



# September Newsletter

## STAND FIRM

### Men's Conference September 16, 2023

**MISSION:** Cultivating change in the men of Southeast Colorado

**PURPOSE:** Point the way for men to become all that they should be

**CONFERENCE VERSE:** "Be watchful; **STAND FIRM** in the Faith; act like men; be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13

**WHERE:** Lamar Christian Church

**WHEN:** Breakfast - 7:30am, Conference 8:30am to 4:30pm

**COST:** Conference Fee - \$20, T-shirt (optional) - \$15

Register at [lamarchristian.info/events/standfirm](http://lamarchristian.info/events/standfirm)

Or pick up a registration form at the church office

**ONE GOD. ONE CHURCH. ONE KINGDOM. ONE MISSION**



The Lamar Christian QR codes have 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 in this process!

### 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 Directors - Marah Brase, Mariah Hartshorn  
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg  
Custodian - Dillon O'Neill

### 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's Reflections

## Como Ride '23 Report

We ended up with fewer riders than we hoped for (13), but we still had a great ride and response. We had seven from Lamar, three from Holly and three from Scottsbluff, NE. We got to share the weekend with a group called the World Mission Builders. They are a group of people from around the mid-west who do construction projects for Christain ministries. They were spending two weeks at the camp renovating cabins and hopefully helping to add two bathrooms to two of the girl's cabins. They were a great group of believers to get to know and fellowship with. We rode many miles in some nice, cool weather, enjoyed some great worship and teaching and raised a little over \$7,000.00 for the camp. Lamar Christian contributed \$3,000.00 to that amount. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.

## Life Group Leader Training - September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30

As part of our effort to start more life groups (small group studies), Ian and Ray will be doing a small group leader training on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in room #12. We will be offering ideas and tips for leading a group. Really, leading a group is not that difficult. You don't have to be a Bible scholar or have all the answers. Leaders facilitate discussion and keep the focus on the study. We will help you see that God can use you to lead a group. You can sign-up in the foyer, on our church app under events or go to: <https://subspla.sh/hbsbrpc/> or give the office a call.

## Natural Church Development

Dr. Curtis McGinnis from Crossroads Church Partners (Rochester, MN) will be coming to Lamar to help us examine the health of our church to find our greatest strengths and areas of weaknesses, and to lead us in the rewriting our Mission / Vision and Values.

Natural Church Development equips church leaders to —

- Accurately assess church health
- Refine vision, goals and strategies
- Revisit essential values
- Focus resources appropriately
- Produce lasting health and growth

The leadership team and key ministry leaders will spend a Friday night and most of the day Saturday (Sept. 22-23) going through this process to help us become a more healthy functioning body of believers. Please be in prayer as we go through this training and process together. We are excited to see where this leads us for future ministry and growth.

## Spire Conference

Ray and Kevin will be attending the Spire Conference Sept. 25-28 in Nashville, TN. This is a leadership conference for church leaders. We are looking forward to learning and growing in our areas of ministry.

KEVIN

It's finally here! All the antici-pation has lead to this moment right now! We are FINALLY back to our regularly scheduled programming! September 6<sup>th</sup> is the start of Wednesday night activities including youth ministry! SO pumped to get to hang with all those 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders and pour into them! Then September 10<sup>th</sup> is a big day in the world of Kevin! Not only is that the big kick off for Youth Group, it's also the first ever kick off for our new Catalyst Ministries! High School and Middle School, while starting on different days, are both going to spend the first few weeks covering the gospel and its implications for our lives! Parents are always welcome to join us at youth group for our big group lesson, and we can gather up and have our own small group time afterwards.

Catalyst Ministries is our new young adult ministry! It's for anyone 18-24 to attend. The word catalyst means a thing that causes change in another thing. That is exactly what we are hoping this ministry will be for these young adults. A ministry that will prepare them to go into their home communities here in Lamar or elsewhere and be the change their community needs all in the name of Jesus! This also starts on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

For full transparency the catalyst ministry will be eating dinner with the high school students from 6-7. I think this could be good for both groups. If any problems arise we will deal with those as needed, but for now I believe that meal time can be a blessing for all involved.

# IAN

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Ian will be starting a new study on the book of Ecclesiastes on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The later start for this study is due to a meeting Ian has scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup>. While Ecclesiastes can seem to be a quite depressing book, there is a lot to learn from the author that speaks to our lives today. We will meet in room 11 on the first floor of the education building. If you have an issue with climbing stairs, we have a chair lift that will take you up the stairs on the south entrance of the education wing.

Sermon Updates - Ian will be preaching in September and October, and Ray in November. So please be in prayer for them as they continue to pray for their sermons and the congregation to receive them and apply their truths to life and ministry. The next series will be through the book of Acts, which notes the beginning of the Church of Jesus Christ, the sharing of the Gospel to Jews first and gentiles next, and the incredible growth of the church worldwide.

Kitchen And Fellowship Hall Storage Room - If you use the kitchen in any way, please clean up after you use it. Please do not leave your dirty items in the sink for someone else to clean. You are the someone else! The staff do not have the time to clean up the kitchen every week. With regard to the fellowship hall storage room, please put items neatly back where you got them from, and ensure that the room is as neat and tidy when you finish as when you used an item. Each group that uses the fellowship hall on a regular basis has an assigned place to keep their supplies. It takes the staff an entire morning to clean the room out and re-set it. This is time lost in ministering to people and our regular ministry.

Staff Meeting - Just a reminder that the staff have a meeting every Tuesday from 11am -12pm. We do not answer the phone or the door if someone calls or pops in. Please respect our devotion and planning time.

Brunch - We all had a super time with the 1<sup>st</sup> fifth Sunday brunch. A lot of food was provided and lots of fellowship time was enjoyed by all who attended. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be in October the 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring food to eat, fruit, whatever, that will be a blessing to all. Drinks will be provided. No doughnuts that day!

Roof - The roofing is almost complete. Please be careful parking and walking around the outside of the campus as some roofing nails may still be on the ground, despite great efforts to ensure every nail is picked up.

Mission Updates - Dominic Esparza will give a report on his trip to Juarez on September 24<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday school hour. Clean Blacker will speak about her trip to Hungary during the Sunday school hour on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

It really has been great to see how many people enjoyed getting involved in feeding the LCC student athletes! Hopefully these meals helped these young adults feel comfortable at our church! We want to encourage not only athletes, but any LCC students (as well as others in this age group in our community) to become a part of the Catalyst Ministry that Kevin and Rebecca are starting up. They will meet on Sundays at 4:30 in the fellowship hall, beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The students that are involved in a sport would surely love to have some local fans show up at their events to root them on - and it's fun to go to the LCC games! The next home event for each fall team are as follows: Women's Soccer - Friday, 9/22 at 1:00 (Escondido Park), Men's Soccer - Tuesday, 9/5 at 2:00 (Escondido Park), Women's Volleyball - Saturday, 9/9 at 12:00 AND 5:00 (LCC Gym). There is no charge for soccer. Volleyball is \$5 per adult.

# SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	9/3/23	9/10/23	9/17/23	9/24/23	
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Anthony LaTour	John Adams	Keenan Thomas	Ty Kemp	
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Anthony LaTour	John Adams	Keenan Thomas	Pat Leonard	
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Brian Lauritsen	Lee Downen	Jean-Piere Jabo	Norm Arends	
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Scott Rankin	Ken Smartt	Rick Akers	Monte Ausmus	
SHUT- IN COMM - 1	Albert Moreno	Jean-Piere Jabo	Mitch Finney	Dustin DeWitt	
SHUT- IN COMM - 2	Brian Lauritsen	Terry DeWitt	Mitch Finney	Mitch Finney	
GREETERS - E	Sam Tecklenburg	Dave Tecklenburg	Jack Turner	Don Colclazier	
GREETERS - L	Jill & Alice	Kay Slough	Niles Voigt	Joe Baca	
COMMUNION PREP	DeEtte, Julie, & Laura Hobden				

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	<u>9/3/23</u>	<u>9/10/23</u>	<u>9/17/23</u>	<u>9/24/23</u>	
DRUMS	KEENAN		KEENAN		
KEYBOARD	MARAH	MARAH	JULIE		
BASS	ZACK	EMILY	DAVID	RAY	
ELEC. GUITAR	ROD A.	ROD A.	JOSH	JOSH	
GUITAR			ROD T.	MARIAH	
VOCAL	KATY	CONNIE	KATHY	AMBER	
VOCAL	LYDIA		JOY	JOAN	
VOCAL			JULIE		
SOUND TECH	KENNY	RORY	RORY	DELANEY	
VIDEO LATE	JOAN/DILLON	KEVIN/REBECCA	SHIANE/TALA	PAT	
LEADER	MARAH	MARAH	ROD T.	MARIAH	
PIANO	SUSANNE	BARB	DENNIS	BARB	
SOPRANO	SUSAN	SHELBY	CARILYN	SHELBY	
ALTO	MELODY	CHAR	MELODY	CHAR	
TENOR	DENNIS		DENNIS		
BASS	RON C.	RON C.	RON C.	RON C.	
VIDEO EARLY	HERRERA	HOMM	SCHMIDT	HERRERA	



## Prayer Requests

Mary Davidson  
 Russ Hobden  
 Vera Hammons  
 Judy Hieronymus  
 Alice Mauch  
 Garrett Headrick  
 Bill Potestio  
 Sue Ramsay  
 David Payne  
 Duane Bridge  
 John Paul Unruh  
 Les Scriven  
 Eddie Koehn  
 Max Meyers  
 Tammy Duffy  
 Charlie Whiting  
 Mary Ann Stickler  
 Carolyn Carr  
 Ann Turpin  
 Piper Canales  
 Mike Bryant  
 Brailee Crum

## September Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

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|----|---------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | *John & Vicki Lefferdink  | 20 | Janie Campbell        |
| 5  | Norm Arends               |    | *Ray & Dianna Gilbert |
| 6  | *Jason & Amber Herrera    | 21 | Paul Dellinger        |
| 7  | Wyatt Postma              | 24 | Felix Thomas          |
| 8  | *Glenn & Cindy Otto       | 26 | Killian Moreno        |
| 9  | *Charles & Carolyn Kelley |    | Flossie Spitzer       |
| 10 | *Randy & Sandra Sniff     |    | *David & Lori Payne   |
| 12 | Tala Settles              | 27 | Wanda Simmons         |
|    | Austin Thacker            | 28 | Niles Voigt           |
| 13 | Connie Akers              |    | *Scott & Roxie Rankin |
|    | Justin Homm               | 29 | Ian Blacker           |
| 14 | Delaney O'Neill           |    | Dominique Cardinelli  |
|    | Brandon Orozco            |    | Tonia Esparza         |
| 15 | Tana Emick                |    | Scott Rankin          |
|    | Cody Laughlin             |    | *Stan & Connie Wertz  |
| 17 | Rod Ausmus                |    | *Eric & Sarah Settles |
|    | *Tim & Karen Courkamp     | 30 | Sheila Forbes         |
| 18 | Blake Herrera             |    |                       |

### FALL START DATES

The following events will kick off on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

- Women's Wednesday Morning Study at 9:00AM- fellowship hall
- Women's Wednesday Evening Study at 6:00PM - rm. 12
- Men's Study at 6:00PM - fellowship hall
- KGS Kids at 6:00PM in the basement
- Middle School Youth Group at 6:00PM - Sanctuary

**\*Ian's Wednesday Evening Study will start the second Sunday in September (the 13<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00PM in the old library (rm 11 upstairs)**

*Our Sympathy  
 for the Loss of a  
 Loved One*

*Darlene Murdock  
 passed away on 8/18*

*Victor Pierson  
 passed away on 8/18*

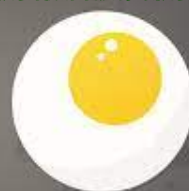
### BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive will be Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 - 4:30 in the fellowship hall. Go to [vitalant.org](http://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

Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>  
 at 8:00am in the  
 fellowship hall.  
 All women are  
 WELCOME!

### MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00am in the fellowship hall.

**There will not be a Men's Breakfast in Sept. due to the Stand Firm Men's Conference.**

Lamar Christian Church  
811 South Main Street  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
8:00AM - Blended  
10:30AM - Contemporary  
Sunday School - 9:15AM  
Children's Church - 10:30AM

[www.lamarchristian.info](http://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 Saint's met at 5:00PM on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the fellowship hall with the following in attendance: Susan Gourley, Kara Matteson, Les & Nancy Scriven, Ilene Scriven (Les' sister from Dallas), Judy Weber, Cody Laughlin, Niles & Rosella Voigt, Kay Slough, Ray & Susanne Matteson, Edna Schwartz, Thelma Cole, Alice Mauch, Deleta Downen, Inez Hernandez, Nancy Idler, Larry Tracy, Don Colclazier, Ron Clausen, Alice Clark, Dorothy Comer and her sister Nancy Frantman as a guest, Nancy Voss - another guest, and Betty Clark. GREAT CROWD!! So happy to have them all. We had warned the guests that it was a crazy bunch but they seemed to think they could fit in and they did. Ronnie had invited Dorothy to come back and she brought the 2 Nancys. We visited while the ladies got things ready, then Les offered our blessing and we chowed down. Oh what good food! My adopted daughter Luann - bless her little heart - had gotten a big birthday cake for me and we did enjoy it. Thank you sweet Luann. We had some leftover and I told anybody who wanted to take home a piece to do so and we left the rest for the Men's Bible Study group that would meet in the morning. I did send some home with Luann for her and Dave. What a wonderful evening of fellowship with a wonderful group of Seniors. Thank you Lord!

Shortly after eating Betty called the meeting to order. Not a lot of business. Betty asked for a volunteer to have devotions next month and Nancy Idler volunteered. Thank you Nancy! Ron gave a good devotion about God always being there for us. We all know that but it needs to be repeated often. Thank you Ronnie.

Some people who need our prayers - my dear friend Carolyn Carr fell and broke her pelvis and is in the hospital. She would appreciate a card I know. Les and Nancy - Les still isn't ready to have the surgery on his hand. Nancy Idler had an accident and damaged some ribs. I am not going to tell you what that crazy lady was doing - oh yes I think I will - water skiing! We have a praise and a miracle to report - our Alice Mauch was in Denver to try to get her heart back in rhythm - the doctors couldn't get it back and they sent her home - but our Heavenly doctor God fixed it. Praise the Lord! Tom Lewis is going to have his other eye surgery the 28<sup>th</sup> - Ronnie will take him to Garden City. Our Country and State, and the entire world - we surely need God back in our country. He is willing but we need to let Him in. Please keep these people in your prayers.

We asked Ray to give a little report on the Como trip and he did - he said it was cool up there. Thank you Ray.

We had 3 tables of Round-a-bout. At one table was Kay, Deleta, Niles and Rosella - Kay and Niles won 2, Nancy I., Nancy Dorothy's sister, the new Nancy, and Dorothy were at the second table. Dorothy and Alice won 1, and Alice C., Dorothy's sister, and Nancy V. won 2. At the third table was Edna, Thelma, Judy, Kara and Betty - Betty won 1 and Judy won 1. Nancy S, Les, Ron Susanne, and Alice M. won 1 and Nancy, Ilene and Alice won 1. Good time by all.

Thank you Dillon for putting up and taking down our tables and chairs. Also, now I understand that I am embarrassing sweet Luann by bragging about her - well I am not going to tell you how sweet and kind and helpful she is to us seniors so I thought I would tell you about her being mean - - - here goes - um um um - Oh Bones! I can't think of anything - so sorry Luann we just love her anyway.

We wrapped things up and were on our way home a little before 8:00. Just in case you didn't know, we have a wonderful bunch of Seniors at LCC - not bragging just stating the facts.

Our next Senior Saints will be Monday, September 18, 2023. Everybody is welcome. Bring something to share and come prepared to have a good supper and a good time.

Nuff for now!

Betty Clark, Reporter