

# Lamar Christian Church

## January 2026 Newsletter

**THANK YOU!**  
To the Schmidt family, and to all who helped to prepare a delicious dinner on Christmas Day. It was enjoyed by all that attended!

**We will collect for Gifts For The King through Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The money given will be split between Cornerstone Resource Center & Care Net Pregnancy Center.**

### Winter Study Start Dates

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Women's Wed. AM Study - February (TBA)  
Women's Wednesday PM Study - January 7  
Men's Wednesday PM Study - January 7  
Carlos' Study - January 7  
Ray's Study - January 7  
Susanne's Tuesday Noon Study - January 6  
Young Adult Study - January 14  
KGS Kids - January 14  
1824 Study - January 18

### Read Joshua & Judges, John & Revelation in Community during 2026

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You have two opportunities a week to join others and read the Bible all year long. On Sunday we meet at 9:15 AM in Room 12, or you can come to the Tuesday Noon group at the RFOM room. Both groups will read the same schedule of 5-7 chapters (Old and New Testament) a week. This is a Bible reading plan that is achievable and enjoyable since you share the journey with many other people. Contact Susanne Matteson at 719-241-0116 if you have any questions. Come and join us!

### 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  
Worship/Youth Director - Cassandra Batson  
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg

### 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

# Ray

## More Sermon Ideas Needed

We invited people to suggest some sermon ideas for the year, but we haven't done a good job reminding you to do so. Please write down your ideas and put them in the Prayer boxes at the doorways or text your ideas to Ray or Carlos. By the way, someone still suggested Revelation :}.

The theme for January will be Making It Stick in '26. Corny, I know, but maybe it will help you remember it.

## Mexico Mission Trip Meeting

January 11, 2026 at 4:00pm

We are planning to go to Acuna to build a house for a family March 14-20, 2026. If you are planning or just thinking about going please come to the meeting on 1/11/26 at 4:00pm. We will be nailing down our plans and getting needed forms and information out.

## Greetings Saints,

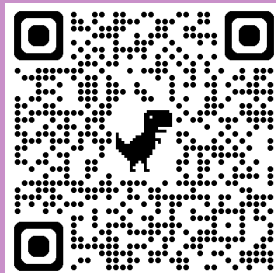
I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are anticipating a better year to come. Starting the New Year with some goals in mind? How about becoming a better disciple for Christ? Discipleship small group begins January 7th. We will meet in Room #11 on Wednesday nights at 6 pm. This is a great study to do as couples as well. Everyone is welcome but space is limited.

A sign-up sheet is posted outside the main office.

If you are interested in being a part of the next Kairos weekend this spring, those dates are set for April 23-26. It's never too early to begin the process of getting your volunteer status approved. The website for that is: [https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer\\_training/](https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer_training/) or just scan the QR code below. If you have any questions or need help in getting signed up, let me know, and I would be happy to assist you with that. Team meeting dates will be determined in the coming weeks.

Blessings,

Carlos



Cassandra

## Youth & Worship Update

I pray everyone had a beautiful Christmas season filled with the goodness and presence of Jesus. Christmas looked a little different this year for Tyler and me, but God blessed us with a quiet, peaceful first Christmas together as husband and wife. In the middle of a season that can feel so rushed, He truly gave us rest, stillness, joy, and sweet time together — exactly what I talked about on Christmas Eve. I'm so thankful for that gift.

I also want to express my gratitude to everyone who poured their hearts into the Christmas Cantata. It was such a blessing, and I hope it encouraged your hearts as much as it did mine. Our Christmas Eve service was a beautiful reminder of the hope we have in Christ, and I am so thankful to serve a church that worships so deeply and loves so well.

**As we enter the new year, I'm excited to step forward together in faith! Middle School Youth will return on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, and High School Youth will return on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Be on the lookout for camp information and forms coming home with your students in January! As always, schedules for Youth and Worship are posted outside my office door on the second level. I can't wait to see how God moves in 2026!**

— Cassandra Batson, Youth & Worship Director

## LCSM Winter Schedule

### December

Dec 1 - HS Bible Study  
Dec 3 - MS Youth  
Dec 7 - HS Youth  
Dec 8 - HS Bible Study  
Dec 10 - MS Youth  
Dec 14 - HS Youth  
Dec 15 - HS Bible Study  
Dec 17 - MS Youth

### WINTER BREAK

### JANUARY

Jan 7 - MS Youth  
Jan 11 - HS Youth  
Jan 12 - HS Bible Study  
Jan 14 - MS Youth  
Jan 18 - HS Youth  
Jan 19 - HS Bible Study  
Jan 21 - MS Youth  
Jan 25 - HS Youth  
Jan 26 - HS Bible Study  
Jan 28 - MS Youth

### FEBRUARY

Feb 1 - HS Youth  
Feb 2 - HS Bible Study  
Feb 4 - MS Youth  
Feb 8 - HS Youth  
Feb 9 - HS Bible Study  
Feb 11 - MS Youth  
Feb 15 - HS Youth  
Feb 16 - HS Bible Study  
Feb 18 - MS Youth  
Feb 22 - HS Youth  
Feb 23 - HS Bible Study  
Feb 25 - MS Youth



SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	1/4/26	1/11/26	1/18/26	1/25/26
DEVO LEAD - E	John Adams	Justin Homm	Jeff Hobden	John Adams
DEVO LEAD - L	Anthony LaTour	Rick Akers	Pat Leonard	Carlos Torres
SERV IN CHG - E	Jeff Hobden	Bryan Herrera	Justin Homm	Monty Coen
SERV IN CHG - L	Ken Smartt	Ken Montoya	Anthony LaTour	Norm Arends
SHUT-IN 1	Albert Moreno	Ken Montoya	Brian Lauritsen	Mitch Finney
SHUT-IN 2	Joe Baca	Dustin DeWitt	Joe Baca	Jason Herrera
COMMUNION	Nina & Lisa Denman			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	1/4/26	1/11/26	1/18/26	1/25/26
LEADER - B	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
DRUMS	BRITTIN	KEENAN	KEENAN	JOSH
KEYS	MARAH	ALICIA	JULIE	ALICIA
BASS GUITAR	ROD T	COLIN	DAVID	COLIN
ACOUSTIC	TYLER	TYLER	ROD T	TYLER
ELECTRIC				
VOCAL	TALA	KATY	KATHY	HEATHER
VOCAL	CHAR	MELODY	JOY	ALEXA
VOCAL	SHELBY	DIXIE		
LEADER	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
DRUMS	BRITTIN	KEENAN	KEENAN	JOSH
KEYS	MARAH	ALICIA	JULIE	ALICIA
BASS	ROD T	COLIN	DAVID	COLIN
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ELECTRIC				
VOCAL	TALA	KATY	KATHY	HEATHER
VOCAL	CHAR	MELODY	JOY	ALEXA
VOCAL	SHELBY	DIXIE		
SOUND-BOTH	CARLOS	BRIAN	RORY	BRAD
MEDIA - B	HOMM	SCHMIDT	HERRERA	HOMM
MEDIA - C	PAT/JOAN	ROD/PAT	JAYCE/CHLOE	JOAN/ROD



# Prayer Requests

Sheri Higgins  
Joy Schultz  
Monte Ausmus  
Madesyn Martin  
Jade Torres  
Joe Baggett  
Isaac Snyder  
Josiah Wertz  
Deano Scranton  
Roger Cordova  
Rod Ausmus  
Omar Esparza  
Pam Weirich  
Joanie Dorris



## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 LaVetta Harbert         | 15 Glen Smith               |
| 3 Callie Gadash           | 19 Ethan Settles            |
| 4 Rob Vallejos            | *John & Maria Navarrette    |
| David Scriven             | 20 Sharon Headrick          |
| 5 Isaiah LaTour           | Waylon Sharp                |
| Cassandra Batson          | *Dave & Luann Tecklenburg   |
| 6 *Keenan & Kelsey Thomas | 21 Jim Cardinelli           |
| 7 Susan Gourley           | 23 Mike Duffy               |
| 10 June Wolfe             | 24 *Kelley & Arvenia Morris |
| 11 Shawn Cardinelli       | 25 Rick Akers               |
| Julie Hobden              | 26 Faith Ramsay             |
| Kelsey Thomas             | 27 Aspen Hawkins            |
| 13 Claude Schultz         | 28 Stetson Hawkins          |
| 14 Betty Filbeck          | Lucy Specht                 |
| Michelle Hobden           |                             |

There will be a  
**PRAYER MEETING**  
on Sunday,  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
at **4:00PM** in  
the **RFOM**. All are  
**Welcome to attend!**

### BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive  
is Tuesday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
from 11:30 to 4:00 in  
the fellowship hall.  
Go to [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) to make an  
appointment. Walk-ins are  
welcome as time allows.

*Joy Ministries*

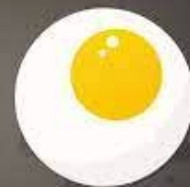
JOY will meet on Thursday,  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00AM  
In the fellowship hall to  
clean the tables. All ladies  
are Welcome!

Giving Statements  
will be at the  
Welcome Center  
by Sunday, January  
**11<sup>th</sup>**. Please pick  
yours up to save on  
postage as any left  
after 2 Sundays will  
be mailed.

### SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome  
to attend Senior Saint's  
Fellowship the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
of the month (January date is  
the 19<sup>th</sup>) at 5:00PM in  
the Fellowship Hall.  
Please bring a dish to  
share and join us for  
dinner and games!

**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**



The next Men's Breakfast  
is Saturday, **January 17<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, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the fellowship hall. We had a good turn out - 21 people came to share a good meal and great desserts. After we had a prayer, the meal, and clean up Ray had the devotion. Diane Smith will do next month's devotion.

We divided up into groups to play Round-a-bout. We had three tables playing. Two tables had six players and one table had four players. At the first table each team won a game. At the second table the same and the third table split. Also, everybody won and lost and had a great time.

Our next Senior Saints will be January 19, 2026. All Seniors or others are welcome to come and enjoy a great meal and fun and games.

Ron Clausen

## **1824 STUDY**

This study for 18-24 year olds will start back up on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM in the fellowship hall.  
Following the study a meal is served at 6:00.

## **Freezer Meals**

The Young Adult Study group put together chicken soup freezer meals for anyone that needs them post surgery, to replace meal benefits, grieving families, etc. The meals will be in the freezer in the table storage room.

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!

