



# Lamar Christian Church

## September 2025 Newsletter

### Worship Night - September 14<sup>th</sup>

Come experience a powerful night of worship and community as we gather to lift high the name of Jesus! Whether you've had a tough week, need a reset, or just want to praise with friends, this night is for you! Join us at **Lamar Christian Church on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** for an evening filled with passionate worship, prayer, and space to encounter God. All ages welcome — bring your heart, bring a friend, and come expectant. **Let's make room for God to move!**



*Mark Your Calendar for this 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
- Check out our 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 Smith  
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

## Sermon Series for September: Who We Want to Be

As we kick off the fall season and people begin to regather on a more regular basis we want to break away from the Romans study for a bit and remind ourselves of who we want to be as a church. It has been well over a year since we rebranded ourselves with a new vision, mission and values. So we are going to revisit who we are seeking to be as a church. This is core to what we are trying to accomplish as a church.

September 7 - Our Vision & Mission

September 14 - Values: Unchanging Truth & Unceasing Prayer

September 21 - Values: Uncommon Generosity & Unselfish Service

September 28 - Values: Undivided Family

## Wednesday Night Adult Study 6:00 pm in RFOM Room

We will be doing a study on Basic Bible Doctrines. As disciples it is important to study what the Bible has to say about some key doctrines that don't change with time or culture. We will study:

The Nature of God

Christology

The Bible

The Church

The Holy Spirit

The Trinity

Salvation

Angels, Satan and Demons

Sin

We may get into some other topics as we discuss these major beliefs. Join us if you want a better grasp on what the Bible says about these subjects. We will use some video resources as well as a study guide and of course, the Bible.

## Como Ride Report

We had 23 people attend the Como Ride this year with 14 bikes and some of us rode in the van. I say some of us because my motorcycle failed me again trying to get to Como. You might guess what time it is....that aside, we had a great weekend with lovely weather. Wild life sightings included a moose, a big horn sheep, a bald eagle and deer. Melody can tell you about her bird sightings. The trip home was hot for those who rode and Joe Peterson (Cody's dad) took a spill on the way home. He fractured his collarbone and some other minor injuries, but we are all grateful it wasn't worse. Thanks to the donations of many (including some of you) we raised at least \$6,000 for the 80 acre land purchase. Thank you to all who donated. You are a generous bunch!!

## “READING THE BIBLE IN COMMUNITY” IS STARTING EZEKIEL IN SEPTEMBER

Join in on Sundays at 9:15 am or on Tuesdays at noon to study the Bible in a new and meaningful way. We have tackled together some challenging Old Testament books like Job and Jeremiah. Now we are launching into Ezekiel as well as continuing in Acts. Many of us were inspired by our young people who returned from CIY with a desire to read through the Bible. Let's also be encouraged to read the Scripture with clear intention and support from others. Check us out in Room 12 on Sunday, September 14, or in the RFOM room on Tuesday, September 16.

## VIEW “THE CHOSEN” SEASON TWO AT OUR FRIDAY EVENING POTLUCK

We will begin meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> using last spring's pattern of potluck dinners each Friday in the fellowship hall. We ask that food arrive by 5:30 pm each Friday; then we serve at 5:45 and start the episode at 6:00 pm. Season Two has 9 episodes so we intend to meet until November 14. (We'll not meet on October 31.) The season finale is the Christmas episode which will lead us into the holiday season. All are welcome to come on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will provide meatloaf; please bring a side dish or a dessert. Contact Susanne at 719-241-0116 to let us know how much meatloaf to prepare. See you there!

Greetings Saints,

School is back in session and programs and studies will be starting soon. Right off the bat, we have a Kairos Team Formation meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in being a part of the prison ministry this November, or if you would like to attend and see what the ministry is about, please join us. We will be having breakfast at 9 am and lunch at noon on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Also we will have another Inspiring Worship Team meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Room 12 to revisit and discuss the progress of our church's worship experience; including the welcome/greeting, the sound/tech team, the worship team, safety team and the ministers. It takes all working together to accomplish a great experience for our congregation and our guests. *Ephesians 4:16* reminds us that, "From him the whole body, fitted and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part is working in measure." See ya soon! *Carlos*

### Youth Ministry Update

August was an incredible month for our youth! We kicked things off with our Youth Kickoff at the Herrera's—burgers, hot dogs, slip'n slide kickball, and lots of laughter. It was such a joy to see students connecting, building friendships, and getting excited for what God is doing this school year.

Looking ahead, both Middle School and High School groups are diving into weekly gatherings:

- **High School Youth:** Sundays, 7:00–8:30 PM
- **High School Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7:00–8:00 PM
- **Middle School Youth:** Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30 PM

Each of these nights will be filled with games, worship, small groups, and Bible study. I am also so excited for the **leadership team that has stepped up**—men and women of faith who are investing in our students and walking with them as mentors.

Their presence will make a huge impact, and I can already see God working through their willingness to serve.

**Devotional Thought:** Over these last two months, I've been reminded how much joy comes from simply being present in community. Watching our students laugh, pray, and worship together reminds me of Proverbs 27:17—"*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*" I'm so thankful to be here, walking alongside this church family, these students, and now a committed team of leaders. Already, I can see how God is at work in big and small ways!

### Worship Ministry Update

What a month of worship it has been! August gave us the joy of leading together in both traditional and contemporary styles, with our youth stepping in to help on Youth Sunday. It was powerful to see the next generation stepping into leadership and using their gifts to glorify God.

I'm also incredibly thankful for the **worship team that has stepped up** in these last two months—their dedication, servant hearts, and willingness to use their gifts have made worship such a beautiful reflection of God's presence among us. If **you would like to get involved in worship**, whether through music, sound, or media, please reach out to me—I would love to connect with you!

Looking ahead, we're preparing for a special **Worship Night on September 14<sup>th</sup>**—a time to slow down, seek the Lord, and worship Him together as one church family. Weekly practices are also underway:

- **Blended Service Practice:** Thursdays at 5:30 PM
- **Contemporary Service Practice:** Thursdays at 6:30 PM

**Devotional Thought:** In these first two months, I've been struck by how worship doesn't just happen on a stage—it happens in the hearts of people hungry for God's presence. I think of Psalm 22:3, which reminds us that God is enthroned on the praises of His people. Each Sunday, as voices rise in this sanctuary, I can feel the Spirit moving. It's been such a gift to join this community and already feel at home in the rhythm of worship here.

Hey Church Family! I just want to thank you all for the wonderful summer I was able to spend with you, serving, working within the church, and getting to connect with so many of you. It was such a joy to get to catch up on life with many of you over these past few months. To the parents who entrusted me with your kids at CIY in New Mexico or at Camp Como, thank you. Your students are truly incredible, and I loved getting to know them better. Watching them grow in their faith and seeing how God is at work in their lives was such a blessing. I want to encourage you all to continue walking alongside them, reminding them to stay rooted in Scripture, to share the Gospel, to serve others and to live each day in a way that reflects Christ. As 1 Thessalonians 5:11 reminds us, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing". Both our middle school and high school students are amazing, and I feel so blessed to have spent time with them this summer.

This summer also gave me a new appreciation for the heart & hard work of our church leadership. From our staff- Ray, Carlos, Luann, Kelsey and Cassandra - to our Board and Elders, there is so much happening behind the scenes to keep our church running well. They give so much of their time and energy, always with the best interest of the church in mind. If you see them, make sure to thank them for all that they do.

I also want to express my deep gratitude for the offering you gave me before I left. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and love. Many of you have watched me grow up, encouraged me, and walked alongside me in my faith, and I am so thankful to call you my family in Christ. The support and love I've felt from this church has shaped me in so many ways.

As this new school semester begins, I'm excited to be back in Manhattan, but I'm already looking forward to being home and seeing you all again soon. I hope you all have a fabulous fall season, and thank you for the many ways you've poured into my life.

With love, Ansley Herrera

SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	9/7/25	9/14/25	9/21/25	9/28/25
DEVO LEAD - E	Shane Dashner	Mike Duffy	Joe Baggett	Monty Coen
DEVO LEAD - L	Anthony LaTour	Mike Duffy	Joe Baggett	Anthony LaTour
SERV IN CHG - E	Justin Homm	Ron Schmidt	Monty Coen	Bryan Herrera
SERV IN CHG - L	Scott Rankin	Norm Arends	Pat Leonard	Ken Montoya
SHUT-IN 1	Mitch Finney	Mitch Finney	Terry DeWitt	
SHUT-IN 2	Brian Lauritsen	Brian Lauritsen	Mitch Finney	
COMMUNION	DeEtte, Julie and Laura Hobden			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	9/7/25	9/14/25	9/21/25	9/28/25
LEADER - B	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
SOPRANO	SHELBY	CARILYN	SUSANNE	
ALTO	MELODY		MELODY	CHAR
TENOR		DENNIS		DENNIS
BASS	RON			RON
KEYS				JULIE
ACOUSTIC	TYLER	TYLER	TYLER	TYLER
BASS GUITAR	RAY		EMILY	ROD T.
DRUMS	JOSH	KEENAN	JOSH	KEENAN
LEADER - C	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
VOCAL	CONNIE	AMBER	HEATHER	KATHY
VOCAL	RHONDA	TALA	ALEXA	JOY
KEYS	JADE	MARAH	ALICIA	JULIE
ACOUSTIC	CARLOS	MARIAH	CASSANDRA	ROD T.
ELECTRIC	ROD A.	JOSH	TYLER	ROD A.
BASS	RAY	COLIN	EMILY	DAVID
DRUMS	JOSH	KEENAN	BRITTIN	KEENAN
SOUND	BRAD	CARLOS	KEN	RORY
MEDIA - B	HERRERA	SCHMIDT	SCHMIDT	HOMM
MEDIA - C	JOAN/PAT	BRAD/BRITTIN	PAT/JOAN	JAYCE/CHLOE



## Prayer Requests

Sheri Higgins  
Joy Schultz  
Monte Ausmus  
Madesyn Martin  
Gilbert Longoria Jr.

All Wed. Evening  
Studies will kick off with a  
dinner on Wednesday,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM. Fish &  
Rocky Mountain Oysters will be  
provided - please bring a  
side dish to share.

## Wednesday Studies Starting September 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM- Women's Study "I'm  
Waiting God" led by Kathy Stiles  
in the fellowship hall

6:00PM- Ray's Study on **Basic  
Bible Doctrine** in the RFOM

6:00PM- Men's Study "**BetterMan  
Core**" led by Rick Akers in the  
Sanctuary

6:00PM- Women's Study "**Tame  
Your Thoughts**" led by Connie  
Akers in room 12

6:00PM- Adult Study "**Real Life  
Discipleship**" led by Carlos in  
room 11

6:00PM- **Young Adult Study** led  
by Jake & Katie Specht on the  
mezzanine floor

There will be a  
**PRAYER MEETING**  
on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 4:00PM in the overflow

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|---------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | *John & Vicki Lefferdink  | 20 | Janie Campbell        |
|    | *Jake & Katie Specht      |    | *Ray & Dianna Gilbert |
| 4  | Carilyn Knill             | 21 | Paul Dellinger        |
| 5  | Norm Arends               | 24 | Felix Thomas          |
| 6  | *Jason & Amber Herrera    | 26 | Killian Moreno        |
| 8  | *Glenn & Cindy Otto       |    | *David & Lori Payne   |
| 9  | *Charles & Carolyn Kelley | 27 | Wanda Simmons         |
| 10 | *Randy & Sandra Sniff     | 28 | Niles Voigt           |
| 12 | Tala Settles              |    | Myla Lucio            |
| 13 | Connie Akers              |    | *Scott & Roxie Rankin |
|    | Justin Homm               | 29 | Ian Blacker           |
| 15 | Tana Emick                |    | Tonia Esparza         |
|    | Cody Laughlin             |    | Scott Rankin          |
| 17 | Rod Ausmus                |    | *Stan & Connie Wertz  |
|    | *Tim & Karen Courkamp     |    | *Eric & Sarah Settles |
| 18 | Blake Herrera             | 30 | Sheila Forbes         |

## 1824 STUDY

This study for 18-24 year olds is in session now! It  
meets on Sundays at 5:00PM in the fellowship hall.  
Following the study a meal is served at 6:00.

## 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, September 25<sup>th</sup> at  
1:00PM. The mission for  
September will be a gift for  
Katheryne, a Niños de  
Mexico sponsored child.

## SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome  
to attend Senior Saint's  
Fellowship the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
of the month (September date  
is the 15<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, **September 20<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 Monday, August 18, 2025 in the fellowship hall. We had 22 people. We had a good variety of food and nobody left hungry. After the meal, we were blessed with a devotion from Cody Laughlin. Nancy Idler will have the devotion next month. Cassandra Batson joined us for the meal time. We thank her for coming. We ended up with 4 tables of Round-a-bout. Table 1 was Don Colclazier and Ray Matteson against Ron Clausen and Nancy Idler. Don and Ray won them all. The second table was Carol Pearson, Susanne Matteson, Alice Mauch, Judy Weber, Dorothy Comer and Sylvia Zemmer. The third table was Glen and Diane Smith, Monica DeBono and Susan Gourley. The fourth table was Kay Slough, Cody Laughlin, Rosella and Niles Voigt, Donna Lacy and Deleta Downen. The three tables at least let each other win! We all had a lot of fun and laughter as always. Glad to see such a large group of seniors. Next month we hope to have more.

Blessings to all,  
Ron Clausen

## **WEDDING CARD RECEPTION FOR THE NEWLYWEDS CASSANDRA & TYLER BATSON**

Our new Youth and Music Director Cassandra became Mrs. Tyler Batson on July 12. We are honored to be their church family during their early years of marriage. Let's celebrate that with a cake reception Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after 2<sup>nd</sup> service. We'll form a greeting line, share a piece of cake and leave a gift of money for their new life together.

Everyone is invited, so plan to gather at noon at the fellowship hall to bless the union that God, Cassandra and Tyler have formed.

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!

