

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday Brunch!

Sunday, December 31st
is our next 5th Sunday
Brunch at 9:00 in the
Fellowship Hall. All are
welcome to attend -
just bring a dish to
share and come enjoy
fellowship time!



GIFTS FOR THE KING

This year our GFTK collection will be split between Lamar Ministerial Alliance and Sparrow House Food Pantry (unless you designate your gift for one specific mission). You can write checks to either mission, but if you want it on your giving statement for taxes you will need to make the check to the church and note GFTK on the memo line.

We will collect for GFTK through the first week of January.



The Lamar Christian QR codes have 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!

THERE WILL ONLY ONE CHURCH SERVICE ON 12/31, at 10:30

Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin January 10th in the Fellowship Hall from 9-11:00. Our study by David Jeremiah will be My Heart's Desire ~ Living Every Moment in the Wonder of Worship. Study books are \$10.00, and a sign up sheet will be posted outside the office.

Call the office if you need childcare.

MISSION

We are seeking to be a Church that loves God and loves others by making disciples, connecting them to the body, and equipping them to live a lifestyle of worship by serving God and others for Kingdom work.

STAFF

Senior Minister - Ian Blacker
Associate Minister - Ray Matteson
Youth Pastor - Kevin Dickenson
Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas
Worship Director - Rod Thomas
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg

BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya, Rod Thomas
Deacons - Lee Dowen, Brian Lauritsen, Monty Coen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt
Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Dave Tecklenburg

Casas Trip Meeting

March is fast approaching and we need to get our mission trip plan together. Just to remind you we are going to Acuna, Mexico this year so that our own Dominic Esparza can lead our team in the build. It is about the same time and distance as it is to Juarez. At this point, we have 11 individuals who have said they are planning to go. We are seeking 4-6 more people who would be willing to go help us build a house for a family. We will leave either March 9th or 10th and return home March 16th. We will have a meeting on Jan. 14th at 4:30 pm in room #12. Please attend if you plan to go or are interested in possibly going. We will give you all the information you will need at that meeting.

February Sermon Series

I will be preaching on the new vision and mission that will be rolled out in February. The series will be based on Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen".

February 4th - Unlimited Ability

February 11th - Unlimited Power

February 18th - Unlimited Glory

February 25th - Unlimited People and Time

Four Year Bible Reading Plan, 2024

The Year of Leviticus & Numbers, Mark & Romans

With the new year of 2024 just around the corner, many of us reflect on the year past and the things we'd like to improve, change, or start which would enhance our lives and make a difference in our community of family and friends. Often followers of God reflect that being in His Word more consistently would be vital to a life that would bring Him glory.

So with that realization, would you consider reading regular portions of the Bible weekly and meeting with fellow readers to reflect on what the Spirit is showing us? Reading in community will make consistency in one's Bible reading more rewarding than reading alone. And it is more likely you and others will be successful in completing the worthy goal of reading the entire Bible. By simply reading one chapter a day, it is possible to finish the Bible in four years.

Ray and Susanne Matteson have enjoyed reading in community Genesis, Exodus, Matthew and Hebrews (among other books of the Bible) with a faithful group of people this past year and we are excited to bring more students of the Word into sharing this coming year of Leviticus, Numbers, Mark and Romans and more. We meet at 1:30 PM each Sunday at the church and we'd love to have you join us. Or you may find it more convenient to meet Sundays at 9:15 AM when you're here for church.

You can find out more about this opportunity by calling Susanne at 719-241-0116, or Ray at 719-241-0161 or at the church at 719-336-5343. Or just show up at Room 12 in the education wing on Sunday, January 7 at 9:15 AM or at 1:30 PM in the RFOM room. Bring a Bible and a friend or family member and let's explore the amazing Message from God.

KEVIN

January! The month where Optimism is at an all time high. For youth group though things are starting up again! January 10 starts Wednesday night Youth Group (Which is Middle School Only) and January 14 starts both High School and Young Adult Ministries! We are all starting back up as normal. There is a spring Schedule available via Kevin and Just a heads up, February 16-18 is our winter camp.

Baby Shower

Join the party to Welcome Kevin & Rebecca's Baby Girl (due 3/1) on Saturday, January 13th at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.



*Registered on Amazon

Ian's Bible Study

Ian will continue the Ecclesiastes Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm, through January in the RFOM room. There is room for about five more to join us!

Sermon Series - The book of Acts sermon series will continue in January. Ray will be preaching in February as he leads us through the new vision and mission statements and how they relate to their influence on our ministry to Lamar and beyond, for the foreseeable future.

In March, we will focus on the Easter celebration season, with a five sermon series on the meaning of Easter for everyone in the world and especially those who live with and around us.

Associate Minister - We ask you to continue to pray daily, that God would lead us to the God centered, Jesus loving Associate Pastor who will take Ray's position on staff.

It takes a lot of searching, interviewing and more to find the right person for the position. We will likely utilize a ministry search organization to aid us in the process. We do not know how long the process will be, but God does, and we place our trust in Him alone to lead the Elders through that process.

Good Books - I try to read a book a week to keep my mind sharp, to inform me on a specific topic, for spiritual encouragement, for theological reasons or just for interest and fun.

My most recent book is written by Louie Giglio and is entitled "Seeing God as a Perfect Father", published by Passion Publishing.

This book takes each of us on a journey through some tough life situations that we have personally travelled, or one that someone we know is going through - living with the history of a father who did not provide that which we need as a child of that father.

Instead of loving us they damaged us with their not love, with their abuse, with their absence, with their control, with their addictions, with the collateral damage that they experienced from their fathers and so on. This book is personally challenging on a number of levels, and can easily apply to those whose mothers were absent, controlling, abusive and more. In the book, Giglio turns our hearts and minds to understanding what a Perfect Father looks like, and how we never need to let the past determine our present or future life in Christ. We don't focus on the past, we focus on the present and future God, out of His great love for us as provided in Jesus. Giglio leads us through our pains and hurts, to better understand that no one needs to let our father or mothers past control how we live in Jesus today.

Mission Moment - In next years budget, we have set aside an amount of money to be divided amongst those who wish to participate in a short term mission trip like Dom Esparza.

There will be an application form available in January that each applicant needs to fill out before their application is presented to the mission ministry team for evaluation and approval. There will likely also be an interview with some of the mission ministry personnel.

Each applicant will have an opportunity to let the congregation know where they want to be involved in mission and why. While we will no longer take up an offering for short term mission trips, individuals and families who want to personally give a gift to that person are encouraged to do so.

Trash - Dirty subject eh? We have two general trash bins and one cardboard specific bin in our fenced in bin area. Please note that the church bins are for church rubbish only. We have had people placing their home trash in our bins, especially cardboard with foam, plastic and other non-cardboard bits. We have to climb in and take the non-cardboard trash out and put them in the regular trash bins! Any cardboard boxes also need to be flattened before being placed in the metal container. Thank you for accepting this note in a kind way ;)

SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	1/7/24	1/14/24	1/21/24	1/28/24
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Bryan Herrera	Ron Clausen	John Adams	Ray Matteson
DEVOTION LEADER - L	David Barber	Pat Leonard	John Adams	Ray Matteson
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Ron Schmidt	Jean-Peirre Jabo	Ron Schmidt	Lee Downen
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Norm Arends	Ken Smartt	Scott Rankin	Todd Brown
SHUT- IN COMM - 1	Albert Moreno	Mitch Finney	Jean-Pierre Jabo	Mitch Finney
SHUT- IN COMM - 2	Joe Baca	Brian Lauritsen	Jason Herrera	Brian Lauritsen
GREETERS - E	Sam Tecklenburg	Shirley Sullivan	Mitch Cass	Dave Tecklenburg
GREETERS - L	Niles Voigt	Rick & Monica	Ken Smartt	Monte Ausmus
COMMUNION PREP	Nina & Lisa Denman			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	1/7/24	1/14/24	1/21/24	1/28/24
DRUMS	KEENAN	JOSH	KEENAN	JOSH
KEYBOARD	JULIE/BRITTIN	SUSANNE	ALICIA	MARAH
BASS	DAVE	RAY	EMILY	ZACK
ELEC. GUITAR	JOSH	ROD A.	JOSH	ROD T.
GUITAR	ROD T.	ROD T.	ROD T.	MARIAH
VOCAL	KATHY	CONNIE	HEATHER	KATY
VOCAL	JOY	JULIE	KATHY	AMBER
VOCAL		RHONDA		
SOUND TECH	RORY	KENNY	RORY	BRIAN
VIDEO LATE	PAT	KEVIN/REBECCA	JOAN	JAYCE/CHLOE
LEADER				
PIANO	SUSANNE	BARB	DENNIS (GUITAR)	BARB
SOPRANO	SUSAN	SHELBY	CARILYN	SHELBY
ALTO	MELODY	CHAR	MELODY	CHAR
TENOR	ROD A.	DENNIS	DENNIS	
BASS	RON	RON	RON	RON
VIDEO EARLY	SCHMIDT	HOMM	HERRERA	SCHMIDT

Prayer Requests

Sherry Schemahorn
TJ Sanders
Laura Hobden
Russ Hobden
Vera Hammons
David Payne
Les Scriven
Max Meyers
Charlie Whiting
Tom Lewis
Mike Bryant
Karen Nelson

Memorials

In Memory of: Charles Hawkins

From:
Darwin & Robin Schmidt
Debbie Herrera
Debra Haggard
Derik, Tina, & Robin Schmidt
Senior Saints
Betty Clark
Peggy Fowler
Johnny & Trudy Roesch

In Memory of: Floyd Clark

From:
Betty Clark
Nik Burns & Family

In Memory of: Penny Burns

From:
Betty Clark
Nik Burns & Family

In Memory of: Carolyn Carr

From:
Betty Clark
Peggy Fowler
Sue Day
Senior Saints
Jenna & Nolan Davis
Kerry Wagner

In Memory of: Richard Marquez

From: Senior Saints

In Memory of: Wayne Stiles

From:
Senior Saints
Peggy Fowler

January Birthdays & *Anniversaries

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| 1 | LaVetta Harbert | 18 | Esai Gass |
| 3 | Callie Gadash | 19 | Ethan Settles |
| 4 | Rob Vallejos | | *John & Maria Navarrette |
| | David Scriven | 20 | Diane Bever |
| 5 | Isaiah LaTour | | Sharon Headrick |
| 6 | *Keenan & Kelsey Thomas | | *Dave & Luann Tecklenburg |
| 7 | Susan Gourley | 21 | Jim Cardinelli |
| 9 | *Les & Nancy Scriven | 23 | Mike Duffy |
| 10 | June Wolfe | 24 | *Kelley & Arvenia Morris |
| 11 | Shawn Cardinelli | 25 | Rick Akers |
| | Julie Hobden | 26 | Faith Ramsay |
| | Kelsey Thomas | 27 | Rayce Coen |
| 13 | Elsie Dunn | | Aspen Hawkins |
| | Claude Schultz | 28 | Reagan Melton |
| 14 | Les Scriven | | Stetson Hawkins |
| | Betty Filbeck | | Rosella Voigt |
| | Michelle Hobden | | |
| 15 | Martha Thompson | | |
| | Glen Smith | | |

JOY MINISTRIES

The next JOY meeting is Thursday, January 25th at 1:00PM in the RFOM.
All ladies are welcome! The mission for the month is
DONATIONS TO SPARROW HOUSE FOOD PANTRY.

*Our Sympathy
for the Loss of a
Loved One*

*Wayne Stiles passed
away on 12/17*

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive
will be Tuesday, February 20th
from 11:30 - 4:30 in the fellowship
hall. Go to vitalant.org to make
an appointment. Walk-ins are
welcome as time allows -
you may be asked to
try back in a bit.

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, Feb. 9th
at 8:00am in the
fellowship hall.
All women are
WELCOME!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast
is Saturday, January 20th at
7:00am in the fellowship hall.
All Men are welcome to attend -
Come at 6:00 to help cook!

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

www.lamarchristian.info

Return Service Requested

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 at 5:00PM on Monday, December 18, 2023 in the Fellowship hall with the following in attendance: Kara Matteson (our youngest SS!), Ray & Susanne Matteson, Dorothy Comer, Niles & Rosella Voigt, Kay Slough, Judy Weber, Nancy Voss, Larry Tracy, Ron Clausen, Deleta Downen, Alice Clark, Nancy Idler, Susan Gourley, Cody Laughlin, Don Colclazier, and Betty Clark. Good Crowd!

We visited with each other while the ladies got things ready to eat. Ray offered our blessing and we ate the good food brought in - Oh we have good cooks in Senior Saints. Lots of visiting, teasing and laughing going on while we ate. Shortly after eating and after the ladies got things put away Betty called the meeting to order - as usual not a whole lot of business. Ray volunteered to do devotions for January - Thank you Ray. Ronnie had devotions for tonight. He did a wonderful talk on listening and doing God's will. Thank you Ronnie!

Some prayer requests; Les & Nancy - we missed them tonight. Laura Hobden and her family are going through some difficult times right now. We just heard shortly before our meeting that Wayne Stiles went to be with the Lord just today. He will be missed not only by his family but by his church family as well. Please keep Kathy and the boys in your prayers. T.J. Sanders is still fighting cancer and needs our prayers. Judy Weber is having more problems with her medication. Tom Lewis is still having problems and needs to be kept in prayer. Our Country and State and the World situation. The Middle East fighting - oh how we need God's help right now and He is willing but we just need to let Him work. Our church family - so much sadness right now in our church family with the Holidays and missing some very dear loved ones. I just found out that my neighbor Rob Hunt passed away - keep Betty his wife and his family in your prayers. Thank God that He is still in control! Oh how we need to get back to God right now! He is always there waiting for us to ask Him and He does hear! Our Ministers and Elders and Deacons and staff. This is a very busy time for them. Of course they need our prayers daily - sometimes we just take them for granted. Well, enough preaching!

We had 3 tables of Round-a-bout. At #1 Nancy Voss, Dorothy Comer, Susan, Ron, Kay and Cody. Nancy Voss, Dorothy Comer and Kay won both games. Table #2 was Kara, Alice Clark, Susanne, Nancy I. and Rosella. Kara won both games. Table #3 was Niles, Judy, Deleta, and Betty. Niles and Deleta won 1 and Judy and Betty won 1. I think everybody had a good time - lots of teasing and hollering going on - if anyone came during our games and heard us scolding each other they would think we were mad - but Not So! We love each other and love teasing each other. We were through about 7:30 and turned the furnace down and headed home. One table was still playing but I understand they finished shortly thereafter and they turned the lights off.

Luann was out of town and not there to see if we needed anything - we missed her. Thank you Luann for all you do for us Seniors. Thank you Brian Lauritsen for putting up and taking down our tables and chairs- we appreciate it!

Our next Senior Saints meeting and supper will be January 15th, 2024 - see I remembered it would be 2024! We invite anybody who would like to join this crazy group - just bring something to share and come prepared to have a good time.

Well out of room and also news. Nuff for now.

Betty Clark, Reporter