

Westworth Church of Christ

*The
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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!

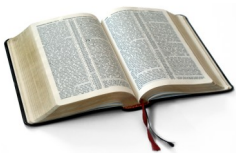
If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Any prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. You may hand it to any member, place it in the contribution plate when passed, or simply leave it in the pew for us.

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.

Today's Message

"God Calls Us to be Faithful"

Speaker – Max Pratt



Scripture: Deut. 6:1-15

- Moses - Deuteronomy 30:15-20**
- Joshua - Joshua 24:14-15**
- Jesus - Matthew 25—Parable of Talents**

Jesus Returns to His Hometown

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

Jesus had moved from Nazareth to Capernaum. During this time, he healed many who were sick, cast out demons and he taught in the various synagogues. Upon his return to Nazareth on the Sabbath Day he went to the place where he worshiped. He read this passage and then declared that it was fulfilled in their hearing it. The people were amazed at his words. They spoke well of him, until he went on to share with them the account of Elijah going to the widow outside of Israel. And he shared how that Elisah healed Naaman the Syrian. This enraged the people, and they would have killed him but Jesus through his powers walked through the crowd that was taking him to the cliff to throw him off.

Everything was fine until Jesus brings to them a remembrance of God taking care of others outside of their own people. Let me share a few thoughts about this change in accepting and then rejecting Jesus.

First there is the fact that God cares for all people. His kindnesses are shown to people of every race. God does not show favoritism. That is a great and wonderful attribute of our Heavenly Father. Secondly, all was well until Jesus’s spoke of things that brought controversy. Then acceptance and praise turned to violence. Third thought about this unfavorable time for the Lord was his power to remove himself from their hands and the desire to take his life.

For these folks and for many today the Lord Jesus is acceptable until he challenges us to consider something different than we want or think. Violence has erupted against the truth for a long time. But violence does not accomplish any good thing. We are taught by the Lord Jesus to return good for evil, to be kind to those who are unkind and by doing so we heap burning coals upon their heads. Getting our revenge is never good. God will take care of such things.

Max

Today's The Day!



This morning, immediately following worship services, the selected leaders will be officially ordained as Elders and Deacons for the church.

Mike Lisle will speak briefly and conduct the ordination¹ service. Everyone is encouraged to attend and be witness to this note-worthy occasion.

The men who will be ordained have agreed to serve in church leadership/shepherd roles. As members of their “flock”, we have a duty and privilege to pray for them and encourage them in their efforts.

It is also 3rd Sunday so following the ordination service, **everyone is invited** to gather in the activity building to enjoy our usual excellent food and fellowship to celebrate this special occasion.



¹ Ordination in the biblical sense refers to the act of officially setting apart individuals for ministry or service within the church. Biblicalchronology.com

and Tomorrow is The Day...

The first day of Fall, that is. Time for Pumpkin Spice and—at least we hope—cooler temperatures; the Car Meet on 10/5 (of course); October 3rd Sunday Lunch on 10/19; return to Central Standard Time (Sunday 11/2, 2:00 am) and already very pre-mature holiday displays in various retail outlets.

You may want to mark your calendars now for Sunday, 11/16 for our annual Holiday Meal (3rd Sunday). November also has 5 Sundays. However, the 5th Sunday is the last day of the 4-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend, so we will forego the 5th Sunday Lunch.

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:

John Rainey—(son-in-law to our late sister Lorene Daughtry, married to Lisa) John underwent triple by-pass heart surgery on Thursday, 9/18. Please keep John, Lisa and family in prayer for a successful surgery/recovery.

Donna Simco—Donna is at home to continue rehab resulting from her broken ankle. She seems to be doing very well, and is anxious to return to her usual active lifestyle. Please keep Donna in your prayers.

Church Leadership — Please continue to pray for the leaders who will be ordained today.

Jim Davis—Christi Kreger's Dad is still quite weak and struggling with recovery from his recent heart attack. 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 and continues her recovery at home. Please keep her in your prayers.

Wayne Kreger—Wayne was admitted to the hospital recently with COVID. His weakness remains an issue but he is now at home to recover. Please continue prayers for Waynes health and restored strength.

Julie Ferris— Julie's progress and recovery seem to be going well and she is able to attend worship services. Please continue prayers for Julie's recovery and Sharold's strength.

Lee Hall—Lee continues to do well following his second cornea replacement and cataract surgery on 9/3. 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:

Melva Campbell—as she adjusts to the major changes in her life.

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.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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 at the HUGS school in Malawi.

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

♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Ernie Brawley

Please include prayers for:

- **Charlie Kirk's family**— following his tragic assassination.
- **Flood Victims families, first responders and volunteers** - please continue prayers for on-going rebuilding efforts in central Texas.
- **Children and teachers**— please continue prayers 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 Peter 5:5-6

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because: God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

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

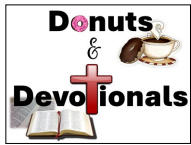


September Anniversaries

No known anniversaries in September. If I have missed someone, please let me know.

OUR CONTINUING WORKS

- **DONUTS AND DEVO'S (D&D)**

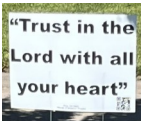


Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- **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/>

Communion Service for Residents at Eagle Crest Villa



2:30 PM

Every Sunday

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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**
T Minus 13 days and Counting
Saturday—October 4—10 am to 2 pm.

Not only is the event an opportunity for car enthusiasts to show their “prized” possessions, it will also be a family fun day including Games, Food and time together.

We hope everyone will be available to be here on 10/4 and help with various activities as well as to enjoy the days’ fellowship.



For those who attended the brief meeting after services recently... please be considering how you will help with those things that were mentioned. This is a great opportunity for outreach and community involvement. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Max.

The banner shown below is here and ready to be displayed on the church lawn as an invitation to the community. There are copies of flyers in either foyer. Please take as many as you can distribute, to help advertise the event ‘far and wide’. We have also made arrangements to have the event advertised in Ft. Worth Weekly newspaper—both the print and online versions (www.fwweekly.com).



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Annual Car Meet and Family Fun Day

First Saturday of October

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Food - Games - Fun for Everyone
Everyone is Invited**

www.westworthcoc.org

Contact:
817-738-7536

Kids Pages



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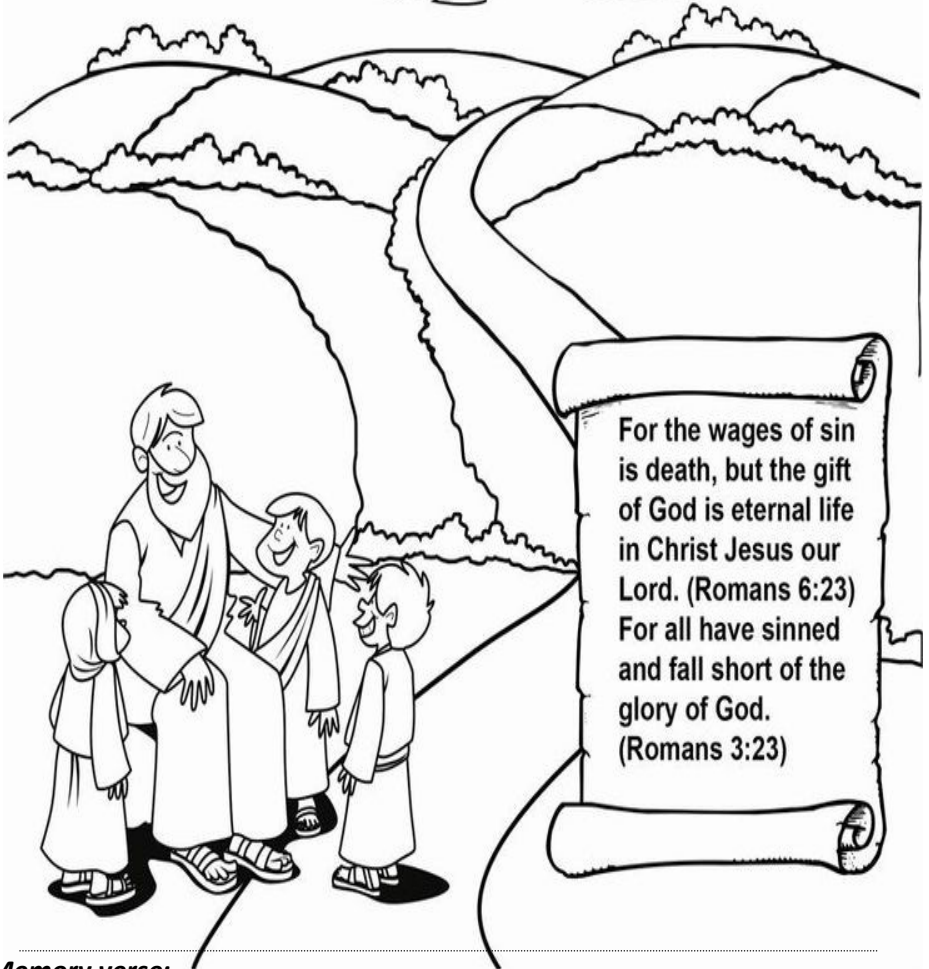
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Autumn	Thanksgiving	Pumpkin	Sweater	Mushrooms	Squirrel
Harvest	Cornucopia	Gourd	family	Cozy	Woodland
Leaves	Cinnamon	Apple	Corn	Orchard	Scarecrow
November	Turkey	Cider	Hayride	Haystack	School
Acorn	Cranberry	Bonfire	Maple	Blanket	Hedgehog



Crayons available in south foyer

THE ROMAN ROAD: PATHWAY TO LIFE



For the wages of sin
is death, but the gift
of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our
Lord. (Romans 6:23)
For all have sinned
and fall short of the
glory of God.
(Romans 3:23)

Memory verse:

Psalm 1:1-2

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in
step with the wicked or stand in the
way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but
whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on
his law day and night.

SCHEDULED STUDIES

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

Current Study: *Titus*

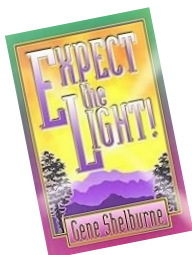
ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN—The fellowship and “sisterhood” found in this group is a treasure chest of support and encouragement. Please contact Tracy Robertson for website information and to be added to the text group.

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



♦ **Westworth Men’s Group**

Weekly—on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 pm via ZOOM meeting.



New Study:

Expect the Light by Gene Shelburne

Beginning Tuesday, Sept 23, 2025

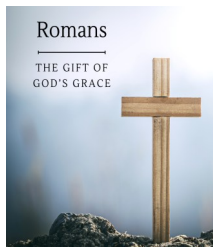
All men—young and “mature” alike—are encouraged to join this fellowship and study.

If you would like to participate, please make sure Bill Jones has your email address so he can send a link to the meeting. Books are available in the office (see Sherry).

♦ **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 September: Eric Kreger

Date	Today—September 21
Open	Eric Kreger
Usher	Dave Burris
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	Sharold Ferris
Communion	Max Lisle
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Laurice Reeves & Tracy Robertson
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Susan Flaherty

COMING WEEKS

Date	Sept 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
Open	Eric Kreger		
Usher	Brian Flaherty		
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger		
Prayer	Johnny Box		
Communion	David Keller		
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson		
Reading	Jaedon Snell		
Lesson	Max Pratt		
A/V	Christi Kreger		

Communion Preparation September: Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson



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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 Marty Montgomery
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