

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Decisions...

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

Dr. Seuss dedicated himself to writing simple, entertaining and thoughtful poems that used basic words children would understand. Every once in a while, Dr. Seuss would introduce what some people would consider nonsense words - like in his poem about the "Zoad in the Road". But apparently, even this non-sense word was deeply researched. The word "Zoad" came from a Greek word that meant "stair step" or "ladder"... indicating a device people would use to get somewhere.

In the poem, the poor Zoad couldn't make up his mind which way to go. So, he decided to not really MAKE a decision. Instead, he tried to take BOTH roads at the same time. He didn't want to make a decision, so - in his indecision - he actually made a decision. Because he wouldn't take a chance... he "went no place at all with a split in his pants."

Have you ever had trouble making a decision? We all have! But if the decision is important enough... we eventually make a choice.

In the Bible, God is constantly telling His people to make a decision. In Joshua 24:15, Joshua challenged the Israelites to "... choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." A couple hundred years later, on Mount Carmel Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him...." 1Kings 18:21

Make up your mind!

Make a choice.

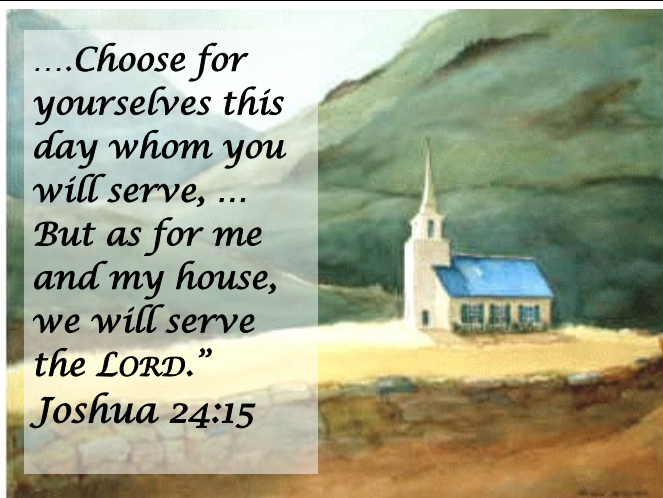
Make a decision.

Why? Because to decide not to decide... is a decision.

In Jeremiah 6:16, we find Jeremiah telling the people of Israel to make a decision:

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Just like the Zoad, God tells His people - you're at a crossroads. Make a decision. Decide which road you're going to choose because your choice determines where you spend Eternity.



....Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
Joshua 24:15

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: Lorraine Erickson family, Butch Mills, Kari Ann Cannon, Ruth Ann Stallings, Don Thompson, Michelle Anderson, Donna Skidmore, Dorothy Holland Family, Kathy Love Family, Carle Usry, Jillian Usry, Sharon Kinison, Alissa Nutt, Dot Campbell, Jean O'Neal, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Rickey Walker, Fred Morphew, Hunter Tate, Brad Bush Family, Vivian Hicks, Carol McMillian, Savannah Brazile, Justin Luna, Robyn Ausburn, Lacy Chandler, Patricia Cranford, Scotty Sullivan, Ashley and Nicole Miller, Larry Brown

family, Joe Holmes, Donna Mosley, Billy Thomas, Clovis Vaughn, Waylan Spencer, Logan Brown, Donna Archer, Myron Goodson, Joe Mashburn, Mike Crews, 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—Has begun 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.

Sympathy—Our condolences to **Kathy Marshall** who lost her mom, Lorraine Erickson, **Kari Ann Cannon** who lost her grandmother and **Butch Mills** who lost his sister, Freda White. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Congratulations—Stephen & Mandy Gerrald on the birth of their son, Jesse Canaan! He was born on Thursday, January 30th. He weighed 8lbs. 15oz. and was 20.5 in. long.

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE

TODAY

HS—Dinner and Devo 5-7 pm @ Jay and Gay Spencer’s House, leave the church @ 4:50 PM and return by 7 PM, bring \$3 for food. **KFC—Club 345** In the HS rm 5:00–6:15pm

COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a February get together!

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

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

February 16: **JH, HS Game Day** in the gym, 3-5

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, @ Cliff & Maggie Kerby’s house.

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

March is I Love My Youth Group Month!!!

KIDS FOR CHRIST

March 16: **KFC Club 345** In the HS room, 5-6:15 PM

***Camp Deer Run Day Camp: June 16-19 Sign up online @ www.campdeerrun.com. Instead of clicking second session, find and click the ‘Lamar Avenue 6/16-6/19’ tab. Detailed instructions available @ lamaraveyouth.blogspot.com. Scroll until you find the post on pee wee instructions.

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, talk to Andy Garner

EKKLESIA

Marcelino Rodriguez



Ekklesia 02/09/2014

“Dinosaurs, Dragons and the Bible”

The Theory of Evolution declares that humans and dinosaurs never coexisted or lived at the same on the earth. Scientists claim that the earth is millions of years old. Using biblical proof, like the number of generations from Adam to Jesus mentioned in **Luke 3:23-38**, we can come to

the conclusion that the bible is around 6000 years old.

So the argument that the dinosaurs lived in a different period of time is not true. We cannot deny that most of the big dinosaurs died through the years, but we can still see animals that are close relatives to dinosaurs, like crocodiles, alligators, chameleons, turtles, rhinoceros, elephants etc. God created all of them at creation. **Genesis 1:21**.

But let's look at some of the dinosaurs that, the Bible tells us, existed during the Patriarchal era, and Job was able to see them.

The first one in **Job 40:15-23**, is a creature God called **Behemoth**. Some bible commentaries say that this creature matches the description for a Dinosaur call “Brontosaurus”. You can read in Job 40 the description of this magnificent animal created by God.

Another example in **Job 41** is called **Leviathan**. Some commentaries say this could be the **Kronosaurus**. This creature sounds interesting by the description the word of God gives us.

Do you believe in Dragons?...the dragons we read about in the Medieval history that breath fire? Well, that may be the description of Leviathan in Job 40:18-19. I think that those stories may be referring to this kind of dinosaur that was able, through the friction of their teeth and the gases on their stomach, to throw fire through their mouths. We find references of these animals all around the world, Asia, Europe, even South America. We can say the Bible already has mentioned these creatures, and this is external evidence that the bible reveals the truth to us.

Another reference to **Leviathan** is found in **Isaiah 27:1**. Some commentaries say that this could be the dinosaur called **Plesiosaurus**.

We can conclude that the Bible already has mentioned these creatures, that lived in the time of Job, and having all this information should strengthen our faith, knowing that God reveals through His Word things that scientists just found recently.

Hispanic News.

Thanks be to God, our attendance in the past few months has been very good. We hope we can continue to grow throughout the year. Also, we are so excited to start having Lifegroups every other Friday in the home of our members. Our first meeting was last Friday in the home of the Ovando family. We were blessed to have guests from Paris and also some brothers from Mt Pleasant with us. We had a full house, with around 60 people, thanks to God.

Please continue praying for us that God will open new doors for us to share the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks to all the Lamar Avenue church members for all that you do for us and the Hispanic Congregation.

God Bless You.

Marcelino, **1 Corinthians 15:58**.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Mark Welch

Welcome & Call to Worship

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

601 *My God and I*

Prayer—Alvin Buchanan

313 *The Old Rugged Cross* v. 1,2

314 *Beneath The Cross of Jesus* v. 1,2

315 *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* v. 1,4

Communion—William Campbell

Offering

650 *Send The Light* v. 1,2,& 4

18 *Faithful Love*

Dismissal for Children's Worship

290 *Shine Jesus Shine*

Message—Patrick Cannon

948 *I Am Resolved*

Shepherd Receiving Responses-Jones/Kerby

Shepherd's Prayer—Wayne Kerby

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

RESPONSE

New Members:

Sabrina & Lauren Thompson

James, Cassi, Madison, C.J. & Levi Weems

Paul & Carol Helton

Sunday Evening

Speaker: Patrick Cannon

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR *Calendars*



February 22—Men's Wild Game Dinner
 February 23 —Garrett Wedding Shower
 March 16—Bulls Wedding Shower



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

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

Sign-up on your Sunday attendance card.

Trisha Yearwood's Baked Spaghetti Casserole
 & Webber Woodall's Pound Cake!

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 (2/16)

Sound Booth:	Glenn Lee
Opening Prayer:	Danny Bulls
Communion Prayer:	Don Carroll
Communion Servers:	
Sam Wickes	Phil Wilson
Kevin Wood	Louie Woodall
Lewis Anderson	Jay Anthony
Cody Anthony	Tyler Anthony
Responses:	Kerby/Peace
Shepherd's Prayer:	Peace
Children's Worship:	Andy & Kara Garner
	Ethan/MacKenzie
Evening Worship:	Cleve Fendley

February 2, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....	220
Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....	29
Total Bible Class.....	249
Morning Worship.....	414
Hispanic Worship.....	46
Total Worship Services.....	460
Hispanic Evening Worship.....	48
LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....	199
Total Evening Services.....	247
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$14,010
BUDGET	\$12,720
YTD BUDGET.....	+\$8,499

Pantry Needs: Pinto Beans (1lb bags)