

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Press on Toward the Goal.

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

As we begin a 2014, a new year, let's consider these words from Paul in Philippians 3:12-14:

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Lessons we learn from Paul:

- ♦ *We all have an imperfect past.*
- ♦ *We don't have to be a slave to that past.*
- ♦ *No matter our current circumstances, we can move on to better and greater things.*
- ♦ *Moving on only happens by intentional, determined effort.*
- ♦ *The goal is worth the effort.*

The bottom-line of Paul's words here is that he decided to turn the page - on his past, and even on his present circumstances. He wanted to move on. The New Year gives us a great opportunity to do just that. Will you resolve to turn the page on the past, and strain toward what is ahead in your service for Christ. Let's continue to pray for our Vision Team as they pray, plan, and seek the will of God for Lamar Avenue in the days, months, and years to come. To God be the Glory for the great things He has done!

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
¹⁶ making the most of the **time**, because the days are evil.
¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15-17



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: Barbara Campbell, Donna McGee, Austin Anthony, Wanda McFadden, Becky Webb, Dot Campbell, Terry Maxwell, Jean O'Neal, Webber Woodall, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Jerry Raper, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Jack Ferguson, Tonya White, Charles Parker, Angel Reaves, Carla Rhodes, Maryilee Miller, Gary Jones, Sean Healy, Ely Speer, Polly McCauley, Sigrid Cain, Jim Lipscomb, Savannah Day, Kenneth Mahan, Myron Goodson,

Shannon Kingsbury, Mona Drake, Cindy Nye, Elizabeth Elrod, Kimrie Dean, Debbie Perry, Bill Gordon, Dorothy Holland, Ben Wallace.

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

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

FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

SYMPATHY—Our condolences to the family of **Bobby Tingle**. Bobby passed away on December 31st. Also, **Charlotte Grooms** lost her brother, David Nelson, on December 26th. Please keep these families in your prayers.

BLOOD DRIVE—January 8th from 4 until 8 in the Outreach. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

UPCOMING SHOWERS:

- Baby shower **TODAY** for Mandy Gerrald in Rm. 6 from 1:30-2:30. It's a boy!
- Cookbook/Recipe Shower for Tiffany Clay on January 12th.

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

JH, HS Game Day in the Gym 3:00-5:00

COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a January get together!

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

January 5: **JH, HS Game Day** in the gym, 3-5 PM

January 14: **JH Bible Study** @ Andy's house, 6:45-8 PM, Snacks, Fun, Bible Study

January 17-19: **HS WinterFest** Leave Friday at 4:30 on, return by 2:00 Sunday. Turn money in at the drop box. Will need extra money for 3 meals and spending. See Jared for packing details and to turn in T-shirt size.

January 19: **JH Dinner and Devo** 5-7pm.

February 1: **JH SuperFunTimez** @ the blg, 6-8 pm.
Snacks and super fun timez....bring a friend!

February 2: **JH, HS Game Day** in the gym, 3-5pm.

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!

KIDS FOR CHRIST

January 12: **KFC Club 345** In the HS room, 5-6:15 PM

February 8: **KFC Day of Service** @ the Downtown Food Pantry and possibly visiting the Springlake nursing home.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

KFC, JH, HS—Sign up NOW for LTC!! Practice has begun!!

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Marcelino Rodriguez



According to the book that brother John Cannon wrote, the beginnings of the Church of Christ in Lamar County go back to the 1850s. Specifically in Paris Texas, the date that was recorded as the first “official meeting” as a Congregation in Paris was reported by Charles Carlton as

September 20 1869...(page 11, “**Where there is Vision**” by John Cannon). Can you imagine the plans and vision these men of God had then?...how many plans?...how many dreams? Thanks to them and their vision, the Church of Christ is here in Paris Texas. This church has not only been a good influence to this city and county, but also in other parts of the world. Why were they successful? Because they made dreams and plans but they left everything in the hands of the Lord.

Now, thanks to God, we are in this year 2014, a new year that we start full of goals plans and resolution. Like every year that we start, we tend to make resolutions, like we plan to maybe read more books, study more, exercise more, maybe try to travel more, but we finish the year and sometimes we are not able to accomplish those goals and resolutions.

But what about our spiritual resolutions? I think it is good for us to include on our list of resolutions “spiritual resolutions”, things that bring us closer to God. The deep study of his Word, the increase of the time spent in prayer in our daily life, more involvement in the church activities, etc...are goals that we can put on that list.

Every resolution is good if we put it in the perspective of God. If it is something that will bring us near to God it is good, and we need to remember that everything we do or plan needs to be first according the will of God.

13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

We don’t know what plans God has for us in 2014, but we need to be confident that if we try to live our lives doing God’s will, and if we put our plans in the hand of God, everything will be great.

Happy New 2014 Year, May God Richly Bless you.
Marcelino.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Stephen Gerrald

23 Our God He is Alive vs. 1,2,4

Welcome & Call to Worship

* Magnificat

147 I Stand Amazed

Prayer—Austin Anthony

18 Faithful Love

337 Hallelujah, What a Savior

Communion—Lewis Anderson

Offering

684 Nearer My God to Thee

Dismissal for Children’s Worship

416 Footsteps of Jesus vs. 1,2,4

417 Where He Leads I’ll Follow vs. 1,3

Message—Patrick Cannon

662 All to Jesus I Surrender

Shepherd Receiving Responses-Kerby/Peace

Shepherd’s Prayer—Richard Peace

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

Sunday Evening Service Speaker:

Steve Jones

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR *Calendars*



Today—Baby Shower for Mandy Gerrald
 Jan. 08—Blood Drive
 Jan. 12—Bridal Shower for Tiffany Clay



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

5:15-6:00—Please donate at least \$2/person.
 Sign-up on your Sunday attendance card.
 Chicken Fried Steak Sandwiches!

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

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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 (1/12)

Sound Booth: Nathan Ryser
Opening Prayer: James Ray Rodgers
Communion Prayer: Mike Bishop
Communion Servers:
 Gene Stallings
 Art Stutsman
 Travis Trussell
 Elton Weeks
 Bobby Stevens
 Jimmy Theilman
 Melvin Webb
 Shane Welch
Responses: Peace/Spencer
Shepherd's Prayer: Spencer
Children's Worship: Cooper's
 Bailey F/Abby/Kaitlyn
Evening Worship: TBA

December 29, 2013 Report

Bible Class.....	193
Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....	25
Total Bible Class.....	218
Morning Worship.....	453
Hispanic Worship.....	35
Total Worship Services.....	488
Hispanic Worship.....	NA
Family LIFE Groups.....	NA
Total Evening Services.....	NA
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$11,937
BUDGET	\$13,126
YTD BUDGET.....	-\$47,970.....Under Budget

Pantry Needs: soup with meat