking. But it is something that is done because in God's sight these lost ones are loved. They are of great value. Prayers are offered. Money and supplies provided. Everything that can be done is being done. Why? Because God made us. We are God's special creation.

Thank God many still hold to the faith in Him and His Scriptures.

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CONTINUE TO GROW & SHARE ...

• DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D)



Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. As of today, Donuts and Devo's resumed the previous format. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- Food Items for Southside Church of Christ food bank Please keep this good work in your plans to share the bounty we receive from the Lord. Your gifts are delivered monthly.
- WORDS-OF-WISDOM—Signs to "Plant" in your yard are available in the activity building conference room.
- Weekly Sermon always available The lessons/ sermons from previous weeks are always available on the church website at:



https://www.westworthcoc.org/sermons-3/



Please continue to pray for the efforts on behalf of the children in Malawi and those caring for them. Information on the mission is available at 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—<u>Something New</u>—Samantha's global pictures available for purchase. All proceeds go to HUGS.

https://hugsfortomorrow.smughug.com

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—Efforts are underway to establish elders and deacons. Please continue to pray for the process and those who will be appointed. **Joe Campbell**—Joe remains at home. No further treatments are planned at this time. Please continue prayers for Joe's and Melva's comfort.

Julie Ferris— Julie was admitted to Harris (downtown) on Monday for testing. Dr's see indication of a brain infection and are treating with antibiotics for now, that seem to be helping. Additional tests are scheduled. Please pray for answers and comfort for Julie and Sharold.

Debbie Highfill's sister, Janet - Janet is scheduled for surgery on July 25. She is apprehensive about the surgery and effects of anesthesia for her. Please continue your prayers for Janet's recovery, comfort and overall health.

Wanda Bryant—has healed beautifully from recent skin cancer removal and is happy to have that behind her.

Lee Hall—Recovery from eye surgeries is progressing nicely. His kidney issues are to be addressed next. Please keep Lee and Jane in your prayers.

Ronnie Cope's wife, Mary - Ronnie reports there have been no "bad" results so far. Doctors want to keep watching and plan additional tests—in Ronnie's words, "hopefully soon". Please continue to pray for Mary (and Ronnie) that the doctors will determine the issue and proper treatment.

Kelly Draper—Kelly is now facing hip replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

John & Samantha Jewell & Ben-The Jewells have relocated to Homestead,

FL and "hit the ground running", as John is already delivering sermons. Please pray for their success in their new home and the new roles .

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: Christi Kreger's 6 year-old nephew, Jack— Please continue your prayers for Jack and the family as well as the doctors who are treating the unusual condition he has been battling.

David Burris — recent removal of skin cancers seem to have set him back. Last week David said his migraine's have returned. Please keep David in your prayers.

Wanda Reynolds—Wanda reports that she is feeling better all the time. Please keep Wanda in your prayers.

Sharold Ferris—Sharold continues to recover nicely from recent hand surgery Please pray for complete healing for Sharold.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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:

- Victims of the horrible floods last week in central Texas
- First Responders and volunteers helping the flood victims
- Children with Summer Food insecurity
- Victims of the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine
- The President and all government leadership
- Young adults/couples who are beginning their adult walk

Please make known your prayer needs.

Titus 3:3-5 (NIV) ³ 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. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ 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,

<u>July Birthdays</u>

Wanda Reynolds	Jul 21
Kenzie Kirby	Jul 5
Marty Montgomery	Jul 3
Brian Flaherty	Jul 3
Justin Snell	Jul 2
Jaeli Snell	Jul 1



Sharold Ferris	Jul 23
Julie Ferris	Jul 26
Anita Gray	Jul 27
Juanita Pratt	Jul 27
Carla Kerske	Jul 27
Hettie Keller	Jul 30



<u>August Anniversaries</u>

David & Hettie Keller	Aug 2
Ruston & Kaytlyne Kirby	Aug 16
Curtis & Sarah Thompson	Aug 27

Nominations are Open

In recent weeks Max has presented lessons regarding

qualifications and responsibilities defined in scripture for those willing to serve as Elders and Deacons in the Lord's Church.

Today, all adult members should have received a "nomination" ballot, giving you the opportunity to put forth the names of men you would support in these roles. Additional ballots are available in the north foyer, if you did not receive one.

These nominations are serious and should be prayerfully considered. If you need more information, please talk with Max Pratt. Then, if you choose to, make your nominations for these leaders.

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Nominations will be accepted thru next Sunday, July 27. A box has been placed in the north foyer where you can deposit your nomination ballot.

Communion Service for Residents at Eagle Crest Villa



This service for the residents at Eagle Crest continues weekly.

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.

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.

Events to Look Forward to

3rd Sunday Lunch TODAY

Hope everyone is planning to stay for this time of fellow-

ship and food (Sandwiches and/or Salads are the



order of the day).

Our outstanding cooks always dazzle and amaze us—even with something that sounds as simple as sandwiches.

Thanks to everyone for the work you put into planning and providing always delicious meals.



School Starts again Sooner than you think!!



The Summer for our students is swiftly winding down. Here are some of the regional school districts start dates for students.

- Castleberry ISD—August 11
- Fort Worth ISD—August 12
- Azle ISD, Boyd ISD, Northwest ISD—August 13 Keep these dates in mind. Before you know it, those speed zones will be in effect again.

Late Summer/Early Fall (Sept/Oct) 2nd Annual Westworth CoC Car Meet

It is not too soon to start thinking about this event. Keep it in mind, and spread the word—especially if you know a "Car Guy" who might like to bring his "labor of love" and brag about it a little. More information to come, as dates and plans are finalized.

Kids Pages







Memory verse:

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

SCHEDULED STUDIES

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

Current Study: 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 tracyrobertson1966@gmail.com (corrected)

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, August 5, 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.

<u>Wednesday Night Bible Study</u> – 7pm – The Book of Romans



If the New Testament were a Christian's Constitution then Romans is our Bill Of Rights for Paul explains in no uncertain terms that we are FREE from sin. Come join us on Wednesday nights as we examine Romans to better understand these freedoms.

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Communion Preparation July: David & Hettie Keller

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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