

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Do Not Conform

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

De Tocqueville of France, over a hundred years ago, visited America. Upon his return home he wrote: "I sought for the greatness of America in her harbors and rivers and fertile fields, and her mines and commerce. It was not there. Not until I went into the churches and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the greatness of her power. America is great because she is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

If this dignitary of France was to visit America today, I am sure he would not be able to make the same comment. Christians and Churches must be on the *Front Line* when it comes to living Righteous lives, if not us, then who?

I think history has proven that we need Authentic Christians to stand up and live righteous lives. We can look at the demoralization of America, and blame what ever we want; however, we must look at ourselves and ask the question- "Would my lifestyle be considered Righteous in the eyes of God?"

We still have a sinful nature.
We still live in a fallen world.
We still have temptations to deal with.

But, the questions we must ask ourselves...

What is the desire of our heart?

What do we pray about when it comes to our own sin?

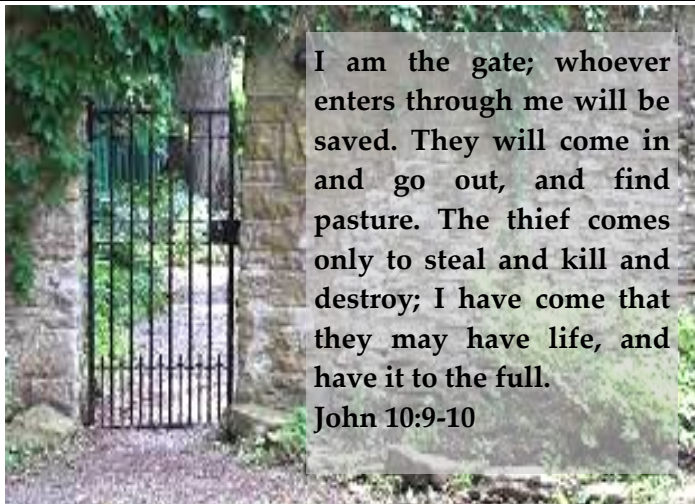
What areas of our sinful nature are we putting off, and what qualities of God are we putting on?

What is keeping me from truly living the life that God has called me to?

To the Roman Christians Paul wrote: "*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*" (Romans 12:2)

C.S. Lewis once wrote: "**The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important.**" What he is saying is that if Christianity is true then it deserves our whole life. What will he ask me to do? What will it cost me?

The Bible says, "*You cannot be a slave of two masters; you will hate one and love the other; you will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*" Matthew 6:24



I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:9-10

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: Carle Usry, Jillian Usry, Kathy Love, Sharon Kennison, Alissa Nutt, Butch Mills, James Hanley, Lorraine Erickson, Dot Campbell, Jean O'Neal, Webber Woodall, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: 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,

Jack Ferguson, Tonya White, Charles Parker, Angel Reaves, Carla Rhodes, Maryilee Miller, Gary Jones, Sean Healy, Ely Speer, Shannon Kingsbury, 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
www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com

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.

Thank You—I would like to thank you for the cards and prayers I received while I was sick. Linda Hostetler.

Sympathy—Former member, Mildred Walls of Hugo, passed away on Wednesday January 15th. Services are pending at Starrett funeral home.

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE

TODAY

January 26: There will be no additional activities outside of LTC practice. Make sure to be on time!
(Contact your coach for additional details.)

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 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. 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 01/26/2014

"The way you talk and write gives you away."

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

The Bible says that we need to be persons that needs to be quick to listen and slow to speak, but normally we do that backwards. It seems to be our nature, but we as Christians need to realize how important is what we say to others, and the way we express things to them. Sometimes the way we talk is not the best way, it's not appropriate for us as Christians.

How great would it be if you started a conversation with somebody that didn't know you and after a time, they ask you...."are you a Christian?" And you answer "yes, how did you know?"... and they say, "I can tell by the way you talk." I think that we can show others who we are, even without saying the words "I am a Christian". If you say words that reflect who you are, that shows that you are trying to live your Christian life.

But how sad it is when we act like the rest of the world, using that bad words, cursing, using double sense language, and not showing to other who we are.

Jesus said...***But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. Matthew 12:36***

When the Apostle Peter was trying to hide from the Jewish leaders, and they recognized him because of the way he was talking, he immediately started cursing because he was scared.

And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crowed. Matthew 26:73-74. I don't know exactly what Peter says or the way he was expressing himself, but one thing is certain, he started talking in a bad way.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:5-6.

Let's try to show our Christianity in the way we talk. Not only in the way we talk, also what we say, and the way we write, could be offensive to God if we are writing in a bad way. We even need to be careful of what we "post" on the web. All the world sees what we write, and if we are not careful, we could offend somebody. We are "slaves" of what we write and what we post on the web, that's why we need to be really careful, how we express ourselves in the verbal and written way.

And over all, I think that our goal is to please God in the way we think, talk, and write, and in every aspect of our life.

Thank you
Marcelino.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Kyle Jones

570 A Beautiful Life (1,2,3)

Welcome & Call to Worship—Patrick Cannon

346 He Lives (1,3)

429 Oh To Be Like Thee (1,2)

833 I Want To Be Where You Are

Prayer—Glen Barnett

464 Because He Lives (1,2,3)

Communion—John Buchanan

422 Spirit of The Living God (1,2)

Offering

583 Jesus Flow Like A River

Dismissal for Children's Worship

* In Christ Alone

Message—Patrick Cannon

676 Living For Jesus (1,2)

Shepherd Receiving Response-Anderson/Faires

Shepherd's Prayer—Doug Faires

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

RESPONSE

New Family: Trey, Kelli & Caleb
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Sunday Evening

Speaker: Kyle Jones

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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.

Chili Dogs!

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
 Alan Boyd
 Derald Bulls
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 Brad Francis
 Clint Gage
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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 (2/2)

Sound Booth: Troy Ashby
Opening Prayer: Allen Boyd
Communion Prayer: Derald Bulls
Communion Servers:
 Sam Wickes
 Kevin Wood
 Lewis Anderson
 Cody Anthony
 Phil Wilson
 Louie Woodall
 Jay Anthony
 Tyler Anthony
 Faires/Jones
Responses: Jones
Shepherd's Prayer: Jared & Kristi Baggett
Children's Worship: Bailey/Abby/Kaitlyn
Evening Worship: TBA

January 19, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....213
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....28
Total Bible Class.....241
 Morning Worship.....367
 Hispanic Worship.....43
Total Worship Services.....410

Hispanic Worship.....55
 Family LIFE Groups...133
Total Evening Services.....188

CONTRIBUTION.....\$12,968
BUDGET\$12,720
YTD BUDGET.....+\$5,586

Pantry Needs: Macaroni & Cheese