

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Disciples' Call

By: The Preacher Man.....Patrick Cannon

The simplest definition of a disciple is *a student, or one who learns*. But it really means much more than that. A disciple is someone who follows a Master. It is someone whose life is shaped by the teaching of the Master. It is someone who becomes like the Master in every way, adopting the values, attitudes, actions, and principles of the Master teacher. In short, a disciple is molded and shaped into the Master's image.

Martin Luther said, "A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing." There is a difference between the *crowd of believers* we find in scripture and those who are *fully devoted disciples* of Christ. Some of the differences I observe are these:

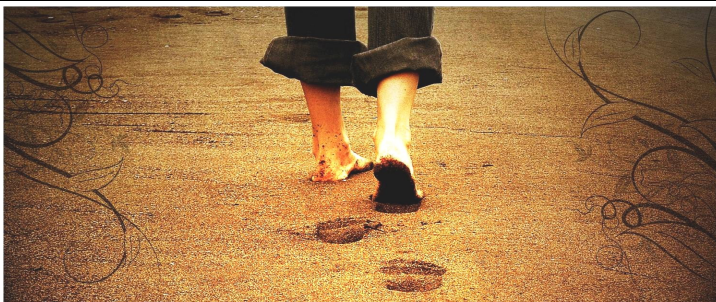
~The crowd loved Jesus and sought Him for the help He could bring to their troubled lives. There was nothing wrong with that at first. Jesus loves people and He cares for their injuries and sorrows. He came as a healer and one who restored people to life. But the disciples had grown from following Jesus out of a hunger for His miracles to following Him out of a hunger for Christ himself. They wanted more than just what Jesus could do for them. They wanted Jesus. It wasn't the blessing, but the one giving the blessing that mattered most to them.

~The crowd enjoyed listening to the teaching of Jesus, but the disciples wanted to think like Jesus, pray like Jesus and be like Jesus.

~The crowd wanted a Savior to rescue them from all of their problems. The disciples longed for a King to rule over their lives.

~The crowd received what they needed from Jesus and then went on with their lives, but the disciples gave up everything to be with Jesus and to join Him in His Work.

Are you putting Jesus first? Are you paying the price to follow Him, or are you looking for any and all kinds of excuses to avoid obeying Him?



Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Psalm 51:15-17

To Our Guests...

We are blessed to have you here with us for worship today. Our prayer is that your time with us will be a blessing, and that you will find the worship uplifting, the message encouraging, the Lamar Avenue family friendly and the atmosphere welcoming. For families, we have a staffed nursery (*ages birth-24 months*) located in the back of the foyer. We also offer Children's worship for children ages 2 through Kindergarten. They will be dismissed during our assembly. Please stop by the Welcome Center (located in the middle of the foyer) for more information about our church family and the many different ministries we are involved with. We are so glad you are here and hope you will join us as we seek to know God and His vision for His people and the world.

PRAYER

CHURCH MEMBERS: Michelle Anderson, Donna Skidmore, Dorothy Holland Family, Kathy Love Family, Carle Usry, Jillian Usry, Sharon Kinison, Alissa Nutt, Butch Mills, James Hanley, Lorraine Erickson, Dot Campbell, Jean O'Neal, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Vivian Hicks, Carol McMillian, Savannah Brazile, Justin Luna, Robyn Ausburn, Lacy Chandler, Patricia Cranford, Brad Bush, Scotty Sullivan, Ashley and Nicole Miller, Larry Brown family, Joe Holmes, Donna Mosley, Billy Thomas, Clovis Vaughn, Waylan Spencer, Logan

Brown, Donna Archer, Pris Lewis, Nowell family, Westbrook/Anglin families, Myron Goodson, Joe Mashburn, Mike Crews, Travis Palmer, Tracy Martinez, Ely Speer, Shannon Kingsbury, Bill Gordon, Ben Wallace.

MILITARY DEPLOYED OVERSEAS: Brandon Felker, Billy Thomas, Donny Shaffer, Nick McDowra, Cody King, James Crimmin, Anthony Cooke, Kyle Hutchings.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please contact the church office or e-mail: mollywoodall@suddenlink.net
www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com

FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

Ladies Sunday Morning Bible Class—Began this morning in rm 17. We will be using the Max Lucado book “*You’ll Get Through This*”, to study the life of Joseph. We would love for you to join our class!

Men’s Wild Game Dinner—February 22nd @ 6:00 in the Outreach building. Bring your favorite wild game and side dishes to share. Contact Jimmy Thielman for more information. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Wednesday Ladies Bible Class—Wednesday’s at 10:00am in Rm 3. Please join us and bring a friend.

Sympathy—Please pray for the families of Dorothy Holland and Kathy Love. Both of these ladies passed away this week.

Baptism—Caleb Keele, son of Tim and Leslie Keele, was baptized into Christ Wednesday night!

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE

TODAY

February 2: JH, HS Game Day in the gym, 3-5 PM

COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a February get together!

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

February 9: HS Dinner and Devo 5-7 pm.

February 11: JH Bible Study @ Andy’s house, 6:45–8 pm. Snacks, Fun, Bible Study.

February 21-23: JH, HS Camp Deer Run-Hoche Retreat @ CDR, ages 14-18. Sign up online @ www.campdeerrun.com and reunite with your friends from Deer Run!

February 23: JH Dinner and Devo 5-7 PM, More info to come.

March 28-30: JH Retreat at Texoma Youth Camp
Sign up today

March is I Love My Youth Group Month...Get Ready!!!

KIDS FOR CHRIST

February 8: KFC Day of Service @ the Downtown Food Pantry. Sign up and info at the Youth Wall...Adults will be needed.

February 9: KFC Club 345 In the HS room, 5:00-6:15pm

***Camp Deer Run Day Camp: June 16-19 Don’t stress about signing up yet. Deer Run will send us additional information on how the LACOC day campers are to sign up

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

KFC, JH, HS—Make sure you are attending practice!

The Spring schedule is posted on the Youth Wall. If you would like a digital, or hard copy-please, let Andy Garner know

EKKLESIA

Marcelino Rodriguez



Ekklesia 02/02/2014

The Offering of Prophet Abel....The Worship that Pleased God.

In Genesis chapter 4, we read about the well known story of Cain and Abel, two brothers and sons of Adam and Eve. What we remember most is that Cain killed Abel, but is that the most important part of this story? No. What is the

purpose of this Story?

Well, we can say that the purpose is we understand that God needs to be worshipped and He deserves to be worshipped. But, he wants to be worshipped according to His will, according to what pleases Him, and not us.

In genesis 4 the Bible says....³*In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.*

We could ask ourselves, Why did God not look with favor on Cain's offering? What was the difference between Abel and Cain's offering? Was Cain offering the best of his harvest? Yes, he was. So what was wrong?

We learn that he tried to offer the fruit of "his" work. He did not remember that the only way that we can approach God to Worship Him is through the Blood of Reconciliation.

The mistake that Cain made was getting very angry. If we look at Abel's offering we see that he made his offering with Faith, *Hebrews 11:4 ⁴By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. And in Habakkuk 2:4 we read.... "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.*

So we see that Abel's offering was the most excellent sacrifice, because his purpose was to please God, offering the first born of his flock, the blood of reconciliation.

Do you know why he offered lambs to God? Because he had faith in what God told Him, and because he was in that act of worship, prophesying about the coming of Christ and His sacrifice as a Lamb of God on Calvary. In **Luke 11:49-51**, Jesus says about Abel that he was a prophet, so his act of worship was according to the word of God, and with the purpose to teach us about Christ. ⁴⁹*Because of this, God in his wisdom said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.'* ⁵⁰*Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.* From the beginning of the world Jesus sent his prophets, like the prophet Abel to preach and teach his truth. So we learn from this scripture two things, 1.- we need to see Jesus, the Calvary, and His blood of Reconciliation through the whole bible, and 2.- we need to Worship God the way He wants and deserves to be Worshipped, in Spirit and Truth **John 4:24.**

*God Bless You.
Marcelino.*

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Kyle Jones

72 Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

Welcome & Call to Worship

144 O Worship The King (1,3)

533 I Am A Sheep (1,2)

532 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Prayer—Allen Boyd

*** Here I Am To Worship

364 Come Share The Lord (1,2,3)

Communion—Derald Bulls

Offering

524 I Know Whom I Have Believed (1,2)

Dismissal for Children's Worship

*** All The Way My Savior Leads Me

417 Where He Leads I'll Follow

675 Wherever He Leads I'll Go

876 Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

Message—Patrick Cannon

674 I Have Decided To Follow Jesus (1,2,4)

Shepherd Receiving Responses-Faires/Jones

Shepherd's Prayer—Kyle Jones

*Songs marked with an *are not found in the hymnal. Song will be displayed on the screen.*

RESPONSE

Prayers: Bobby and Cindy Gage

Sunday Evening

Speaker: John Buchanan

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR *Calendars*



February 22—Men's Wild Game Dinner
 February 23—Garrett Wedding Shower



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

5:15-6:00—Please donate at least \$2/person.

Sign-up on your Sunday attendance card.

Breakfast Casserole!

SHEPHERDS

Lewis Anderson
 Doug Faires
 Kyle Jones

Wayne Kerby
 Richard Peace
 Jay Spencer

MINISTERS

Patrick Cannon, *Preacher*
 Jared Baggett, *Assoc. Minister of High School & College*
 Andy Garner, *Assoc. Minister of Junior High & Children*
 Marcelino Rodriguez, *Hispanic*
 Keith Bollman, *Involvement*

STAFF

James Hanley, *Latch Key Director*
 Jill Faires, *Kiddie Kollege Director*
 Kim Hanley, *Administrative Assistant*
 Laura Cannon, *Secretary*

DEACONS

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| Greg Beckmon | Don Lawrence |
| Alan Boyd | Paul McClain |
| Derald Bulls | John McGee |
| Mike Erwin | Jose Silva |
| Heath Fowler | Clay Spencer |
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| Clint Gage | Shane Welch |
| James Hanley | |

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MEETING TIMES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
 Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 (Small Groups meet in various locations.)

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.
 Bible Classes.....6:30 p.m.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (2/9)

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| Sound Booth: | Paul McClain |
| Opening Prayer: | Alvin Buchanan |
| Communion Prayer: | William Campbell |
| Communion Servers: | |
| Sam Wickes | Phil Wilson |
| Kevin Wood | Louie Woodall |
| Lewis Anderson | Jay Anthony |
| Cody Anthony | Tyler Anthony |
| Responses: | Jones/Kerby |
| Shepherd's Prayer: | Kerby |
| Children's Worship: | Jared & Kristi Baggett |
| | Justin/Cody/Hayden |
| Evening Worship: | Patrick Cannon |

January 26, 2014 Report

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| Bible Class..... | 231 |
| Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults)..... | 29 |
| Total Bible Class..... | 260 |
| Morning Worship..... | 443 |
| Hispanic Worship..... | 47 |
| Total Worship Services..... | 490 |

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| Hispanic Evening Worship..... | 55 |
| LIFE Groups/Evening Worship..... | 105 |
| Total Evening Services..... | 188 |

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| CONTRIBUTION..... | \$11,274 |
| BUDGET | \$12,720 |
| YTD BUDGET..... | +\$7,209 |

Pantry Needs: Pasta Sauce