

# Lamar Christian Church

## August 2025 Newsletter

**COMO RIDE**  
**AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

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### THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY!



**VBS would not be possible without your support!**

**We appreciate all who gave time, money, and talents to once again make the Lamar Christian Vacation Bible School a great experience for kids in our community.**



### Worship Night - September 14<sup>th</sup>

Come experience a powerful night of worship and community as we gather to lift high the name of Jesus! Whether you've had a tough week, need a reset, or just want to praise with friends, this night is for you!

Join us at **Lamar Christian Church** on **September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** for an evening filled with passionate worship, prayer, and space to encounter God. All ages welcome — bring your heart, bring a friend, and come expectant. **Let's make room for God to move!**

### MISSION

Building a community that loves God, cares for people, and connects with both.

### VALUES

- Unchanging Biblical Truth
- Unceasing Prayer
- Uncommon Generosity
- Unselfish Service
- Undivided Family

### STAFF

Senior Minister - Ray Matteson  
Associate Minister - Carlos Torres  
Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas  
Youth Intern - Ansley Herrera  
Worship/Youth Director - Cassandra Smith  
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg  
Custodian - Brad Matteson

### BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya, Monty Coen  
Deacons - Brian Lauritsen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt, Dustin DeWitt, Anthony LaTour  
Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Glenn Smith

## Como Ride '25

I know you are tempted to skip this since you may have already read about it and it happens every year. I want you to understand that this is more than just a fun time in the mountains for those who go. It is a weekend of ministry, fellowship, teaching and yes riding in the lovely mountains. It is also a chance to help give Camp Como (one of our missions) a financial boost and meet the costs of some extra projects. This year the extra offerings will go toward the purchase of 80 acres adjacent to the camp property. If you can donate that would be a blessing and if you are interested in going along for the weekend there are a couple of vehicles with four wheels going up. Let Ray or Shane Dashner know if you would like to ride along or you can drive up as well.

## Sermon Schedule

July 27 - God's Sovereign Grace pt. 1 - Romans 11:1-24  
 Aug. 3 - God's Sovereign Grace pt. 2 - Romans 11:25-36  
 Aug. 10 - Living Sacrificial Servants - Romans 12:1-8  
 Aug. 17 - Carlos Preaching - Romans 12:9-21  
 Aug. 24 - Citizens of Two Kingdoms - Romans 13:1-7  
 Aug. 28 - Love Matters Most - Romans 13:8-10

## Lots of Great Things Happening

It has been wonderful to see God working and moving in unexpected ways. We are grateful to have Cassandra join us on staff and we rejoice with her and Tyler in their marriage. They have had a lot of big changes happening quickly in their lives, but we are thankful we get to share in those changes.

It was wonderful seeing and hearing the youth lead our service a few weeks back and to hear how they have been challenged to deepen their walk with Christ in various ways. Thank you to Kelsey, Ansley, Carlos and Rylan for taking kids to camp and CIY.

We also rejoice that God is working in people's lives and several have given their lives to Jesus and demonstrated that in baptism. We had another great week of VBS. Seeing kids get excited about Jesus is so encouraging. Thanks to all the volunteers who spent their evenings serving the kids. You are making a difference.

Of course now we set our eyes on the fall and the many different study groups that will be meeting to learn and encourage one another. Be sure to check out the groups that will be starting up and join one. You will not regret it. You will grow as you connect with other believers.

## Say Thanks to Ansley

Ansley has been our youth intern this summer and has helped us out a bunch in various ways beyond youth ministry. She organized and took kids to middle school camp and high schoolers to CIY. The planning it takes to go to CIY is big and she handled the details well. They had great weeks at camp and CIY. She also organized some special service projects and helped out with various jobs around the building. She has also worked with Cassandra to help her get settled and connected with some of the youth and planning the youth group kick offs for fall. Ansley received a small stipend for her work, but we want to send her back to college (Manhattan Christian College & K-State) with an extra blessing. We will have offering trays for you to drop in a "thank you donation" at the end of the service on August 17<sup>th</sup>. You can also just give a special gift any time. Just mark it "youth intern". Even if you can't give, please say a big "Thank you Ansley!!".

## Ray's Wednesday Night Study - Basic Bible Doctrine - Starts September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ray will start a Bible Study on Basic Bible Doctrines on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the RFOM room. This will be a study on some essential Bible doctrines and why they are important for us as Christians. It is important that we know what we believe and why. Some of the topics will include: Attributes of God; The Trinity; Sin and Salvation; The Reliability of the Bible; Sanctification; Free Will and Predestination; and probably some others.

We may go deep, but my goal is to make it understandable and applicable to everyday faith and life.

Greetings Saints. I hope you've all had a nice summer so far and have been able to beat the heat a bit. As we come into the August month, school will be starting once again and that means, so will my Discipleship Class.

If you haven't already noticed or seen the announcement slide Sunday, I will begin my class earlier this year on August 20<sup>th</sup>, so that we can be through it before the holiday season begins in November. I am limiting the slots further this time around to create more of a small group as opposed to the classroom setting. If you would like

to seriously look at fulfilling the "Great Commission" sign-up for this 12+ week journey to become a disciple that makes disciples. If you have any questions please catch me sometime, and I would love to visit with you about it.

On another front, the Kairos Prison Ministry has started with meetings for the next Kairos weekend coming up in November. We have several people from our church involved, and we would love to see some new faces join us in what I would describe as a catalyst to faith. Our next meeting will be in Dalhart on August 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be at least two more after that with a meeting here at Lamar Christian on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. I invite you to come and at least see what it's all about and maybe even make some new friends.

I look forward to visiting with you on either one of my endeavors. There is not anything I like more than to talk about Jesus and the wonderful things God has done and will continue to do.

Blessings,

Carlos

**THANK YOU!**



A huge thank you goes out to Rod Stone & Ron Caddick for building our new swing set, to Dustin DeWitt for moving the rocks, & to Ansley, Rylan, Reed, Blake, Brecklyn & Jason Herrera, Sydney Cure, and Layton Homm for shoveling the rocks back.

**Cassandra**

## **YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a fun filled evening as we launch into a new year of youth ministry!

We'll gather at the **Herrera's (33374 County Rd 6, Lamar)** from **5-8 PM**

for a delicious cookout plus games like spike ball, basketball, volleyball, corn hole, and ladder ball!

You'll get to meet your leaders, make new friends, and enjoy some laid back hangout time — maybe even around the campfire! Come hungry, come ready to play, and come excited to grow in Faith and Friendship! It's going to be a blast — don't miss it! Bring a friend (or five)... and maybe a towel — you never know what we might throw in!

# SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	8/3/25	8/10/25	8/17/25	8/24/25	8/31/25
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Justin Homm	Carlos Torres	Monty Coen	Mike Duffy	Y O U T H
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Shane Dashner	Ken Montoya	Pat Leonard	Mike Duffy	
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Ron Schmidt	Rick Akers	Bryan Herrera	Justin Homm	
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Anthony LaTour	Anthony LaTour	Norm Arends	Norm Arends	
SHUT- IN COMM - 1	Albert Moreno	Ken Montoya	Ken Montoya	Terry DeWitt	Mitch Finney
SHUT- IN COMM - 2	Brian Lauritsen	Dustin DeWitt	Brian Lauritsen	Mitch Finney	Joe Baca
COMMUNION PREP	Janice England & Kay Arends				

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	8/3/25	8/10/25	8/17/25	8/24/25	8/31/25
DRUMS	JOSH	JOSH	KEENAN	KEENAN	BRITTIN
KEYBOARD	ALICIA R.	JADE	ALICIA J.	MARAH	ALICIA J.
BASS	EMILY	RAY	RYLAN	DAVID	COLIN
ELEC. GUITAR		ROD A.	TYLER		JOSH
GUITAR	CASSANDRA	CARLOS	MARIAH	TYLER	TYLER
VOCAL	HEATHER	CONNIE	AMBER	KATHY	KATY
VOCAL	ALEXA	RHONDA	TALA	JOY	MARIAH
VOCAL					
SOUND TECH	BRAD	KENNY	KENNY	CARLOS	RORY
VIDEO LATE	JOAN/ROD	JAYCE/CHLOE	BRAD/BRITTIN	PAT/JOAN	JAYCE/CHLOE
PIANO	SUSANNE	BARB		SUSANNE	
SOPRANO	SUSAN	CHAR		SUSAN	
ALTO	MELODY	SHELBY		MELODY	
TENOR	ROD	ROD T.			
BASS	RON	RANDY		RON	
VIDEO EARLY	HERRERA	SCHMIDT	HOMM	HERRERA	SCHMIDT



## Prayer Requests

Sheri Higgins  
Mary Davidson  
Joy Schultz  
Monte Ausmus  
Shawn Pelley  
Makennah Tyree  
Deano Scranton  
Family of Dwayne Dechant

## Congratulations on your Baptism!

**Jimmy Spitzer - 7/20**  
**Dawson Reeks - 7/21**



## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 or older you can attend this one day event at Camp Como on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-6:00pm (check in at 9). Register at [campcomo.com](http://campcomo.com), code YoungatHeart, or email [office@campcomo.com](mailto:office@campcomo.com). \$35 fee includes 3 meals.

**There will be a  
PRAYER MEETING  
on Sunday,  
August 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 4:00PM in  
the overflow**

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Wayne Schultz            | 15 *Shane & Joy Dashner    |
| Kennedy Vallejos           | 16 Rylan Herrera           |
| *Bryan & Char Herrera      | 17 Jim Ramsay              |
| *Zeke & Sheila Forbes      | *Russ & DeEtte Hobden      |
| 3 Todd Brown               | *Gary & Lori Hammer        |
| 4 Mary Cass                | 18 Ken Smartt              |
| Laci Gomez                 | *Rory & Kathy O'Neill      |
| Rick Thomas                | 19 Lori Blacker            |
| *Luis & Emily Ortiz        | Wesley Sires               |
| 5 Ray Gilbert              | *Bill & Leilanie Kisamore  |
| *Darrell & Glynda Pool     | 22 Dustin DeWitt           |
| *Garrett & Sharon Headrick | Bill Kisamore              |
| *Grant & Laura Hobden      | 23 Joel Souders            |
| 8 Dottie McCaslin          | Jake Specht                |
| Kevin Ridder               | *Chris & Vicki Wilkinson   |
| *Joe & Janet Harbert       | *Jim & Heather Ramsay      |
| 11 Layton Homm             | 26 Jennifer Hawkins        |
| *Mitch & Mary Cass         | *Bryce & Michelle Hiigel   |
| *Allen & Janie Campbell    | 29 Lisa Steed              |
| 12 Eric Settles            | Connie Vallejos            |
| 14 James Souders           | 30 *Mark & Sheryl Carrigan |
| 15 Jason Adams             |                            |

## BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive is Tuesday, **August 19<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 to 4:30 in the fellowship hall. Go to [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome as time allows.

## SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome to attend Senior Saint's Fellowship the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (August date is the 18<sup>th</sup>) at 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share and join us for dinner and games!

## Joy Ministries

The meeting on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> will be a Prayer Walk at the Hope Center at 1:00PM. The mission for August will be socks for kids at the Hope Center.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, **August 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00am in the fellowship hall. All Men are welcome to attend - come at 6:00 to help cook!

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Return Service Requested

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
8:00AM - Blended  
10:30AM - Contemporary  
Sunday School - 9:15AM  
Children's Church - 10:30AM

## **SENIOR SAINTS**

The purpose of the senior adult ministry of Lamar Christian Church is to share in Christian fellowship and encourage each other in spiritual growth, while striving to be a blessing to the church and community.

Senior Saints met Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. We only had 17 people there for a delicious pot luck dinner. We were missing several of our regular members but we had four new guests. They were A.J. and Cheryl Amaya, Diane Smith, and Monica DeBono. Welcome! and we hope you'll join us again.

Our regular meeting night is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month but it had to be moved up a week this month because of Vacation Bible School. Cody Laughlin was supposed to have our devotion but since she was absent Nancy Idler gave a devotion on God's faithfulness and protection if we will just trust Him. Cody will have devotions next month. We had three tables of Round-a-bout with lots of laughing and fun. Monica DeBono and Diane Smith each won a game at their table of five. Kay and Cheryl won twice at their table of four, and each of the teams at the table of six won game. All in all everyone had a wonderful meal and a fun time. Our next Senior Saints will be August 18<sup>th</sup> and we hope you'll join us for wonderful fellowship time.

Thanks to Nancy Idler for providing the article in Ron Clausen's absence!

### **WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STAY CONNECTED DAY**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am - 11:00**  
**Details will come later on the prayer chain and in the bulletin.**

### **LCC STUDENT ATHLETE MEALS**

Area churches are once again feeding the LCC athletes that will be here to start sports practices before the college cafeteria opens. If you would like to contribute to our turn get a hold of Luann.

The Lamar Christian QR code has been posted around the building and in the bulletin.  
Scan the code with your phone for information about getting involved, to submit a prayer request, or to leave your contact info for future reference.

**\*Contact Ray or Luann if you need help!**

