

Westworth Church of Christ

*The
Westworth
Word*



Worshiping
Serving
Fellowshipping

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 Speaker **Max Pratt**



Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-11

- **Praising God for Salvation by Grace**
- **Trials Refine Our Faith**
- **Prophecy Spoken of His Grace**
- **Therefore, "BE HOLY"**
- **Redeemed by Christ's Blood**
- **Born Again Through the Word of God**

Growing in God's Grace & Knowledge

“...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” II Peter 1:5-8

Peter is helping us escape the corruption of this evil and sinful world. For us who have his great promises we have the power to live godly lives. The Devil is our enemy. He seeks to destroy us and our hope of eternal life. He is a constant presence tempting us in every possible way. The apostle Peter's advice is to do everything we can to develop strong and effective faith that will not fail us. We have everything we need for living a godly life that thwarts Satan's attempts. His plot is to deceive us as he did Eve and the millions since. If we are busy maturing the Christian graces, we will make it impossible for the old Serpent to be successful.

As we begin this New Year we should place within our minds these qualities of character, seek to grow them by actively doing good in our world, learning more about righteousness, living by the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, never giving up or becoming discouraged, being more like our God, caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ and simply love as the Father has loved us. By so doing we will: *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” II Peter 3:18*

Max

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:

Janice Stanfield—Late in December Janice learned that earlier reports were in error and doctors reported that they did find cancer where it was initially suspected. No treatment plan yet. Please keep Janice in your prayers for healing and restored health.

D'Ann Bristol—D'Ann is presently completely involved with assisting her aging parents, Lynne & Jane Fisher (both in their 90's). She is unable to meet with us until circumstances improve. Please pray for D'Ann and for her parents. She said she will be back with us as soon as she can.

Lily Keller Lily has experienced some improvement lately, but still no cause for her gastro intestinal issues identified. Please keep Lily, and the whole family, in your prayers.

Please continue your prayers for these individuals and groups:

Christi Kreger's 6 year-old nephew, Jack—He is showing some improvement recently. Please continue your prayers for Jack and the family.

Those who recently lost loved ones and are adjusting to life without them:

♦ Kreger & Flaherty families ♦ Melva Campbell ♦ Tom Bennett

Those battling long-standing health issues:

♦ David Burris ♦ Missy Sherrill ♦ Mary Cope ♦ Lee Hall ♦ Julie Ferris

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

♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley

Please also pray for:

✝ Rain

✝ Children and school teachers

✝ Victims of the conflicts in the Ukraine and those involved in humanitarian efforts; and Middle East —that the recent peace agreement will be successful

✝ Westworth Church Leadership

✝ The President and all government leadership

✝ Young adults/couples who are beginning their adult walk

✝ Malawi Mission Work—hugs4tomorrow.org/

Please make known your prayer needs.

Westworth Church of Christ Financial Review – 4Q2025

Elders agreed that financial information should be provided to the congregation, and it has been some time since that happened. Please note a portion of the balance was designated for facility improvements that are still in work. If you have questions, please ask one of the Elders.

Months: Oct, Nov, Dec 2025

Beginning bank balance	\$	155,367.71
Deposits:	\$	53,876.02
	\$	209,243.73

Period Expenses

1	Payroll Costs:	\$	25,480.76	
2	Utilities:	\$	4,553.33	
3	Benevolence:	\$	4,355.00	
4	Credit Card:	\$	3,254.06	
5	Misc:	\$	1,655.79	Bank Balance 12/31/25:
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	39,298.94	\$ 169,944.79

Expense definitions:

1	W2 Employees	Max Pratt (includes pay and Sarah Lisle payroll taxes) Blair Montgomery Sherry Yates
2	Utilities	NRG (Electric) Atmos (Gas) Westworth Village (water) AT&T (phone/internet)
3	Benevolence	Members Non-Members Special Gifts
4	Credit Card	Several business subscriptions, purchases of necessary maintenance items, including parts or equipment, janitorial supplies, office supplies, and kitchen supplies.
5	Misc	Any expenses not previously identified. (one-off expenses for: member reimbursements; ppty taxes on mineral rights; publications; advertising; events, etc)

Looking for volunteers for help with Children's Church

Would you like to (or be willing to) help those who work with our young ones each week to do a Bible lesson and associated craft? Lessons are prepared and Materials provided. You just have to help tell the story and guide them through the craft. **Please talk to Blair Montgomery if you can be part of the children's ministry.**

3rd Sunday Lunch—January 18

January 18 will be our first 2026 **3rd Sunday Lunch**. I know after our 'barely-finished' holiday season with all the associated "goodies" it may be hard to think about a meal, but it's still a couple of weeks away so we have a little time to recover. Our lunches are always such an enjoyable time of Christian fellowship and good food as well. Hope you have it on your calendar.

1 John 2:16-17

¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



January Birthdays

Blair Montgomery	2 Jan
David Keller	4 Jan
Max Lisle	22 Jan

Elijah Keller	23 Jan
Peter Lisle	29 Jan

January Anniversaries

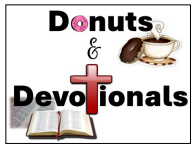
Jonathan & Joslyn Dunson	6 Jan
Brian & Susan Flaherty	8 Jan



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OUR CONTINUING WORKS

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

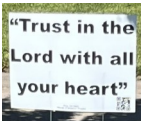


Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- **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. See next page.



- **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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**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.

PLEASE NOTE...

Directory update—Look for these in your mailbox.

Pictorial Directory—

Thanks to those of you who have sent your photos for the pictorial directory. There are MANY more to go (**MORE THAN HALF**), so... Put on your best “glamor shots” smile, take your best selfie—one for each family member (*or a family photo if you prefer*)—and send it to the church:



westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net

We will print the photos and display them on the tree with each person's name. If there is anyone you don't know, we believe this will be helpful in putting names and faces together. If you need help or someone to take your picture, Sherry will be happy to help.

If you prefer NOT to have your picture displayed please let us know, we will still include your name as a family member.



WORDS OF WISDOM – New signs

We will soon be ordering more WORDS OF WISDOM yard signs. If you have a favorite scripture/verse that you would like to have, please see Max. The scripture does NOT HAVE to be Psalms or Proverbs, but it does need to be relatively short to fit the available space and still be readable.

Kids Pages

CREATION

Word Search



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L C L I G H T S P E C C
I I Y I C H W D V Q Z L
S X V E G E T A T I O N
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G C X Q D A T S M D R Y
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God
Heaven
Earth
Light
Darkness

Day
Night
Waters
Dry Land
Vegetation

Trees
Sun
Moon
Stars
Sea Creatures
Beasts

Memory verse:

Proverbs 15:20

A wise son brings joy to his father,
but a foolish man despises his mother.



Crayons available in south foyer



SCHEDULED STUDIES

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

On Jan 5, 2026 the ladies group will begin a new 4-week study:

“Abide & Begin Again”

Starting the new year rooted in Christ, not rushed.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN —The fellowship and “sisterhood” found in this group is a treasure of support and encouragement.

Contact Tracy Robertson for website information and to be added to the text group and receive materials for the study

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.

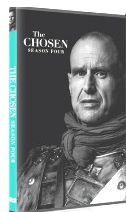
If you would like to participate, please make sure Bill Jones has your email address so he can send a link to the meeting.

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

David will take a break from leading us through the study of Romans for a while.

Beginning on January 7, we will view and discuss episode 1 of **The Chosen**, Season 4.

Everyone is invited to join these Wednesday night study sessions.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

If unable to serve please call Bill Jones , 817-999-4597

Date	Today—January 4
Open	Bill Jones
Usher	John Snell
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Johnny Box
Communion	Curtis Thompson
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Eric Kreger
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
Open	David Keller	Max Pratt	Bill Jones
Usher	Curtis Dunson	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Bill Jones	John Snell	Curtis Thompson
Communion	Sharold Ferris	Johnny Box	John Snell
Bible Story Kids Church	Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	David Keller / David & Hettie Keller and Laurice Reeves	Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	Freddy Heller	Marty Montgomery	David Burris
Lesson	Max Pratt	Nathan Keller	Max Pratt
A/V	Sherry Yates	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation January: Donna Simco



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.



Leadership and Logistics



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Elders:

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David Keller
Max Pratt

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Curtis Dunson
Eric Kreger
Marty Montgomery
John Snell