

Daylight
Savings
begins on
March 10th!



On EASTER SUNDAY we will have services at our regular times - 8:00AM & 10:30AM, with a FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH between the 2 services. All are welcome to attend - just bring a dish to share!

FUNDRAISER FOR RAY & RAMONA OROZCO

Friday, March 1st from 5-8pm in the Lamar Christian Fellowship Hall.

Pulled Pork prepared by Lucky's, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,

Dessert & Drink - \$20 per adult, \$10 per 10 and under.

Meals can be eaten at the church or taken to go.

* The Orozcoco were involved in a vehicle/pedestrian accident on February 10th. Money raised will help with medical expenses.



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!

JOSH WILSON CONCERT

Free
Entry

Lamar Community Building
610 S 6th St
Lamar, CO 81052

● ● ● 7:00PM March 22nd

Known for Contemporary Christian hits like: "Jesus Is Alive", "Before The Morning", "That Was Then, This Is Now", "Fall Apart", & "I Refuse"

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 Downen, Brian Lauritsen, Monty Coen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt

Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Dave Tecklenburg

Ray

Casas por Cristo Trip March 9-15

We have a good team of 18 (maybe 19) people going to build a house in Acuna' Mexico. We appreciate your prayers for safe travel and as we work on building the house. Please pray for the Raul Cassio HDZ family we are building for as well and that we can help point them to Jesus. They lost their daughter last year and are raising their granddaughter. Also, if you feel led to contribute toward the building materials we are still about \$2000.00 short of our goal. Thank you for all your support for this mission. We are looking forward to having our own Dominic Esprza lead us in building the house.

Como Ride '24 Aug. 8-11, 2024

It's time to get these dates on your calendar and plan to join us for the annual Como Ride & Retreat. It is a week earlier than normal. We are looking forward to seeing who goes and what the Lord does among us.

Keeping the Vision and Mission Out There

I am grateful that the Unlimited Jesus Series impacted so many in our church. This is just the beginning of focusing on the Unlimited Jesus and our Mission: Building a community that loves God, cares for others, and connects with both. We will continue to keep that the focus of what we seek to accomplish for God's kingdom and His glory over the next few years. Our values will guide our life and ministry as a church. Those values are:

- 1) Unchanging Biblical Truth
- 2) Unceasing Prayer
- 3) Uncommon Generosity
- 4) Unselfish Service
- 5) Undivided Family

REMINDER!

There will be a GREETER TRAINING for all current and prospective door greeters on Sunday, March 3rd at 9:15 in the fellowship hall.

KEVIN

Does anybody still read this? LOL JK... Sorry just trying to get good with hip kids lingo although, I think that's about 10 years ago. I definitely need to get in the know however because as you're reading this I either have a kid, or am very shortly about to have a child. Obviously this is a big life change and I'm not fully sure how it'll impact ministry going forward so bear with me, and don't be an OP. (More Youth Language). Some updates from February - we had two College students give their lives to Jesus! For March we are going to keep moving forward with business as usual, and see what life brings!

DATE NIGHT

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you Elders and wives for providing a great night last Sunday for couples to get together, have good food and fellowship and fun together.

The Elders planned it and led the evening and members of the youth and college ministry served those who participated in the evening. Hopefully you sat at a table where you did not know people, so that you could get to know them!

What a fun and blessed night it was.
Thank you Elders and wives!

IAN

March Sermon Series - Through the month of March, we will be traveling the Easter road, one which focusses on the Easter story. We will meet people who met Jesus, and see the changes and challenges that He brought to their lives. We will read of challenges that Jesus brings to our lives today. We will be challenged to live differently than we do now, in order to receive blessings onto our lives, in order to be a blessing to others.

For Easter Sunday, we encourage everyone to bring family and friends with them to one of our services, and then take them to the potluck brunch between services. Several college students are not able to go home for Easter, so invite some of them to join you for church and brunch! Be an intentional blessing to others.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - We continue the Bible study through the letter to the Hebrews on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm in the RFOM room. There is room for a couple more to join us. All you need to bring is your Bible, lesson material provided.

April Sermon Series - The title of Ian's April sermon series will be, "The Church That Might Have Been". This phrase resonated greatly with me when I used it in a sermon a few weeks ago. It has been reinforced in reading about so many congregations closing their doors-in the thousands a year. It raises the vital questions as to why they closed, because none of them planned to fail. What can this congregation be doing differently than we now are, not to ensure that we just maintain-maintaining is dying slowly. Are we just existing to keep the bills paid and the doors open, or are we striving to thrive and grow in representing Jesus to our county, to become a dynamic force for God's glory in Southeastern Colorado, whatever it takes? The title also works for ourselves. "The man/woman that might we have been!"

I have yet to meet anyone who does not have life regrets. Yes, some have told me that they have none, but when pressed to be honest, even those who initially said no, admitted to many poor life choice and relational failures, let alone sins committed. All of these issues and more will be unpackaged and challenged so that as we all move forward, we will move forward with only one intent: to represent Jesus to our lost and spiritually empty world.

Winding Down

As Lori and I wind down our 30 ministry with you, we want to ensure that you remain supportive of the ministry of the church-you. That is not just implying financial support, but relational and ministry support that ensures that the ministries of this congregation are fully resourced for future years of ministry, that congregation takes risks to grow in ministry, facility and impact. Just because Lori and I will be absent from services for a few months, does not mean that we have left town-we are not foreseeably. It does mean that you all re-focus your ministry with Ray as Lead Pastor from May onwards. It does not mean that you look for another congregation to attend. That shows that your relationship with God is rather immature, in which case I have failed both you and our Lord to some degree!

I understand relationship ties. Lori and I have been through a lot together with so many of you. But church is not about Lori and Ian, it is all about Jesus and his kingdom to come, and the thousands in our county who are without Jesus as Lord, partly because we have not been faithful as Jesus followers in intentionally sharing Him with others.

So, band together in Jesus. Don't just pray for church growth, that is only a part of the need. Go out and talk to people about Jesus, minister to them with God's love unapologetically. Share Jesus with people whom you know and many that you say you love, but not enough to share Jesus eh?

In the fall, we will start to attend again. We are praying about what ministries we participate in as the Elders guide us. We will be available to listen to you, pray for you, love on you, but Ray will be the Lead Pastor, not Ian. Call Ray, not Ian.

I will still be teaching at LCC and Granada High School. I will still be a chaplain at PMC. I hope to teach a Wednesday night study in the fall. I used to write poems, lyrics and stories when I lived in Britain. I hope to write a series of children's books in the near future. I will continue to be involved in the community in Jesus name. Other than that, I have no clue, God has not shown me that part yet. At the end of May, Lori and I are hoping to head home to visit with my new sister and to spend time with ailing family, and to refresh with my British friends. That will be a good break for us, and help us to emotionally and relationally re-set our lives.

So, what to do? Pray for the Elders, Ray, Kevin, Kelsey and Rod as they lead the church in worship and ministry, and serve in Jesus name without apology, without excuse and in the power and name of Jesus. Share a prayer for Lori and I as we find our new role with you all in the fall.

Blessings and grace, and to God be the Glory.

Please be sure to get approval from Ian, Ray, or an Elder BEFORE you post information on the church bulletin board.

SERVER SCHEDULE

| ASSIGNMENT | 3/3/24 | 3/10/24 | 3/17/24 | 3/24/24 | 3/31/24 |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| DEVOTION LEADER - E | | Chris Wilkinson | Jared Crabtree | Ray Matteson | Monty Coen |
| DEVOTION LEADER - L | Shane Dashner | Pat Leonard | Dave Barber | Ray Matteson | Mike Duffy |
| SERVER IN CHARGE - E | Justin Homm | Lee Downen | Ron Schmidt | Monty Coen | Jared Crabtree |
| SERVER IN CHARGE - L | Joel Souders | Rick Akers | Pat Leonard | Ken Montoya | Norm Arends |
| SHUT- IN COMM - 1 | Albert Moreno | Peter Jabo | Mitch Finney | Ken Montoya | Mitch Finney |
| SHUT- IN COMM - 2 | Brian Lauritsen | Rick Akers | Dustin DeWitt | Mitch Finney | Brian Lauritsen |
| GREETERS - E | John Adams | Don Colclazier | Eddie Koehn | Sam Tecklenburg | Elders |
| GREETERS - L | Niles Voigt | Monte Ausmus | Joe Harbert | Pat Leonard | Elders |
| COMMUNION PREP | Barb Scriven, Wanda Simmons, Cody Laughlin & Alice Clark | | | | |

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| ASSIGNMENT: | <u>3/3/24</u> | <u>3/10/24</u> | <u>3/17/24</u> | <u>3/24/24</u> | <u>3/31/24</u> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| DRUMS | KEENAN | JOSH | KEENAN | BRITTIN | KEENAN |
| KEYBOARD | MARAH | | ALICIA | JULIE | JULIE |
| BASS | ZACK | RAY | EMILY | DAVE | DAVE |
| ELEC. GUITAR | ROD T. | ROD A. | JOSH | JOSH | JOSH |
| GUITAR | MARIAH | ROD T. | ROD T. | ROD T. | ROD T. |
| VOCAL | KATY | CONNIE | HEATHER | KATHY | |
| VOCAL | AMBER | RHONDA | ALEXA | JOY | |
| VOCAL | | | | | |
| SOUND TECH | BRIAN | KENNY | RORY | RORY | RORY |
| VIDEO LATE | JAYCE/CHLOEE | KEVIN/REBECCA | JOAN/TALA | PAT | PAT |
| 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 | SCHMIDT |

Prayer Requests

Sherry Schemahorn
Laura Hobden
Russ Hobden
Vera Hammons
David Payne
Charlie Whiting
Wanda Simmons
Richard Stickler
Ida Heinson
Ray & Ramona Orozco
Karen Courkamp
Todd Brown
Truett Sires

Memorials

In Memory of: Les Scriven

From: Peggy Fowler
Sue Day
Senior Saints
Betty Clark
Joan Thrall
Judy Turpin
Dave & Lori Payne

In Memory of: Wayne Stiles

From: Joe & Laura Buffalo

*Our Sympathy
for the Loss of a
Loved One*

*George Hutchison
passed away on 1/29*

*Les Scriven
passed away on 2/18*

*TJ Sanders
passed away on 2/20*

*Lauren Grasmick
passed away on 2/22*

March Birthdays & *Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Patricia LaTour | 23 | Alexa Ridder |
| 3 | Anna Carere | | Margaret Thompson |
| | Tim Courkamp | | Joan Thrall |
| | Staci DeWitt | 24 | Charlie Homm |
| | Jo May | | Connie Wertz |
| 4 | Mike Steed | 25 | Linda Longworth |
| 6 | Ray Matteson | | Rod Thomas |
| | Kayden Ridder | 26 | Jason Herrera |
| | *Chad & Jennifer Hawkins | | David Lawrence |
| 10 | Roxie Rankin | 28 | Garrett Headrick |
| 12 | Kay Arends | | Jeanette Rodarmel |
| | Lori Hammer | 29 | Tell Piner |
| 13 | Sue Day | | Alyssa Postma |
| | Sandy Denham | | Cody Harris |
| | *Kyle & Melissa Miller | | *Tim & Jo May |
| 15 | Bryce Hiigel | 30 | Bexley Brown |
| | Sam Tecklenburg | | Branton Brown |
| 18 | Ansley Herrera | | Angie Havenstein |
| 20 | Don Emick | 31 | Sue Tecklenburg |

JOY MINISTRIES

The next JOY meeting is Thursday, March 28th at 1:00, beginning with a Prayer Walk at Care Net Pregnancy Center. A regular business meeting will follow at the church. We will collect baby items (diapers, wipes, onesies, etc.) in a bin in the fellowship hall for the month of March.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BAPTISMS!

Ezra Kathrein - 2/6
Taylor Chavira - 2/11
Levi Lucio - 2/11
Damien Cervantes - 2/11
Emma DeForest - 2/11

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive will be Tuesday, April 16th 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

The next Women's Breakfast will be Saturday, March 9th at 8:00am in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, March 16th at 7:00am in the fellowship hall. All Men are welcome to attend - Come at 6:00 to help cook!

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811 South Main Street
Lamar, CO 81052
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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, February 19, 2024 in the fellowship hall with the following in attendance: Kara Matteson, Dorothy Comer, Susan Gourley, Larry Tracy, Cody Laughlin, Ray & Susanne Matteson, Niles & Rosella Voigt, Kay Slough, Deleta Downen, Judy Weber, Alice Mauch, Alice Clark, Nancy Idler, Don Colclazier, and Betty Clark. Small but good crowd. We visited while the ladies were getting things set up. Ray offered our prayer and we chowed down - lots of good food. YUM YUM. Luann was there to see if we needed anything - she's a blessing to us! We visited while we were eating.

Shortly after eating Betty called the meeting to order. One sad note - we just found out that our friend Les Scriven went to be with the Lord late last night. Please keep Nancy and his family in your prayers. Les was an active member of Senior Saints since its first start up and served on the advisory board several times. Personal note: Les and Betty and Floyd and I took many trips together and went camping together a lot of times. Never a cross word ever - good memories! He will be missed by his whole church family as well as his family.

Susanne volunteered to do devotions next month - thank you Susanne! Ray gave a good devotion about really reading the Bible - letting God talk to us through His word. Sometimes we don't take time to get the true meaning of what we are reading. Thank you Ray - we all needed that reminder.

We had 4 tables of Round-a-bout. Table #1 - Kay, Dorothy, Cody and Rosella. Kay and Cody won 2 and Dorothy and Rosella won 1. At table #2 - Nancy, Susanne, Alice Mauch, Alice Clark, and Kara. I think Kara won 3. Table #3 - Judy, Deleta, Niles (the menace) and Betty. Niles kept taking us all off and he enjoyed every minute of it! I didn't get the winners written down - I should be fired from this job! The other table was Susan and 3 others. Sorry!

We did get to meet the new custodian, Heath Cave - we didn't get to meet his fiancé Courtney who cleans with him. We did invite them both to eat with us if they wanted to in the future. Seemed real nice - we did warn him about these crazy seniors.

I just found out that TJ Sanders passed away. He had been fighting cancer. Keep his family in your prayers. Also Laura Hobden - she has 2 more treatments to undergo.

Our next Senior Saints meeting will be on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 5:00PM. Everybody is welcome to come to our meetings. Just bring something to share and be prepared to have a good time and a good supper.

Well this is a mess! I hope Luann can read it - my fingers just didn't want to work right.

Nuff for now.

Betty Clark, Reporter