

Westworth Church of Christ

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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

"WALKING IN FAITH"

Speaker – David Keller

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Faith...

- Is a means of salvation
- Refers to a body of truth
- Can be a word that refers to our maturity in Christ
- Will Manifest itself in a changed lifestyle
- Will manifest itself during persecution
- Will manifest itself through generosity

Perseverance

Back in the day, when I in my 30s I was a distance runner: 5K working my way to 10K. I wasn't great but I wasn't horrible either. I even placed in the top 3 several times. I loved running. I loved it when the endorphins raced through my body. I felt like I was the Flash. My stride would lengthen and my pace increased to the point that I felt like I was flying. This burst of energy lasted about a mile. Then the balloon popped. It became a struggle: a fight for survival. I wanted to stop. To quit. But, by that time I was 2 to 3 miles from the house so I had to make a choice. I could either take 40 to 50 minutes walking back to the house, or, run and get back in less than 20. So I gritted my teeth and started running back to the house.

Runners are an odd group. That group is arguably the most fit group in the country. But, not to hear them talk. When grouped together before the race the chit-chat is not about jobs, cars, weather, or even running. This one is complaining about a newly sprained ankle, that one relates how much trouble he is having with an ingrown toenail. They talk about backaches, colds, and allergies. You would have thought you were in a doctor's office instead of standing at the starting line. Yet, when the gun goes off these sick hobbled contestants sprint like a herd of antelopes. As I followed I thought "REALLY." Those sickly, hobbled guys ran over 3 miles in less than 20 minutes. Perhaps they weren't really sick or hobbled. But, on the other hand maybe they were. At the time I was having stomach cramps and diarrhea. I really wanted to finish the race and go home.

Why was I there? Because the race was there. It had to be ran. By now you know that I use the word "race" in reference to our lives. Hebrews 12:1-2 also uses the word "race" to describe our lives as Christians. Our lives have ups and downs. Sometimes you feel like you can soar over any obstacle that comes your way and sometimes you are just hoping to survive.

As I was struggling with cramps during that race. I thought why did I have to get diarrhea.

Perhaps you are suffering with an issue or illness. Maybe you wonder what is the purpose of suffering. Paul told the Romans this. ***"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."***

Romans 5:3-5

You don't know how far you can run with an ingrown toenail until you try, or if it's even possible to run on a sprained ankle. The suffering and pain produces perseverance which is the ability to overcome pain or anguish.

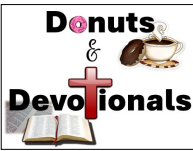
Perseverance (continued from page 2)

Then the perseverance produces character. When a soldier learns how to endure without food, sleep, and maybe even proper clothing he develops strength of will, purpose and confidence. Then his character is defined and he becomes dependable. When we are tested through suffering we are being refined just like the soldier so that we are prepared to live a life in accordance with God's will.

David

CONTINUE TO GROW & SHARE ...

• DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D)



Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. 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/>

August is one of those “5 Sunday” months!

In our “tradition”, on August 31, we will have another fellowship meal—an opportunity to enjoy good food and spend time together as a family. Hope you are planning to join in this special time together. If you are not here, you are missed!



MENTORS CARE

Mentors Care comes to the aid of high school students considered to be susceptible to failing or not graduating from high school due to poor academic performance. A representative of this group will be here to present information on the organization on **Wednesday, September 3, at 6:15 pm.** Everyone is invited to be here and consider if this community service may be something in which you would like to participate for the benefit of these teens whose circumstances are less than ideal.

<https://www.mentors.care> for more background information.

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 — Please continue to pray for the leaders who have accepted these roles.

Jim Davis—Christi Kreger's dad had a major heart attack while on an international cruise. He received a pacemaker and was released from the hospital. Plans are to fly home early next week. Please keep Jim, Bonnie (Christi's Mom) and their whole family in your prayers.

Kelly Draper—Mark Cohen's sister, Kelly had hip replacement surgery on Monday, 8/18. She is recovering at home, already able to get up on her own. Please keep her in your prayers.

Wayne Kreger—Wayne is at Renaissance Care Center, Room 126. He is in good spirits and improving daily. Please continue praying for Wayne's health & recovery.

Julie Ferris— Julie was released from the rehab center and is at home to continue her recovery. We were all thrilled to see her in services last week. Please continue prayers for Julie's recovery and Sharold's strength.

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.

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 — continues recovery efforts from his lengthy ordeal. 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.

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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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

♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Ernie Brawley

Please include prayers for:

- **Flood Victims and families** - please pray for the continued recovery/rebuilding efforts in central Texas.
- **First Responders and volunteers helping the flood victims**
- **Children and teachers**—As the new school year begins, please pray for all the students and teachers.
- **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.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ 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.

September Birthdays

James Kreger	19 Sept	Jessica Snell	26 Sept
Quinn Montgomery	19 Sept	Stacy Feters	26 Sept
Jane Whitley	19 Sept	D'Ann Bristol	30 Sept



August Anniversaries



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

Leadership Update

As announced last week, the men whose names are below have agreed to serve in the roles indicated. If you have any concerns or questions, please share them with Max over the next few weeks.

The plan is to schedule an ordination service in September. Please continue to pray for each one of these men and their families, as the ordination approaches, and even more so as the congregation goes forward with their able and learned leadership.

Elders:

- David Keller
- Bill Jones
- Max Pratt

Deacons

- Eric Kreger
- Curtis Dunson
- Marty Montgomery
- John Snell

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. 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.

2nd Annual Westworth CoC Car Meet& Family Fun Day *It's Sooner than you think*



The event will tentatively be October 10/4 or 10/11. 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.

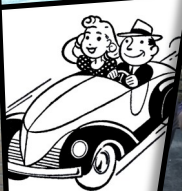
Also remember, it will be a family fun day.

Games, food and time together. Always a great time. Currently looking for all ideas about games and activities for the day.

All suggestions are welcomed. Just talk to Max.

Additionally, of course, we hope everyone will be available to be here and help with various activities as well as to enjoy the days fellowship.

Just a few pics from last year to remind you of the enjoyment to be expected when spending time with our church family.



Kids Pages

Word Search

Deborah - Judges 4:1-23

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Judges Cries Heber Saved Jael

Evil Help Lord Tent Peg



Crayons available in south foyer



Memory verse:

Psalm 119:9

How can a young person stay on the path
of purity?
By living according to your word.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

♦ **Monday—Women’s Virtual Bible Study** **Weekly — 7:00 pm via Google meet**

Next Study: *Titus*

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN—The fellowship and “sisterhood” found in this group is a treasure chest of support and encouragement. Please contact Tracy Robertson for website information and to be added to the text group.

Tracy Robertson 817-308-0554
or tracyrobertson1966@gmail.com



♦ **Westworth Men’s Group** **(monthly 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00 pm)**

Continuing Study: **If** by Mark Batterson.

“Trading Your ‘**If Only**’ Regrets for
God’s ‘**What If**’ Possibilities”

Next Session: September 2, 2025

The men’s group is also almost done with the review of this book and will be deciding what to do next. All men are encouraged to join this regular study. Suggestions for the next study are welcomed.

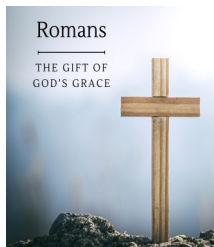
Similar to the ladies group—the additional fellowship and study time serves to bring us closer as family. See Bill Jones or Max Pratt for info.



♦ **Wednesday Night Bible Study— 7pm —**

Current Study: The Book of Romans

Led by David Keller



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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Trustee in charge for August: Curtis Dunson

Date	Today—August 24
Open	Curtis Dunson
Usher	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Mike Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	David Keller
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Aug 31	Sept 7	Sept 14
Open	Eric Kreger		
Usher	Curtis Thompson		
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger		
Prayer	Max Lisle		
Communion	David Keller		
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Dunson / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones		
Reading	Jonathan Dunson		
Lesson	Mike Lisle		
A/V	Christi Kreger		

Communion Preparation August: Jane Underwood



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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