

Westworth Church of Christ

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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

"THE VIRGIN BIRTH—PART I"

Speaker – Max Pratt



Scripture: Luke 1:26-35

- **Luke's Inspired Record**
- **Jesus as a Holy Child**
- **Who Do You Say That I Am?**
- **Celebrating His Birth**

Used & Abandoned

On our most recent Thanksgiving trip out West, we observed many places of residence and structures of various kinds that had been at one time built and used but now were abandoned. I wondered how long it had been since humans occupied those houses that were now falling down. Many of the dilapidated fences and pens had at one time been used to keep in livestock. Most of them looked as if they had been vacant for a long time. Again, I wondered how long ago it had been since they held in the cattle, sheep, horses and the like. How long had they been useful to those who owned them. I wondered, but I have no idea the answer to my questions. One thing is for sure. People lived there. They built these now useless structures. I wondered why they were now empty, abandoned and useless. Why and where and when will remain unanswered questions.

Jesus told us and it remains true today that nothing remains in this life. Whatever we build today will be replaced by something better. As time goes by the life we establish, the homes we build and businesses we engage in, even our families transform. Time, weather and termites have their own place in changing the places we live, why we are there and how we have used them.

We drove by my parents' home they lived in for over fifty years. It no longer has the same appearance as it did when they kept the place nice and neat. I remember living there for fourteen of my first twenty-one years. Many memories remain for me and others in the family as well. We sold the place when our parents were both gone. We did not need their home anymore. I suspect the once used and abandoned places along the highway had similar stories to tell as well.

Used & Abandoned (*continued*)

All this teaches me to “Number my days” and “Do not lay up treasures here on earth” for our “citizenship is in heaven”.

Max

In the Month Ahead...

December 14 (Next Week)—“3rd” Sunday Lunch—Actual 3rd Sunday too close to Christmas, so we moved it back one week.



Let's do soup—something simple—and take a few minutes to relax with church family during the holiday rush.

LEADERSHIP MEETING—Elders & Deacons will meet in the conference room after lunch.

December 25—Hope everyone can be with family and friends to enjoy what we celebrate — “the Reason for The Season” — and to acknowledge and appreciate the abundance we all enjoy. Most especially the abundant love of Christ.



December 31, 6pm til ??—

New Year's Eve and White Elephant Gift Exchange—this is always such a fun event.—so let's get-together for one last 2025 “hoorah”. We'll have black-eyed peas and ham sandwiches -(provided by the church) along with any snacks you want to bring. Maybe some games, and for those who wish to participate—



The White Elephant Gift Exchange.

So, scour the house and find something “suitable” for this fun Gift Exchange.

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—spent a couple of nights at Harris Southwest after experiencing a collapsed lung during a biopsy. She expected to be released on Thursday. Results of the biopsy will take a week or so.

Kreger & Flaherty families — Please continue to pray for the families of Wayne Kreger, for comfort and peace following his death.

Betty Lane—had a skin cancer removed from her face recently. She appears to be healing nicely. Please keep Betty in your prayers .

Lily Keller Lily is doing some better, but the food restrictions are a real challenge. Another visit to Cook's is planned for more tests. Please keep Lily in your prayers.

Sarah (Dunson) Nichols—Sarah recently injured her knee while at work and was concerned about the severity, but the good news is that it was not serious and she will be fine. Thanks for your prayers on her behalf.

Donna Simco—Donna continues rehab therapy for her broken ankle and was walking “device-free” recently. Please keep Donna in your prayers for a speedy return to her active lifestyle.

Julie Ferris— Julie’s progress and recovery seem to be going well (though not as fast as she would like). She is making strides in her increased stability and energy. Please continue prayers for Julie’s recovery and thanks for Sharold’s strength as an excellent care giver.

Lee Hall—Lee had a visit with Kidney doctor recently. They learned his kidney function has improved somewhat—good news. Please keep Lee and Jane in your prayers.

Ronnie Cope’s wife, Mary - Ronnie reports that monitoring continues and so far—“No News is Good News” - there has been no change and she seems to be ok. Doctors plan to keep watching for any changes. 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, including her relocation to assisted living. (The Westmore, Room 307; 25 Leonard Trail, 76114.ph: 682-267-0831 (behind Panera Bread and Canes Chicken)

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

David Burris — Please keep David in your prayers for his many health issues.

Known Prayer needs and requests: (continued)

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

♦ Pat Straw ♦ Jane Whitley

Please also pray for:

- † Rain—prayers of thanks for the generous rains recently
- † 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—especially for hiring new teachers

Please make known your prayer needs.

Psalm 62:1-2

- ¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.
- ² Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

December Birthdays



Curtis Thompson	Dec 4	Christy Snell	Dec 26
Larry Wilhite	Dec 15	Joslyn Dunson	Dec 27
David Burris	Dec 24	Jack Lisle	Dec 29
Darla Thornton	Dec 25		

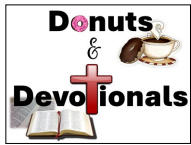
December Anniversaries

Tyler & Sarah Nichols	Dec 14
Nathan & Andrea Keller	Dec 15
Bill & Sherry Jones	Dec 30
Lee & Jane Hall	Dec 31



OUR CONTINUING WORKS

- **DONUTS AND DEVO’S (D&D)**

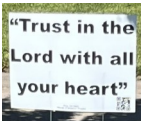


Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- **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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**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—The plan is to have a new directory ready for distribution soon—probably in early January. A good way to start the new year, with updated information.

Pictorial Directory—

Thanks to those of you who have sent your “selfies”. There are MANY more to go, so... Put on your best “glamor shots” smile, take your best selfie—one for each family member—and send it to the church:



westworthchurch@sbcglobal.net

We will print the photos —thinking ‘wallet size’—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 prefer NOT to have your picture displayed please let us know, we will still include your name as a family member.

Hebrews 13:5-6

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

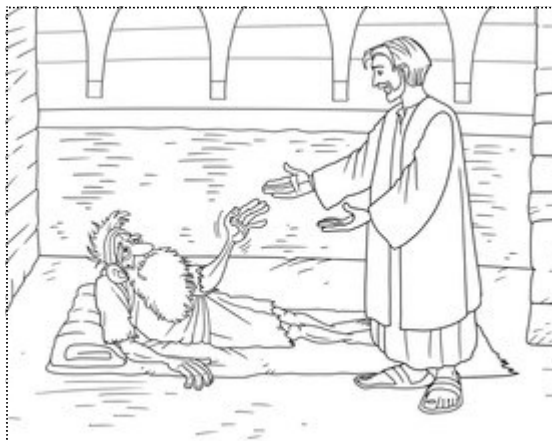
⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

Kids Pages

On top of the line, write the letter that comes after the letter below the line.

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A crippled man had come to the Pool of Bethesda for 38 years. Jesus saw him and asked him a strange question.

What was it?

Memory verse:

Psalm 103:13

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;



Crayons available in south foyer



SCHEDULED STUDIES

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

The ladies group will begin a new study in January 2026. A perfect time to join.

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN when the group resumes in January —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.



♦ **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.

(Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve are both on Wednesday—no regular study time on those dates.)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

If unable to serve please call Max Pratt—325-718-9987

Date	Today—December 7
Open	Bill Jones
Usher	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Eric Kreger
Prayer	David Burris
Communion	Curtis Dunson
Bible Story Kids Church	Curtis Thompson / Blair Montgomery & Sarah Thompson
Reading	Jonathan Dunson
Lesson	Max Pratt
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
Open	David Keller	Max Pratt	Bill Jones
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Brian Flaherty	Brian Flaherty
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle	Max Pratt
Prayer	Sharold Ferris	Max Lisle	Marty Montgomery
Communion	Bill Jones	Brian Flaherty	Curtis Thompson
Bible Story Kids Church	Max Lisle / Susan Flaherty & Sherry Jones	David Keller / David & Hettie Keller and Laurice Reeves	Curtis Dunson / Sherri Dunson & Tracy Robertson
Reading	John Snell	Cooper Thompson	Jaedon Snell
Lesson	Max Pratt	Max Pratt	Max Lisle
A/V	Sherry Yates	Susan Flaherty	Christi Kreger

Communion Preparation December: Laurice Reeves



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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Curtis Dunson
 Eric Kreger
 Marty Montgomery
 John Snell