

# LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



## If we are the Body.....

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

A story is told of a Roman aqueduct at Segovia, Spain. It was built in 109 A.D. For 1800 years, it carried cool water from the mountains to the hot and thirsty city. Nearly 60 generations of men drank from its flow. Then came a new generation, who said, "This aqueduct is so great a marvel that it ought to be preserved for our children, as a museum piece. We shall relieve it of its centuries-long labor."

They did; they laid modern iron pipes. They gave the ancient bricks and mortar a reverent rest. And the aqueduct began to fall apart. The sun beating on the dry mortar caused it to crumble. The bricks and stone sagged and threatened to fall. "What ages of service could not destroy idleness disintegrated."

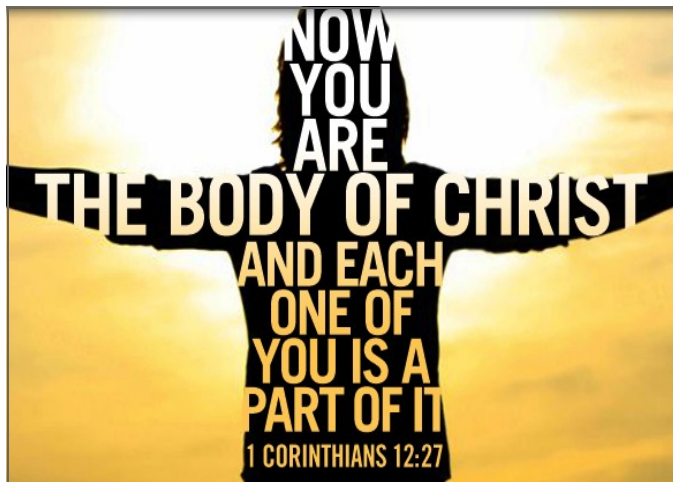
As we continue our series, *i Truths For An i pod Generation*, the truth we focus on this morning is *i Serve*. The Apostle Paul, in Romans compares the church to a "Body." The human body serves as a great illustration as to the workings, plan and potential of the Church.

There are many Christians who have placed themselves upon the shelf and are now in the same condition as this Roman aqueduct. (dried up and falling apart). As a result of individuals who neglect to serve, many churches have become "museum pieces" and are now irrelevant to the communities they were called to serve.

Paul compares the "Church" to the human body. Our bodies are made up of many Systems. Each of these systems work independently and also work together in order for us to function properly. Paul uses the human body as a grand example of diversity and unity.

It is a humbling thought to realize that we are the body of Christ. A "Casting Crowns" song asks this question:

If we are Christ's body, are His arms reaching?  
If we are Christ's body, are His hands healing?  
If we are Christ's body, are His words teaching?  
If we are Christ's body, are His feet going?



## 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:** Stephanie and Greg Janes, 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:** Travis Palmer, Tracy Martinez, 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, Elizabeth Elrod, 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](mailto:mollywoodall@suddenlink.net)  
[www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com](http://www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com)

## FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

**SHOWER**—Cookbook/Recipe Shower for Tiffany Clay **TODAY** in room 6 at 1:30-3:00.

**LTC MEETING**—There will be a meeting **TODAY** immediately following morning service in Rm 6 for parents and participants of LTC.

**THANK YOU**—Your church was so kind to think of me with the food basket. May God bless each of you who do this service. Thank you very much, Juanita Boren.

## KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

Club 345 in HS room upstairs from 5:00-6:15

### COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a January get together!

### JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

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, 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](http://www.campdeerrun.com) and reunite with your friends from Deer Run!

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

### KIDS FOR CHRIST

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!!**

# EKKLESIA

## Marcelino Rodriguez



Ekklesia 01/12/2014.

### When Was establish the Church?

Since our Lord Jesus Christ started his Ministry, His message was: *"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15.* Our Lord was talking about the establishment of the earthly part of His Kingdom, The Church. He

mentioned this to His disciples in *Mark 16:18, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."* But when was the specific moment of the beginning of the Church? We can answer according to the Bible, that the specific moment was after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and His ascension to heaven. Specifically, 50 day after his Resurrection on the Pentecost, and starting with the conversion and baptism of more than 3000 people.

So we can say it this way...

Year- 33 A.C. Jesus died when he was around 33 years old. He was baptized when he was around 30 (Luke 3:23), and His ministry lasted around 3 years. According the narrative of the gospels we can see there were 3 Passover celebrations:

1st PASSOVER JOHN. 3:23

2nd PASSOVER JOHN. 5:1

3rd PASSOVER JOHN. 18:39

A Parable that can help too is in Luke 13: 6-9.

Place- Jerusalem (Acts 2, Isaiah 2:2-3)

Messengers- Peter and the 12 Apostles (Acts 2:14)

Day- The day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1)

Time- Around 9 am (Acts 2:15)

Topic- The Gospel of Christ (Acts 2:29-36)

Commandment- Repent and be Baptize (Acts 2:38)

Result- The baptism of around 3000 persons that day (Acts 2:41 and 47)

Prophecy Accomplished- The Coming of the Holy Spirit and the establishment of the Church (Daniel 2:44, Isaiah 2:2-3)

>From that moment the Church was established (Acts 2:47). The Kingdom of Christ on earth is His Church (Acts 2:41, 47, Colossians 1:13-14, Colossians 3:11 and Daniel 2:44).

So in few word we can say this about the beginning of the Church:

We want to be the church of Christ, The Church that He bought with His blood (Act 20:28). We don't want to say that we are perfect, but the Church is perfect because Christ is perfect, and the blood that He shed for us is Perfect.

*18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

*1 Peter 1:18-19.*

Lets continue sharing the Good news of the Gospel to those who are in a need of a savior, and work together in His Kingdom, The Church of Christ.

Thank Marcelino Rodriguez Jr.

# WORSHIP

**Worship Leader—Richard Logan**

63 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Prayer—James Ray Rodgers**

412 *Jesus Hold My Hand V1,3*

490 *It is Well with my Soul*

538 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less V1,2*

539 *Higher Ground V1,4*

794 *Unto thee O Lord*

790 *Lord Take Control*

966 *Amen*

**Communion—Mike Bishop**

**Offering**

1016 *This Little Light of Mine*

**Dismissal for Children's Worship**

23 *Our God He Is Alive V 1,2,4*

**Message—Patrick Cannon**

851 *I'll Fly Away*

**Shepherd Receiving Response-Peace/Spencer**

**Shepherd's Prayer—Jay Spencer**

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

# RESPONSE

Jason Ray

**No Sunday Evening Service at our building**

Area wide service @ College—5:00

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## 2013 Benevolence Report

In 2013 the benevolence team provided assistance on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 1:00—3:00pm. Assistance was provided to **232** families on **321** occasions. Financial assistance provided for various needs was **\$17,110.90**. Other assistance provided included church members donations to the food pantry and clothes closet, which is now closed. Gasoline vouchers were also made available for out of town medical purposes. In addition, **100** food baskets were provided to needy families at Christmas time. Those assisting on the Monday benevolence ministry team during 2013 included: Kristi Baggett, Sandra Carrell, Charolette Bollman, Jimmy & Marie Faulkner, Kim Hanley, Peggy Jack, Joyce Smith, Dannie Weeks, Don Lawrence and Richard Peace. Michael & Lindsay McCarter coordinated the Christmas food basket distribution again this year.



## WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

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

Sign-up on your Sunday attendance card.

Jambalaya!

### 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

Greg Beckmon	Don Lawrence
Alan Boyd	Paul McClain
Derald Bulls	John McGee
Mike Erwin	Jose Silva
Heath Fowler	Clay Spencer
Brad Francis	Clint Spencer
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 (1/19)

<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Heath Fowler
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Troy Ashby
<b>Communion Prayer:</b>	Keith Bollman
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	
Gene Stallings	Bobby Stevens
Art Stutsman	Jimmy Theilman
Travis Trussell	Melvin Webb
Elton Weeks	Shane Welch
<b>Responses:</b>	Spencer/Anderson
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	Anderson
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Cynthia Hutson
	Ross/Chris/Kolton/
	Aaron/Natan
<b>Evening Worship:</b>	James Paul Miears

### January 5, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....	188
Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....	29
<b>Total Bible Class.....</b>	<b>217</b>
Morning Worship.....	380
Hispanic Worship.....	38
<b>Total Worship Services.....</b>	<b>418</b>

Hispanic Worship.....	46
Family LIFE Groups.....	222
<b>Total Evening Services.....</b>	<b>315</b>

<b>CONTRIBUTION.....</b>	<b>\$15,788</b>
<b>BUDGET .....</b>	<b>\$12,720</b>
<b>YTD BUDGET.....</b>	<b>+ \$3,068</b>

*Pantry Needs: Cereal*