

# 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 Speaker***

**Max Pratt**

***Lesson: Offering Spiritual Sacrifices***

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***Scripture: 1 Peter 2:3-12***

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- **Living Stones**
- **Chosen People**
- **Live Good Lives**
- **His Wounds Heal Us**

# If It is The Lord's Will

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Most of us know it was James who penned these inspired words in his short, but powerful letter written to the disciples of the first century. God preserved His good book to make certain you and I have what the Lord's brother wrote long ago. The letter shares some great teaching about living by our faith.

When we take God's Word seriously, we apply it to our daily life. James wrote to help us do God's Will for the day we have. He reminds us that we do not know what tomorrow will bring or even if there will be a tomorrow.

The older I get, the more calendars I have replaced on my walls, the look back at the years gone by are a constant thought about the brevity of life. So, the plans we make, as James says, should be surrounded by our prayerful thought, "If it is the Lord's will". For we do not know if we will live, and whether we can accomplish our plans for this year. If we include God in our plans, submitting to His will being done in our lives, we are not boasting about our future. We are placing our lives, plans and hopes for this life in God's hands. We acknowledge that he is in control of our numbered days.

James gives us a reminder that we do not know what will happen in the days ahead. I like what the apostle wrote, "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's". Jesus set the example for us when he knelt in prayer seeking relief from the suffering of the cross, leaving his disciples behind, facing the shame and pain. He prayed, sharing his fleshly desires, but he said, "Not my will, but yours be done".

*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:***

**Oslo Lisle**—took a fall last week that resulted in a broken arm. Follow up has revealed no further injury. Prayers for quick healing for Oslo and for Sarah and Max during these years of childhood challenges.

**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) who live in Weatherford. 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, and for stability of **Venezuela**

✝ **Westworth Church Leadership**

✝ **The President and all government leadership**

✝ **Young adults/couples who are beginning their adult walk**

✝ **Malawi Mission Work**—[hugs4tomorrow.org/](https://hugs4tomorrow.org/)

**Please make known your prayer needs.**

## ***Children's Church Looking for volunteers***

Would you like to (or be willing to) help those who work with our young ones to do a Bible lesson and associated craft? Lessons are prepared and Materi-



als provided. AND you would rotate so that you are only the 'teacher' once every 5 weeks, when you will help tell the story and guide them through the craft. **Please talk to Blair Montgomery or David Keller, if you can be part of the children's ministry.**

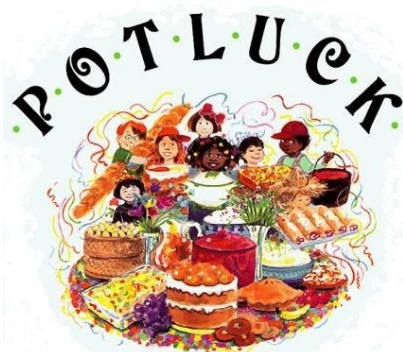
## ***3rd Sunday Lunch—January 18***

**January 18 (next Sunday)** will be our first 2026 **3rd Sunday Lunch**.

Now that we've recovered from all the holiday "goodies", we can enjoy planning the first fellowship meal of the year. Our lunches are always a terrific time of Christian fellowship and good food as well. Hope you have it on your calendar.

## ***3rd Sunday Lunch—FEBRUARY 15***

Mark your calendars now for the February Fellowship Meal. Yes, I know we do a lot of celebrations with food, but think of how many times in scripture food was part of fellowship and caring for one another. Not to mention good 'ol Southern hospitality (for us, not so much in scriptures).



## ***Annual Phil Simco Memorial Chili Cook-Off—***

***Saturday, Feb 21, 2026***



Just about everybody's favorite event of the year!! Now's the time to begin refining that award-winning chili recipe.

Winners receive a "trophy", prize basket and bragging rights - at least until the 2027 chili cook-off. Can't wait to taste this year's entries.



## 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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### Galatians 5:13-15

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command. “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Sherry Jones has a “Pen Pal”. A 51 year-old Marine named Thomas who is stationed in the Middle East. He is from New Jersey and has 2 children.

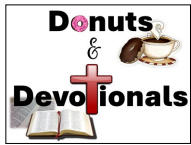
Every week, Sherry sends Thomas the verses from Donuts and Devo’s as well as the sermon topic for the week. He sent the thought captured below in hopes of sharing with all of us.

***If your prayer life only happens in crisis, you’re treating God like a spiritual 911. Jesus taught us to pray daily, not just desperately (Matthew 6:11). Consistent prayer isn’t a burden, it’s the life-line that keeps crises from overwhelming us. What if this year we prayed before the storm, instead of only in it?***

**Congratulations to John Lisle**—We’ve learned that John will soon be honored by the Azle HS Alumni association for his success with recent historical novels and potential production into a TV series or movie. Max and Blair will attend the award ceremony. Unfortunately, Mike and Lanette had booked a non-refundable cruise before they knew about this.

# OUR CONTINUING WORKS

- **DONUTS AND DEVO’S (D&D)**

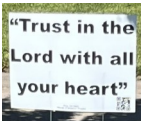


Sundays at 9:00 am in the activity building. Max presents informal studies every week at 9 am. Everyone is welcomed/encouraged to participate in this extra study. Donuts and breakfast beverages are included.

- **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/>

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## Communion Service for Residents at Eagle Crest Villa



**2:30 PM**

**Every Sunday**

**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**—A new membership directory was distributed last week. If you haven't picked yours up yet, check your mailbox.

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## 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](mailto: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.



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## 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*



# INSECTS

## WORD SCRAMBLE

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**Memory verse:**

## Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!





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## ***SCHEDULED STUDIES***

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

**January 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



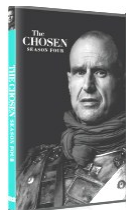
All men—young and “mature” alike—are encouraged to join this fellowship and study.

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**

On January 7, we began the eight-week series to watch and study scripture contained in

**The Chosen**, Season 4.



Everyone is invited to join these Wednesday night study sessions.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Today—January 11</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>David Keller</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Eric Kreger</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Sharold Ferris</b>
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty / Susan Flaherty &amp; Sherry Jones</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Sherry Yates</b>

## COMING WEEKS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Feb 1</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>	
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Bill Jones</b>	<b>Brian Flaherty</b>	
<b>Songs/Close</b>	<b>Mike Lisle</b>	<b>Curtis Dunson</b>	
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>John Snell</b>	<b>Curtis Thompson</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Johnny Box</b>	<b>John Snell</b>	
<b>Bible Story Kids Church</b>	<b>David Keller / David &amp; Hettie Keller and Laurice Reeves</b>	<b>Mike Lisle / Sherri Dunson &amp; Tra- cy Robertson</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	<b>Marty Montgomery</b>	<b>David Burris</b>	
<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Nathan Keller</b>	<b>Max Pratt</b>	
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Susan Flaherty</b>	<b>Christi Kreger</b>	

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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 (<https://www.facebook.com/westworthcoc/>)

#### Elders:

Bill Jones  
 David Keller  
 Max Pratt

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Curtis Dunson  
 Eric Kreger  
 Marty Montgomery  
 John Snell