

Westworth Church of Christ

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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.

Today's Message

“Lord Have Mercy On My Soul!”

Speaker – Max Pratt



Scripture: Psalm 27:7-14

- **An Account of What Happened in 2017**
- **Two Souls Seeking God's Mercy**
- **The Prodigal Son**
- **God's Unconditional Love**

Jonah's Dilemma

“The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me. But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.’ ” Jonah 1:1-3

If we know the rest of the account of Jonah, we know that decision did not work out for the prophet of God. Questions arise: Why did he not want to go to Nineveh and obey the Lord? What made him want to run from that commission God gave to him? Was he afraid of what the people or the king would do to him? Was it fear that he would run away? Did he not want to go because it was a great enemy city of Israel? Why Tarshish? Did he really believe he could run and hide from God? Did he think God would forget about him and send someone else? The account gives us many answers to our questions for this runaway prophet.

Listen to what Jonah had said to God before running away. This was in his anger against God when the whole city repented and God turned from the destruction against them. ***“O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.”*** Obviously, Jonah knew more about God, than God!

What Jonah could not accept was God's compassion for the innocent people of Nineveh. Jonah did not care about them. But God did. Jonah was lost in his own desires rather than God's desire to save the people. I would hope that Jonah got over his anger and saw the value of God's wonderful and amazing grace and compassion. Isn't that the message we share with our world today? God sent Jesus to provide us with salvation from sin. Everyone needs to hear it. God is willing to save all who listen to His Word and repent.

Max

Noteworthy Dates...



Sunday, October 19 (next Sunday)—

3rd Sunday Lunch—Curtis Dunson has volunteered to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for us. Everyone just bring a side dish and dessert to complete the meal.



Sunday, November 2—2:00 AM

(Fall Back) return to Standard Time—and ‘early’ sunsets.



Sunday, November 16—3rd Sunday Lunch—

HOLIDAY MEAL. We will need volunteers to cook Turkey and Ham (provided by the church), and others to make pans of dressing/stuffing. As is our tradition, everyone else will bring sides and desserts for the meal. This is always a great time of “Thanksgiving” and Fellowship. Hope everyone will plan to join.



Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 30—5th Sunday—
NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH.

(Because it is the last day of the Thanksgiving Holiday and some may be traveling—or still just too “stuffed” from the Thanksgiving meal)



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:

David Keller—had cataract surgery on 10/1. Please pray for a complete and uneventful recovery for David.

John Rainey—(son-in-law to our late sister Lorene Daughtry, married to Lisa) John continues his recovery from by-pass surgery at home. Lisa reports he is doing as well as can be expected, but is having difficulty getting comfortable at night. Please keep John, Lisa and family in prayer for a speedy and complete recovery.

Wayne Kreger—After another fall recently, Wayne continues his recovery at home with Brian and Susan. Please continue prayers for Waynes health and restored strength.

Donna Simco—Donna continues rehab at home from her broken ankle. Her cast was replaced by a boot, and she is learning how to be comfortable with the new device. She is anxious to return to her usual active lifestyle. Please keep Donna in your prayers.

Jim Davis—Christi Kreger's Dad continues 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.

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 individuals and groups:

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, but recently sustained an accidental broken rib. Please keep David in your prayers.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

Wanda Reynolds—Wanda seems to be on the mend and we are all thankful for her recovery. Please keep Wanda in your prayers that she will continue to be well.

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.

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

♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley ♦ Ernie Brawley

Please also pray for:

† Rain

† Charlie Kirk's family and those who carry on his work.

† The many victims—as well as survivors—of recent violent attacks on random targets and innocent people.

† Central Texas Flood Victims families, first responders and volunteers

† Children and school teachers

† Victims of the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine

† Westworth Church Leadership

† The President and all government leadership

† Young adults/couples who are beginning their adult walk

† Malawi Mission Work

Please make known your prayer needs.

Romans 12:3

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

October Birthdays

John Jewell

Oct 3

Jane Underwood

Oct 4

Christian Lindsey

Oct 8

Betty Lane

Oct 12

Tony Kerske

Oct 14



Jonah Jewell

Oct 16

Caleb Dunson

Oct 17

Christi Kregar

Oct 19

Curtis Dunson

Oct 23

Randy Fетters

Oct 24

**October Anniversaries**

Doug & Tracy Robertson

Oct 24

OUR CONTINUING WORKS

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

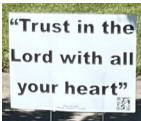


Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- **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 Was a Really Fun Day



The Car Meet and Family Fun Day was in competition with many other events in the area on October 4. In particular, there was a Car Show at the River Oaks community center. Nevertheless, everyone who was able to be here seemed to really enjoy it.



The Cake Walk was it's usual success with MANY choices for the winners to pick from. Thanks to everyone who helped provide those 'goodies'.

The drawing for winners of the antique model trucks (die cast metal Ace Hardware delivery truck models) saw 7 lucky people go home with these small treasures:

Oslo Lisle	Caleb Dunson	Bill Jones
Peter Lisle	Wanda Allen	Mark Pratt
	Carl Kurtz	

Thank you D'Ann Bristol for discovering and donating these model trucks for the event.

Curtis Dunson was the "Chef" for the day—manning the grill for hamburgers and hotdogs. The burgers were beef/venison burgers—everyone really enjoyed them. Thanks to Max Pratt for sharing the venison.

Sharold Ferris shared his authentic Indian Teepee again this year. There was a large 'bouncy house' that was enjoyed by all our youngsters in attendance. John Snell's neighbor was able to bring this and set it up for our use at a lower cost than most vendors.

There were lots of helpers for set-up and clean-up and all the help is greatly appreciated. The Westworth family spirit of cooperation is always apparent when there is work to be done here.



Kids Pages

FALL MAZE

Can you help the family get to the pumpkin patch?



Level 3

SunCatcherStudio.com

Memory verse:

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.



Crayons available in south foyer



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SCHEDULED STUDIES

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

Next Study Book/Topic TBD

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



♦ **Tuesday—Westworth Men’s Group (virtual)**

Weekly—7:00 pm via ZOOM meeting.

Current Study:

Expect the Light by Gene Shelburne



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

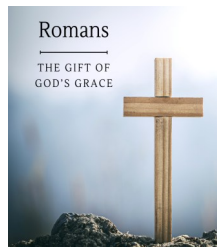
If you would like to participate, please make sure Bill Jones has your email address so he can send a link to the meeting.

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

Elder in charge for October: Bill Jones

Date	Today—October 12
Open	Mike Lisle
Usher	John Snell
Songs/Close	Mike Lisle
Prayer	Bill Jones
Communion	Brian Flaherty
Bible Story Kids Church	David Keller / David & Hettie Keller
Reading	Marty Montgomery
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates

COMING WEEKS

Date	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2
Open	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	
Prayer	Eric Kreger	Curtis Thompson	
Communion	Johnny Box	David Keller	
Bible Story Kids Church	Mike Lisle / Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson	Brian Flaherty / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson	
Reading	John Snell	Sharold Ferris	
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	
A/V	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger	

Communion Preparation October: Ann Gray



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 to arrange time with him.



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 Eric Kreger
 Marty Montgomery
 John Snell