

# LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



## Not Of This World

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

Unbelievers have always had a hard time figuring out the lifestyle of Christ's disciples. When you think about it, you can understand their difficulty. They are guided by a life philosophy that promotes selfishness (the attitude that says, "You've gotta look out for 'Number One'"), a philosophy that models greed ("Take what you can get!"), and a philosophy that assigns importance in dollar figures (how often have you heard someone ask, "What do you think he's worth?").

Guided by such a philosophy, most folks see people trying to be selfless and generous as "a little different." *Christ-centered people in a self-centered world are difficult to understand*, and some people will never be convinced it could be anything other than an act to gain other's confidence in order to manipulate, exploit, and victimize them.

I mean, try to think about it from their perspective: Why would anybody choose to deny himself or herself of any pleasure —when life is so short?

Why would people whose lives are at least as busy as theirs, carve out time every week for worship, Bible study, and a service project here and there that do nothing to advance their careers? Why would Christians get involved in the lives of those who are poor and sick, and hurting?

See what I mean? People who don't know Jesus have a hard time figuring out why people would behave as Christians do! Our answer would be, of course, that we do these things because we love him. He loved us first. He's done so much for us and continues to do so much for us. The more we understand that, the greater our love for him becomes.

Because we love him, there is nothing we wouldn't do for him. He truly is our everything! I love what William Barclay says, *"Love does not neatly calculate the less or the more. It is not concerned to see how little it can decently give. If it gave all it had, if indeed it gave all the world, the gift would still be too little."*

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.  
<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:37-38

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:** James Hanley, Lorraine Erickson, Jean King, Barbara Campbell, Donna McGee, Austin Anthony, Wanda McFadden, Becky Webb, Dot Campbell, Jean O'Neal, Webber Woodall, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Pris Lewis, Nowell family, Westbrook/Anglin families, Myron Goodson, Joe Mashburn, Mike Crews, 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, 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, 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)

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## FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

**Ladies Sunday Morning Bible Class**—Beginning February 2nd 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.

**Wednesday Ladies Bible Class**—Wednesday’s at 10:00am in Rm 3. We have just begun a new study of I Peter using Cassandra Martin’s book “*Living Stones*”. Come join us and bring a friend!

**New Address**—Austin Anthony, Box 11367, 915 E. Market Ave., Searcy, AR 72149-1367

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## KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE

### TODAY

**Dinner and Devo** @ Justin and Kolton Welch’s house, will **LEAVE** the church at 4:50 PM—please be here **BEFORE!** We will return to the church approximately 7 PM, bring a friend and \$3.  
Those at **WinterFest** will return to the church around 2 PM.

### COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a January get together!

### JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

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

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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

\*\*\*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.01/19/2014

Jesus said in John 14:6... *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. He promises us in John 8:32 "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* In Christ we have the complete

Truth. Is it fair to say that if somebody is looking for the truth, if somebody is looking for answers in his spiritual life, can they find those answers in the Body of Christ? I think is fair to say that they can.

Sometimes is easy for us to not want to be responsible of our duty and our position as the Body of Christ, to give answers or to guide those who are looking for answers in their relationship with the Lord, and we tend to said phrases like: "we don't have all the answers", "We don't know all the truth". But, that is like saying to the Lord..."Lord you don't give me all the truth in your Word"...Lord You do not give me all the answers". What you think what do you think God would say to that?

But if we are the body of Christ we need to understand that Jesus reveals all the truth in his Word. If anyone has the truth it is us. According to what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 3:15, *if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.* We are supposed to be the column and support of the truth, we the body of Christ. 2 Corinthians 13:8

The work of the body of Christ is to teach the multiform wisdom of God, Ephesians 3:10, *10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.* We are in a spiritual warfare, and our duty is to bring every human mind captive to Christ our Lord, and share the truth that we have in Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

*4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

Let's thank God for the privilege that we have in Christ and His Body the Church, and help others that are looking for truth in their life, find that truth in Him and in His Body.

God Bless you.

Marcelino.

# WORSHIP

**Worship Leader—Stephen Gerrald**

**Welcome & Call to Worship—Patrick Cannon**

555 *Seek Ye First*

577 *We Bow Down*

578 *We Will Glorify v 1,2,4*

**Prayer—Troy Ashby**

550 *I Walk With the King v 1,2*

669 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

517 *Heaven Came Down*

**Communion—Keith Bollman**

**Offering**

354 *I Gave My Life For Thee*

**Dismissal for Children's Worship**

606 *Remind Me, Dear Lord*

528 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives v 1,2,4*

**Message—Patrick Cannon**

904 *Have You Been to Jesus v 1,2,4*

**Shepherd Receiving Response-Spencer/Anderson**

**Shepherd's Prayer—Lewis Anderson**

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

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## RESPONSE

**New Family:** Glenn, Shaunda, Vershaud, Shamyia and Gleshaun Burgess

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## Sunday Evening

James Paul Mears

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# 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.

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### 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
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James Hanley	

### MISSION/CONTACTS

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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 (1/26)

<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Brian Singleton
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glen Barnett
<b>Communion Prayer:</b>	John Buchanan
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	
Gene Stallings	Bobby Stevens
Art Stutsman	Jimmy Theilman
Travis Trussell	Melvin Webb
Elton Weeks	Shane Welch
<b>Responses:</b>	Anderson/Faires
<b>Shepherd's Prayer:</b>	Faires
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Lisa D/Tanya W
	Justin C/Cody/Hayden
<b>Evening Worship:</b>	Kyle Jones

### January 12, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....	233
Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....	30
<b>Total Bible Class.....</b>	<b>263</b>
Morning Worship.....	441
Hispanic Worship.....	43
<b>Total Worship Services.....</b>	<b>484</b>

Hispanic Worship.....	48
Family LIFE Groups.....	94
<b>Total Evening Services.....</b>	<b>142</b>

<b>CONTRIBUTION.....</b>	<b>\$17,682</b>
<b>BUDGET .....</b>	<b>\$12,720</b>
<b>YTD BUDGET.....</b>	<b>+8,030</b>

*Pantry Needs: Toiletries*