

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Have you noticed how easy it is to become preoccupied with so many good things—programs, conferences, meetings, sporting events, - that people get pushed to peripheral.

All of us, especially the church as an organization, have to fight this natural drift toward maintenance, to say focused on our mission. It is too easy as an organization to focus our time and energy on maintaining the organization so that it exists only for itself but leaves no energy for mission. We lose sight of lost people and then make excuses for it. *Jesus never let maintenance overshadow the mission. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.*

We must never lose sight of lost people. Jesus states that his mission was, and still is, to seek and save lost. That was central to his life and it is still central to the life of his church. Otherwise we end up existing just for ourselves. *He never lost sight of investing in and inviting people into his community of disciples.* He did not allow himself to become so preoccupied with his group that he neglected his mission. Those labeled as the worst of sinners were drawn to his message of extravagant grace.

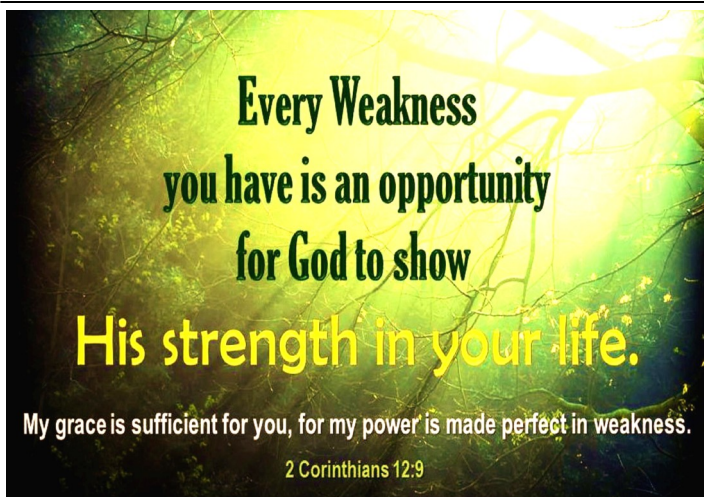
Jesus had set his face toward Jerusalem, determined to fulfill his purpose (9:51). On his way, Luke 19 says he passes through Jericho and it is there that he runs into Zacchaeus. In the minds of the Pharisees and the Scribes, Zacchaeus was a worthless person who deserved to be burned alive. Zacchaeus was a Jew who purchased the right from Rome to raise funds for an oppressive occupying army that was responsible for the brutal death of hundreds of thousands of people. He was considered a traitor, despised by his fellow Jews. But he is drawn near to Jesus. He is not the only one, all kinds of sinners are drawn to Jesus too.

“Sinner” was marked as a class of people who are deformed, diseased or whose job is one that the Jews considered beyond redemption. They were the prostitutes, strippers, slave traders, tax collectors or they had some kind of physical ailment that the Jews viewed as a curse from God. Yet those least like Jesus liked Jesus.

‘They’ grumbled because God’s grace and mercy was being extended to a tax collector. Those who saw themselves as most like Jesus were least like Jesus and did not like Jesus. Jesus came to seek and save the lost; the least like Jesus, liked Jesus.

Which group do you identify with? Are you like the Pharisees and see yourselves morally superior to ‘sinners?’ Or are you like Zacchaeus who sees your need for Jesus’ extravagant grace? Who is in the sycamore tree in your life? Let me encourage you to choose one person or family and invest in them this year and as God opens the door invite them to something.

Pray for divine appointments daily for the next fourteen days and see what God does. Pray for these people every day. Imagine Lamar Avenue being a people that are so overwhelmed with God’s extravagant grace that we want to share that grace with others? Imagine us being so transformed by God’s extravagant grace that others are climbing sycamore trees to be with us. Imagine all of us investing in one person or family this year and over the course of this year they gave their lives to Christ. Where would we be? Remember, with God, all things are possible!



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: Mary Tallant, Lilla Buchanan, Brent Nichols, Leslie Miears Lange, Butch Mills, Don Thompson, Donna Skidmore, Sharon Kinison, Alissa Nutt, Dot Campbell, Jean O'Neal, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Rennie Copeland, Wayne Parker, Laura Lee Gunn, Gary King, Jim Slowey, Perry Bolton, Mazie Brockington, Marla George, Jeff Faber, Jerry Jarrell, Dan Glasscock, Billie Viehe, Rickey Walker, Hunter Tate, Vivian Hicks, Carol

McMillian, Savannah Brazile, Justin Luna, Robyn Ausburn, Lacy Chandler, Patricia Cranford, Donna Mosley, Donna Archer, Joe Mashburn, Ely Speer, Shannon Kingsbury, Bill Gordon.

MILITARY DEPLOYED OVERSEAS: Adam Snyder, 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

Shower—A wedding shower in honor of Landon and Courtney Garrett will be **TODAY** at 1:30-3:00 in the foyer. Selections are at Spanger's, Belk, and Wal-Mart.

Thank You—"You have comforted us by your kindness and sympathy for the loss of my sister, Freda White. A special thank you to the people who attended the memorial service. I appreciate your continued prayers for this and my health." Butch and Betsy Mills.

Faithful Readers—Come join us for book club on

March 9th @ 4:00 in Rm 17. We will be discussing the book, *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate. For more information, contact Carol James.

Sympathy—Our condolences to **Nelda Skinner** who lost her uncle, Lloyd Kennedy last week and to **Joe Moore** who's sister, Irene Holmes, passed away.

Yarn Drive—Kiddie Kollege is collecting yarn they will donate to make "blessings" blankets for wounded soldiers. There will be a collection box by room 6.

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

JH Dinner and Devo @ Cliff & Maggie Kerby's House, leave the church @ 4:50 PM and return by 7 PM, Bring \$3 for food

COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a February get together!

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

****March is I Love My Youth Group Month!!!****

March 4: JH Bible Study @ Andy's house, time TBA, Snacks, Fun, Bible Study

March 9: HS Dinner and Devos 5-7 PM, More info to come.

March 16: JH, HS Game Day 3-5 PM, @ the gym.

March 28-30: JH Retreat at Texoma Youth Camp
Sign up today. Sponsors needed.

April 27: Senior Trip—Leave the blg. @ 4:30, be back late. Let Jared know if you're going.

May 18: Senior Sunday—This special day includes

breakfast @ 8:00 for seniors and their families, a slideshow and Bible presentation. Turn in photos to Jared ASAP.

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



“The Last Days”

How old is the earth? Well, science tells us that the earth is millions of years old, but they cannot prove that observation.

According to the Bible, the earth is around 6,000 years old. If we look at the genealogy of Jesus in Luke 3:23-38, it explains the Genealogy from Adam

until Jesus. We know that the Bible teaches us about 3 “eras” or dispensations or periods of time. The first one, the Patriarchal Era, is from Adam until Moses and the Law. The next period, known as the Mosaic Era, is from Moses or the law given on Mount Sinai. And the last period of time, known as the “Christian Era”, is from the Death of Jesus in the Cross until the Second Coming of Christ in Glory in His Second Coming.

Since we are in the last era, we can say that we are in the last days. How long is this era going to be? We don’t know...but we need to understand that God’s time isn’t like our time. To Him, one day could be 1000 days, or 1000 days could be like one day. The Apostle Peter says that in 2 Peter 3:8 *But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.* In verses 9-12 Peter says that the Lord will come. *9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.*

Sometimes we call this “the end of the world”, “the last days” , or “the second coming” and we tend to be afraid of this topic. But we don’t need to be afraid. We need to get ready, prepare every day of our life. Every Sunday when we take the Lord Supper we are announcing to the world that our Lord is Coming 1 Corinthians 11:26 *For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.*

Let’s do our best every day of our lives because this could be our last day, Romans 13:11 *And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 1 John 2:28-29. 28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.*

Thanks, Marcelino.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Kyle Jones

89 Be Exalted, O God

Welcome & Call to Worship

442 I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord

666 I Am Thine O Lord (1,2)

58 A Charge To Keep I Have (all)

Prayer—Jared Baggett

406 Just A Closer Walk With Thee (1,2)

671 Purer In Heart, O God (1,2,3)

Communion—Joel Casey

Offering

57 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (1,3)

*** Take My Life And Let It Be

Dismissal for Children’s Worship

*** Ancient Words

Message—Patrick Cannon

552 Have Thine Own Way (1,2,3)

Shepherd Receiving Response-Peace/Spencer

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

Sunday Evening

Speaker: Stephen Gerrald

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



TODAY –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.

Chicken Enchilada Soup!

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
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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 (3/2)

Sound Booth:	Heath Fowler
Opening Prayer:	Brad Francis
Communion Prayer:	Neil Collard
Communion Servers:	
Troy Ashby	Larry Ballard
Jerry Barnes	Glen Barnett
Greg Beckmon	Allen Beeler
Mike Bishop	Keith Bollman
Responses:	Peace/Spencer
Shepherd's Prayer:	Spencer
Children's Worship:	Cynthia H/Sherrie Boyd
	Chris H/Luke Fowler

February 16, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....	207
Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....	31
Total Bible Class.....	238
Morning Worship.....	402
Hispanic Worship.....	52
Total Worship Services.....	454

Hispanic Evening Worship.....	57
LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....	192
Total Evening Services.....	249

CONTRIBUTION.....	\$14,010
BUDGET	\$12,720
YTD BUDGET.....	+\$7,553

Pantry Needs: 1 lb. Bags of Rice