



# Lamar Christian Church

October 2025  
Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar for the "Refresh" Ladies Event!  
**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00-4:00**



- Lamar Christian Church Fellowship Hall
- \$40 (includes Breakfast & Lunch)
- Childcare provided
- Registration forms available at the office or Welcome Center - RSVP by 10/11

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Speaker at  
[pegarnold.org](http://pegarnold.org)



## **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

## Heavy Hearts

We have had a tough several months as a church family as we have watched some of our family go through some really tough times. These include: the loss of precious family members, some who left us far too early. We have seen people we care about endure tragic accidents and injuries too, some have had cancer diagnoses and treatments, and not to mention some of the events that have affected our community and nation.

Carlos talked about being an Undivided Family on September 28<sup>th</sup> as he addressed our fifth value. Some of these things do cause us to draw closer and more united, others have the potential of dividing and creating strife. That is Satan's goal. We must guard against his attempts and stay focused on the One who unites us and the work He has called us to do. Lives are changed through Jesus. He gives us hope, comfort, help, strength and ultimate salvation and meaning. He is the one who heals and unites. Let's keep our eyes on Him.

## Sermons for October - Back to Romans

After our little vision, mission and values refresh, we are jumping back into Romans where we left off.

10/5/25	UP with Christ	Romans 13:11-14
10/12/15	Faith that Stands	Romans 14:1-12
10/19/25	People Over Convictions	Romans 14:12-23
10/26/25	Building up the Body	Romans 15:1-13

## Lots of Opportunities to Grow

We always have some good groups to join in order to keep strong and growing in our faith. The regular Sunday and Wednesday night opportunities for all ages, but we have some others in October that you may want to be sure to take advantage of:

**The Chosen Study group** meets on Friday evenings at 5:45 for a meal, fellowship, watching an episode and discussion. This is open to anyone who wants to attend.

**Stand Firm** - Men's One Day Conference at Grace Family Worship Center, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am for Breakfast. You can register online, on the app or at the event. This is a great opportunity to join other men who are wanting to "Man UP" as they seek to be the men Christ wants them to be.

**Refresh** - A new one day event for the ladies who join in fellowship, teaching, eating and encouraging one another. See the information in this newsletter or online.

## Staff Concerns

Sounds bad right? Not to scare you, but these deal with some health concerns. I know you share our concerns for a couple of staff members and their families: Jadelle will be undergoing testing and treatment for a cancer diagnosis. Please be in prayer for the best forms of treatment and her overall health. Cassandra has an upcoming hip surgery later in October and will require some recovery time as well.

Carlos and Cassandra will need some time out of the office to deal with these issues. We are not sure what that will look like for Carlos for sure, but we want to give him the time needed to support Jadalle over the next few months. Please be in prayer for both of these servants during this time and I hope we will find other ways to support them as well.

## Youth & Worship Update

September was such a testimony of God's goodness and faithfulness in our church family. From times of worship to discipleship with our students, I have seen hearts stirred toward Christ and lives encouraged in His Word. A highlight of the month for me was our Worship Night, where we gathered as a church family to lift high the name of Jesus. It was a powerful reminder that God is moving in our midst and drawing hearts closer to Him through worship.

Tyler and I also want to extend a huge thank you to Susanne and the other ladies who hosted the beautiful wedding reception for us, and to everyone who blessed us with gifts and love. Your kindness is a reflection of Christ's love, and we are deeply grateful to be part of such a generous and caring body.

As we move into October, I am leading our high school Bible study through the Gospel of Mark, beholding the life and ministry of Jesus as the One who brings the Good News. In youth group, we are continuing our series on identity, discovering the deep truths of who God says we are and how that shapes every part of our lives. Please also be in prayer for me as I prepare for hip surgery on October 28<sup>th</sup>, trusting the Lord for His healing and strength during that time.

The kids are also preparing for a special performance on October 26<sup>th</sup>! They have already begun practicing their music on Wednesday nights during KGS Kids from 6:00–7:30 PM, as well as during Children's Church in the second service on Sundays. I am so excited to see them share what they've been learning with the whole congregation.

Christmas Cantata rehearsals will begin on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and will continue each Monday evening from 6:00–7:30 PM leading up to our performance on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be a wonderful opportunity to lift our voices in worship and proclaim the message of Christ's birth to our community. Be sure to invite your family and friends for this special Sunday as we celebrate the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ!

I look forward with great anticipation for what the Lord will continue to do in and through our youth and worship ministries. May we remain prayerful and expectant, trusting that God will move in powerful ways among us this season.

— Cassandra Batson, Youth & Worship Director

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" — Isaiah 43:19

## 1824 STUDY

This study for 18-24 year olds is in session now!  
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.

SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	10/5/25	10/12/25	10/19/25	10/26/25
DEVO LEAD - E	Mike Duffy	Rod Ausmus	Jeff Hobden	John Adams
DEVO LEAD - L	Mike Duffy	Rod Ausmus	Pat Leonard	John Adams
SERV IN CHG - E	Justin Homm	Joe Baggett	Jared Crabtree	Jared Crabtree
SERV IN CHG - L	Anthony LaTour	Joe Baca	Todd Brown	Joe Baca
SHUT-IN 1	Albert Moreno	Terry DeWitt	Mitch Finney	Mitch Finney
SHUT-IN 2	Mitch Finney	Jason Herrera	Dustin DeWitt	Dustin DeWitt
COMMUNION	Peggy Fowler & Jill Baker			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	10/5/25	10/12/25	10/19/25	10/26/25
LEADER - B	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
SOPRANO			SHELBY	CARILYN
ALTO	CHAR	MELODY	CHAR	MELODY
TENOR	DENNIS	ROD		DENNIS
BASS	RON		RON	
KEYS				
ACOUSTIC	TYLER	TYLER	TYLER	TYLER
BASS GUITAR	ROD T.	RAY	DAVID	COLIN
DRUMS	JOSH	KEENAN	JOSH	KEENAN
LEADER - C	CASSANDRA/MARIAH	CASSANDRA/CARLOS	CASSANDRA/ALICIA	CASSANDRA/ALICIA
DRUMS	BRITTIN	KEENAN	JOSH	KEENAN
KEYS	MARAH	JADE	ALICIA R.	ALICIA J.
BASS	ROD T.	RAY	DAVID	COLIN
ELECTRIC	JOSH	ROD A.		JOSH
ACOUSTIC	MARIAH	CARLOS	TYLER	TYLER
VOCAL	AMBER	CONNIE	DIXIE	KATY
VOCAL	TALA	RHONDA	ALEXA	MARIAH
VOCAL				
SOUND	CARLOS	BRAD	KEN	RORY
MEDIA - B	SCHMIDT	HOMM	SCHMIDT	HERRERA
MEDIA - C	BRAD/ROD	PAT/JOAN	JAYCE/CHLOE	ROD/PAT



## Prayer Requests

Sheri Higgins  
Joy Schultz  
Monte Ausmus  
Madesyn Martin  
Kolson Sires  
Jade Torres  
Wanda Simmons  
LaVoy McCorkle  
Larry Tracy  
Ken Evans  
Joel Souders

*Congratulations  
on  
Your Baptism!*

*Lance &  
Morgan  
Clark were  
Baptized on  
September 28<sup>th</sup>*

**There will be a  
PRAYER MEETING  
on Sunday,  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 4:00PM in  
the RFOM**

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | Brittin Thomas          | 22 | Mandy Sniff             |
| 2  | Katy DeWitt             |    | Alice Clark             |
|    | *Bryan & Sherry Settles | 23 | Ellen LaCost            |
| 3  | Amber Herrera           |    | Ernie Esparza           |
|    | Carolyn Kelley          |    | Neil Parmely            |
| 5  | Rick Jones              | 24 | Emily Ortiz             |
|    | Carlos Torres           | 25 | Char Herrera            |
|    | *Jim & Shawn Cardinelli | 26 | Amy Schmidt             |
| 6  | Neal Vallejos           |    | Jared Crabtree          |
| 7  | Lexi Coen               |    | Levi Specht             |
| 8  | Josh Moreno             |    | *Jeff & Michelle Hobden |
| 9  | John Sykes              | 27 | Carol Ausmus            |
| 10 | Jayce Kisamore          |    | Bryan Settles           |
|    | Zerek Rankin            |    | Scott Wertz             |
|    | *Josh & Kayla Moreno    |    | Tiffany Whisenand       |
| 12 | Kathy O'Neill           |    | *Dennis & Carilyn Knill |
|    | *Todd & Bri Brown       | 28 | Liberty Moreno          |
| 16 | *Jason & Haley Reedy    | 29 | Brittany Baca           |
| 18 | Ryan Schmidt            | 30 | Randy Sniff             |
| 19 | Chelley Brase           | 31 | Debbie Gadash           |
| 21 | William Adams           |    |                         |

### BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive is Tuesday, **October 21<sup>st</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.

### Joy Ministries

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM. The mission for the month is filling Operation Christmas Child boxes.

**11<sup>th</sup> instead of 18<sup>th</sup> due to  
Women's Refresh Event** ↘

### SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome to attend Senior Saint's Fellowship the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (October date is the 20<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, **October 11<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 on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with twenty two people that enjoyed the delicious dinner. There were even darling deviled egg mice and birthday cake for Cody.

After everyone ate their fill and cleaned up the dishes we had our business meeting. Prayers were requested for Dorothy Comer and Nancy Idler's grandchildren facing surgery, Alice Mauch's sister, and several others in need of prayer. Alice Mauch volunteered to do devotions next month. Nancy Idler gave the devotion on Three Loves based on the scripture Deuteronomy 6:5. Satisfied lives will be ones of joy, praise, and excitement. If you have dissatisfaction in your life with yourself and others, it is because you are not responding to God properly. To have Joy in your life you need to put Jesus first Others next, and Yourself last.

After the meeting 16 people stayed to play Round-a-bout. Partners Dorothy, Donna and Carol won 2 games at the table for 6, and Monica won 2 at one of the tables for 5. The other table of 5 had 3 different winners for their 3 games. Rosella won the first game, Kay the second, and Nancy the third.

The next Senior Saints will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Come join us for a wonderful meal, a great devotion, and lots of fun.

Nancy Idler for Ron Clausen

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!

