

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Do we hear God's Word without allowing it to transform us? That seems to have been Israel's problem from the very beginning. God spoke to them through Moses, and God miraculously delivered them from the Egyptians through the Red Sea.

In Exodus 15:22-24, we see that Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. That is why the place is called Marah (which means bitterness). So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" The bitterness of the water reflected the bitterness in their hearts. They had gone three days without water. They're about to drop; when in the distance they see an oasis. Their parched lips and dry throats can already taste the cool, clear water, but when they finally arrive and bend down for a cool, refreshing drink, they come up spitting out salt water. No wonder they grumbled, but how could they so quickly forget what God did for them just three days earlier?

Exodus 15:25a *Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.* They may have forgotten God, but God did not forget them. In His grace, He made the water drinkable. Then He gave them a test. In v.25b-26 God promised to keep them from Egyptian diseases if they listen to Him. And we see that God abundantly provides for His people in v.27: *Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.*

As chapter 16 opens, we see that they still didn't get it. There they go again - grumbling! *They not only forgot how BAD Egypt was, but also how GOOD God had been to them.* It's like it all went in one ear and out the other. But even though they forgot God, God did not forget them. *Here's the truth of the matter: When God's people grumble against God's leaders, they grumble against God Himself.*

As the story continues, what we see is that they completely disregarded all that God told them to do. It has no transforming effect on their behavior, even though God's command is actually to their benefit. And that's what happens when we grumble. God's Word goes in one ear and out the other, and we can't appreciate all that God says and does for us if we're complaining all the time. So if you want God's Word to make a difference in your life...

DON'T GRUMBLE. Don't murmur and complain. Don't become critical and whine about your circumstances every time they don't match up to your expectations. As the saying goes, there is a better way to live! When life gets hard, don't grumble...GROW!

I will exalt you, my God and King,
and praise your name
forever and ever. I will praise you
every day; yes, I will praise you for-
ever. Great is the Lord! He is most
worthy of praise! No one can measure
his greatness....

Psalm 145:1-3

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: Faulkner family, Anna Zant family, Carol Anderson, Ken Love, Sandra Leath, Laura Janes, Jerry McFadden, Mindy Younger, Butch Mills, Dot Campbell, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Gerald Housley, Sabrina Willard, Bobby & Alliene Castleberry, Chuck Thielman, Vanderpool's, Charlotte 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, Carol McMillian, 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

YARN DRIVE—Kiddie Kollege is collecting yarn they will donate to make “blessings” blankets for wounded soldiers. There is a collection box by room 6.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK—TODAY will be our 5th Sunday format. Please make plans to stay for our potluck lunch with a short service to follow. Please see Sherrie Boyd if you can help in the kitchen.

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

CHURCH COOKBOOK—We need recipes from all members! Easy online entry if you would like or turn in a written recipe. See ladies bulletin board for details.

BOOK CLUB—Meeting April 13th. We will be discussing the book “Safely Home” by Randy Alcorn.

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

Junior High group returning around 12:00 pm from retreat.
Enjoy time with your family for 5th Sunday.

COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a April get together!

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

- April 6: **JH,HS** Final LTC Parent/Participant Meeting in Rm 6 immediately after morning worship.
April 6: **JH,HS** *Game Day* 3-5 PM, @ the gym.
April 12: **JH, HS** *Paintball* @ Hunt Co. Paintball, \$25 per person plus the cost of fast food, leave the church @ 9:45 AM, return around 6:30 PM.
April 13: **HS** *Dinner and Devo* 5-7 PM, more details to come.
April 15: **JH** *Bible Study and Get Together* @ Andy's house, 6:45-8:00 PM, dessert provided.
April 18-19: **KFC,JH,HS** *LTC Convention*
April 25: **Senior Trip**—Leave the blg. @ 4:30, be back late. Let Jared know if you're going.

April 27: **JH** *Dinner & Devo* 5-7 PM, more details to come.

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 6: **KFC** Final LTC Parent/Participant Meeting in Rm 6 immediately after morning worship.
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. Detailed instructions @ lamaraveyouth.blogspot.com.

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



“There were others”

Hebrews 11:35-40.

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection.

36 Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37

They were put to death by stoning;

they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword.

They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute,

persecuted and mistreated— 38 the world was not worthy of

them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in

caves and in holes in the ground. 39 These were all

commended for their faith, yet none of them received what

had been promised, 40 since God had planned something

better for us so that only together with us would they be

made perfect.

When we read about the heroes and giants of faith in the Bible, we really enjoy reading in the scripture the passage that told us how little David was able to defeat the giant Goliath, with the help of God. We really enjoy reading how Daniel survived in the Lions den (Daniel 6). God protected him and the lions didn't even scratch Daniel, instead to his enemies, the lions started eating them before they get to the floor (Daniel 6:24). We also enjoy reading about his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and how they survived the blazing furnace (Daniel 3), even their cloths did not smell like smoke. These are all amazing stories of faith and victory.

But we need to understand that in the life of Christians, God's plan is not that everything it will be perfect, actually our Lord Jesus Christ says that we will suffer persecution (Matthew 5:10-12). Paul repeats that in 2 Timothy 3:12, and is exactly the point the author of Hebrews 11 is trying to address in verses 35 and 36, that there were others, that experience victory in their physical life, actually they died. This is something that we need to understand, yes they died, but they died in Faith. Maybe they did not see any triumph or victory on this earth, but I'm pretty sure that our Lord Jesus Christ has a Crown of Glory for each one of them, Amen.

The Question to ourselves this day is, are we willing to be part of those “others”? I hope we are.

Revelation 3:11-12. 11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. 12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

Marcelino.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Allan Fain

63 I Will Call Upon The Lord

Welcome & Call to Worship

578 We Will Glorify

579 Praise the Name of Jesus

Jesus Is Lord

Prayer—Curtis Garrett

896 Ivory Palaces

Communion—Cleve Fendley

*Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me

Offering

Dismissal for Children's Worship

96 I Stand in Awe

Message—Patrick Cannon

*In Christ Alone

Receiving Response-Kerby/Peace

Shepherd's Prayer—Richard Peace

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

Sunday Evening

5th Sunday Format

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



TODAY—5th Sunday Potluck
 April 18-19—LTC Convention
 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.
 Meatloaf!

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
 Mike Erwin
 Heath Fowler
 Brad Francis
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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 (4/6)

Sound Booth: Nathan Ryser
Opening Prayer: John Janes
Communion Prayer: Brad Francis
Communion Servers:
 Chris Brown
 John Buchanan
 Derald Bulls
 William Campbell
 Glenn Burgess
 Danny Bulls
 Greg Campbell
 Jay Cannon
 Peace/Spencer
Responses: Jay Spencer
Shepherd's Prayer: Rachel/Maureen Spencer
Children's Worship: Bailey/Abby/Kaitlyn

March 23, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....234
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....33
Total Bible Class.....267
 Morning Worship.....426
 Hispanic Worship.....46
Total Worship Services.....472

Hispanic Evening Worship.....35
 LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....139
Total Evening Services.....174

CONTRIBUTION.....\$12,351
BUDGET\$12,720
YTD BUDGET.....+\$10,154

Pantry Needs: Peanut Butter