



Lamar Christian Church

December 2025 Newsletter



CHRISTMAS EVE

Join us at one of our 3 service times on
Wednesday, December 24th ~

2:00PM, 3:30PM & 5:00PM

Ron & Amy Schmidt
are preparing a
delicious dinner at
noon on Christmas
Day. Anyone is
Welcome to attend -
please bring a side
dish or dessert -
help with meal
prep is Welcome!

The Sunday after
Christmas,
December 28th, we
will have 1 combined
service at 10:00

We will decorate the church
for the Christmas season
on Saturday, December 6th
at 9:00AM. All are welcome
to join the fun!

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
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

Ray

'Tis the Season

For many it is an extra busy season. For some it is a lonely season. For some it is a painful season. For some it is a fun season and a joyful season. For us as Christ followers it should be a grateful, hopeful season.

No matter what kind of season it may be for you, I hope you can keep Jesus and the celebration of His birth at the forefront of the season. It can be tough to do, because the enemy's goal is to distract us and make us forget what Christmas is truly about.

December's message series will be "*The Journey to the Manger*" from Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-12. We will focus on a journey of faith, obedience and worship.

- December 7 – The Waiting: Trusting God's timing and promises.
- December 14 – The Journey: Faith in action through obedience and challenges.
- December 21 – Cantata Program and a devotion: The Arrival: God's plans unfolding in unexpected ways.
- December 28 – The Response: Worship, gratitude, and sharing the good news. **Just one service on this day.**

Please be sure to make note of the special events and dates of things happening including Decoration Day at 9:00AM on December 6th, Christmas Eve Services at 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00, and remember there will be only one service on December 28th at 10:00.

Casas por Cristo Mission Trip Meeting

If you are interested in going to Acuna, Mexico to help us build a house March 14-20, 2026 please attend an important meeting Sunday, December 7th at 4pm. We need to begin planning and preparing to help a family get a new house. See you then.

You Pick the Series

I am going out on a whim, or maybe a limb in 2026. You get to have a say in what we will be preaching on in 2026. We will be taking sermon ideas for messages and series. If you have a Bible book you want us to study or a topic you feel needs addressed or maybe a question you would like answered, you will be given a chance to write that down in December. Clarifications: 1) There is no guarantee we can or will do them all. 2) I know Revelation will be one the list, but that is one of the books Susanne is covering in her class on Sunday mornings and Tuesday at Noon (Hey, she chose it 😊). 3) Carlos and Ray will choose what we cover from the suggestions, but we are open to bribes. 4) January 4th will be "Make it Stick in '26".

We will begin our annual Gifts For The King (GFTK) collection on December 1st and continue through the first week of January. This year the money given will be split between Cornerstone Resource Center and Care Net Pregnancy Center.

Greetings Saints,

I just wanted to say thank you for all your prayers during the Kairos Weekend. It was a success, as always. We had several men put their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior and many whose lives were transformed by the love of God not just the men in white, but also those from our very team. God is always meeting us where we're at. I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Carlos

Cassandra

Youth & Worship Update

Thank you for your continued prayers as I recover from surgery. I also want to offer a huge thank you to all of our worship leaders and youth leaders who have been holding down the fort and serving so faithfully while I've been out—you are truly a blessing.

For the month of December, worship will continue with the same set for both services each Sunday. All schedules for Worship, Youth Group, and Sunday School will be posted outside my office door on the second level for easy reference.

Our Christmas Cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 21st, at both services. Please invite family and friends to join us for this special service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior together.

— Cassandra Batson, Youth & Worship Director

LCSM Winter Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Mon, Dec 1 - 7:30pm	Dec 3 - 6:00pm
Sun, Dec 7 - 6:00pm	Dec 10 - 6:00pm
Mon, Dec 8 - 7:30pm	Dec 17 - 6:00pm
Sun, Dec 14 - 6:00pm	WINTER BREAK
WINTER BREAK	Jan 7 - 6:00pm
Jan 11 - 6:00pm	
Jan 12 - 7:30pm	



SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	12/7/25	12/14/25	12/21/25	12/28/25
DEVO LEAD - E	Rod Ausmus	Jeff Hobden	Ron Clausen	Brian Herrera
DEVO LEAD - L	Rod Ausmus	Pat Leonard	Mike Duffy	ONE SERVICE
SERV IN CHG - E	Jeff Hobden	Ron Schmidt	Justin Homm	Ron Schmidt
SERV IN CHG - L	Ken Montoya	Jim Ramsay	Rick Akers	ONE SERVICE
SHUT-IN 1	Albert Moreno	Jason Herrera	Mitch Finney	Mitch Finney
SHUT-IN 2	Ken Montoya	Dustin DeWitt	Joe Baca	Brian Lauritsen
COMMUNION	Peggy Fowler & Sue Tecklenburg			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	12/7/25	12/14/25	12/21/25	12/28/25
LEADER - B	ALICIA J	ROD T	CANTATA	CARLOS
DRUMS	KEENAN	BRITTIN	CANTATA	KEENAN
KEYS	ALICIA J	JULIE	CANTATA	JADE
BASS GUITAR	ROD T	DAVID	CANTATA	DAVID
ACOUSTIC	TYLER	ROD T	CANTATA	CARLOS
ELECTRIC				
VOCAL	KATY	KATHY	CANTATA	CONNIE
VOCAL	MELODY	JOY	CANTATA	RHONDA
VOCAL				
LEADER				
DRUMS				
KEYS				
BASS				
ACOUSTIC				
ELECTRIC				
VOCAL				
VOCAL				
VOCAL				
SOUND-BOTH	KEN	RORY	RORY	BRIAN
MEDIA - B	SCHMIDT	HOMM	HERRERA	HOMM
MEDIA - C	PAT/JOAN	JAYCE/CHLOE	ROD/PAT	BRAD/BRITTIN

Prayer Requests

Sheri Higgins
Joy Schultz
Monte Ausmus
Madesyn Martin
Jade Torres
Joe Baggett
Isaac Snyder
Josiah Wertz
Cassandra Batson
Shawn Pelley
Deano Scranton
Roger Davidson
Roman Evans
Ida Heinson



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Judy Souders | 15 John Paul Unruh |
| 3 Barb O'Neal | 16 Jack Wolfe |
| 4 Julie Thomas | 18 Sandra Sniff |
| Janee Steed | Sarah Settles |
| Paxton Lucio | 19 Cindy Otto |
| 5 Monte Ausmus | 20 Mitch Cass |
| 6 Jadelles Torres | Brock Reedy |
| 7 Deleta Downen | 21 Leilanie Kisamore |
| 10 Cheryl Tague | Mariah Moreno |
| 11 Michelle Hiigel | 22 Sherry Settles |
| 14 Brock Sniff | 26 Doug Harbour |

*Anthony & Patricia LaTour

There will be a
PRAYER MEETING
on Sunday,
December 14th
at 4:00PM in
the RFOM. All are
Welcome to attend!

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive
is Tuesday, **December 16th**
from 11:30 to 4:30 in
the fellowship hall.
Go to vitalant.org to make an
appointment. Walk-ins are
welcome as time allows.

Joy Ministries

JOY will meet on Thursday,
December 18th at 10:00AM
at Brew Unto Others for a
White Elephant Gift
Exchange. All ladies
are Welcome!

Last Meeting Dates

Women's Wed. AM - 12/3
Women's Wed. PM - 12/10
Men's Wed. PM - 12/17
Ray's Study - 12/10
Young Adult - 12/10
KGS Kids - 12/10

SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome
to attend Senior Saint's
Fellowship the 3rd Monday
of the month (December date
is the 15th) 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, **December 20th**
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 on November 17, 2025. We had 19 people participating in our monthly potluck. The food and the desserts were great and plentiful as always. When the meal was done, Ron Clausen had the devotion. Next month's devotion will be led by Ray Matteson.

We then divided up into groups to play Round-a-bout. Table 1 was Diane Smith and Monica DeBono against Niles Voigt and Glen Smith. Glen and Niles won 2 games. Table 2 was Cody Laughlin and Kay Slough against Rosella Voigt and Deleta Downen. Cody and Kay won 3 and Rosella and Deleta won 1.

Table 3 was Judy Weber, Susan Gourley, Dorothy Comer, Carol Pearson and Nancy Voss. Judy won 1 game and Dorothy won 2 games. Everybody had a great time - good food and good fellowship.

December 15th is the next Senior Saints Potluck.

Ron Clausen

1824 STUDY

This study for 18-24 year olds.

It is led by Dave & Vicky Barber and meets on
Sundays 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!

