

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

The story of the wise men has always been surrounded by mystery. When we look at the scripture we find that there are several questions we cannot answer from the Biblical text. For example:

How many were there? We don't know.
Where did they come from? We don't know.
How long did the journey take? We don't know.

The wise men seem to show up suddenly out of nowhere and just as quickly they are gone. Scripture doesn't give us very many details and perhaps we don't need them—after all the wise men are not the focus of the story, Jesus is. But one thing I am certain of is this—*Just as the wise men did 2000 years ago, wise men and women still follow Jesus.*

The wise men were told to take a different route. They were told that they could not go back the same way that they came. I find that to be a fact today as well. Once you have met God it changes everything. You aren't the same. You can't travel the same way you did before.

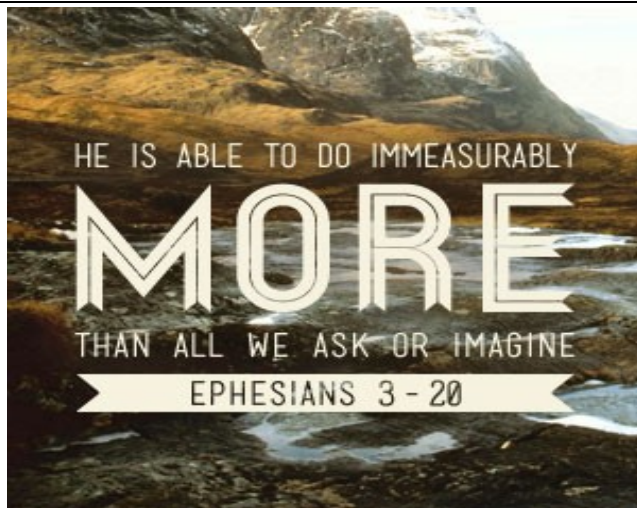
* Jacob wrestled with God and God touched him and Jacob never walked the same the rest of his life.

* Isaiah stepped into God's presence and immediately said, "Woe is me, I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips for my eyes have seen the king." Isaiah was never the same again.

* Job questioned God over and over trying to figure out why he was suffering so much. Then God shows up and Job says, "I'm speechless-words fail me!" Job 40:4-5. Job met God and he was a changed man. That's what happens when we come into God's presence.

Knowledge is one thing. Wisdom is another. It is one thing to know something. It is quite another thing to believe something to the point that it changes your life. You may have heard this riddle: once there were 3 frogs on a log. One of them decided to jump off. How many are left? Two? Nope. Three. Because he just decided...he never took the plunge. Never took the leap of faith.

Too many of us have said we believe but we never do anything with our faith. Maybe you are one of those who's sitting on the log this morning. Maybe it's time for you to jump in.



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: Ken Love, Sandra Leath, Stephanie & Greg Janes, Jerry McFadden, Jean King, Daisy Redding, Mindy Younger, Mary Tallant, Butch Mills, Dot Campbell, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Toppings family, Seburne Medders family, Charlottge Fuch, Gary Moreland, Linda Flanary, Jan Sloan Ferris, Renee Elmore, Willy Henderson, Clark Barnett, James Cassy, Polly Ashby, Jean Thurman, Randy Skidmore, Toni Modl, Mark McCloud, Johnny Briscoe, Ben

Wallace, Rennie Copeland, Wayne Parker, Laura Lee Gunn, Gary King, Jim Slowey, Perry Bolton, Mazie Brockington, Marla George, Jeff Faber, Carol McMillian, 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please contact the church office or e-mail: mollywoodall@suddenlink.net
www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com

FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

SYMPATHY—Our condolences to Ethel Leme Thompson and her family on the passing of her husband, Don Thompson, on March 7th.

SHOWER—A wedding shower in honor of Haley Bulls will be TODAY from 1:30-3:00 in the foyer. Selections are at Spangler's, Belk, Wal-Mart, Dillard's, and Target. Please bring a recipe to share with Haley.

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.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK—March 30th will be our 5th Sunday format. Please make plans to stay for our potluck lunch with a short service to follow.

NEW WEBSITE: lacoc.org. Contact the office if you need your id and password for the online directory

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

JH, HS Game Day 3-5 PM, @ the gym

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

COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a March get together!

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

****March is I Love My Youth Group Month!****
Make sure to attend every event and dress up for the theme nights!

March 23: **JH Dinner and Devo** 5-7 PM

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

April 13: **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 @ 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

lamaraveyouth.blogspot.com

EKKLESIA

Marcelino Rodriguez



“Healing Wounds”

“At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds;” (Acts 16:33)

In his second mission trip, the Apostle Paul and Silas went to preach the gospel of Christ in the city of Philippi. Lydia was baptized there. They were confronted by the opposition, the governors of Philippi, who ordered them to be punished by flogging. Even then, they were singing to God and praying. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the other prisoners were listening to them... (Acts 16:25)

Why do we have spiritual wounds? Could be for two reasons:

1. because somebody commits sin against us and that give us a “wound” or
2. because we “give wounds” when we commit sin against others”.

Sometimes we even don’t realize that we are wounding others with our wrong actions like the jailer in Acts 16. This is a very good example of what happens when we commit sin toward others or to ourselves. We wound others with our sins, or we can wound ourselves.

The Bible doesn’t mention if the jailer himself executed the punishment to Paul and Silas, but later when he recognized his mistake he did what he was able to do—he washed their wounds. He could not take back the time and take away the wounds, but he could help to heal their wounds. We need to be willing to participate in this process of healing in the spiritual aspect, in our sins and the sins we commit toward others. *But the question could be do we want to inflict wounds, or a heal wounds?*

The jailor’s history is a very good example of how God can change us if we allow him to. In the same hour he obeyed Jesus through baptism.

When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Church in Philippi, he said: *For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.* (Philippians 1:29-30)

To heal a wound takes time is not automatic, is not fast... Let’s try to understand this is a process that requires patience and prayer. We need to be willing to accept healing and we need to be willing to be ready to heal others like Christ healed our sins through his precious blood.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Allan Fain

- * Firm Foundation
- * Great Are You Lord

Welcome & Call to Worship

- 448 The Greatest Commands
- * How Great Is Our God

Prayer—Gary Gage

- * Above All

Communion—Doug Faires

Offering

1014 Jesus Loves Me

Dismissal for Children’s Worship

- 417 Where He Leads, I’ll Follow
- * Shout Hallelujah

Message—Patrick Cannon

- * Salvation Belongs to Our God

Receiving Response-Faires/Jones

Shepherd’s Prayer—Kyle Jones

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

RESPONSE

New Family: Brad & Jenny Sullivan
Claire & Cora

Sunday Evening

Speaker: Doug Faires

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



TODAY—Bulls Wedding Shower
 March 30—5th Sunday Potluck
 May 14—Blood Drive
 May 18—Senior Sunday



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

5:15-6:00—Please donate at least \$2/person.
Sign-up on your Sunday attendance card.
 Breakfast Casserole or Mexican Casserole

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

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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 (3/23)

Sound Booth: Paul McClain
Opening Prayer: Andy Garner
Communion Prayer: Jimmy Faulkner
Communion Servers:
 Troy Ashby
 Jerry Barnes
 Greg Beckmon
 Mike Bishop
 Larry Ballard
 Glen Barnett
 Allen Beeler
 Keith Bollman
 Jones/Kerby
 Wayne Kerby
Responses: Wayne Kerby
Shepherd's Prayer: Lisa Denman/Tanya Welch
Children's Worship: Justin C/Cody/Hayden

March 9, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....	170
Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....	23
Total Bible Class.....	193
Morning Worship.....	342
Hispanic Worship.....	37
Total Worship Services.....	379
Hispanic Evening Worship.....	46
LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....	115
Total Evening Services.....	161
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$11,967
BUDGET	\$12,720
YTD BUDGET.....	+\$12,217

Pantry Needs: Shampoo