

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Thankfulness seems to be a lost art today. There's a story told about a ministerial student in Evanston, Illinois, who was part of a life-saving squad. In 1860, a ship went aground on the shore of Lake Michigan near Evanston, and Edward Spencer waded again and again into the frigid waters to rescue 17 passengers. In the process, his health was permanently damaged. Some years later at his funeral, it was noted that not one of the people he rescued ever thanked him.

The Bible teaches that gratitude is the obedient response of those whose ruined lives have been restored by the Master. Why should every child of God be known for having a grateful attitude over a grumbling attitude? In Luke 17 we see Jesus interacting with ten lepers. Leprosy in Biblical times was a terrible thing. Once a person caught it, it was considered incurable, and those diagnosed with leprosy were banned from society.

Think of how embarrassing that must have been to be a leper. They were disgusted with self; perhaps even angry at God. They were so consumed with the disease that they just thought there was no hope of healing. Because lepers are outsiders, they would be totally dependent on people inside the village to share some basic necessities of life with them and to be merciful to them.

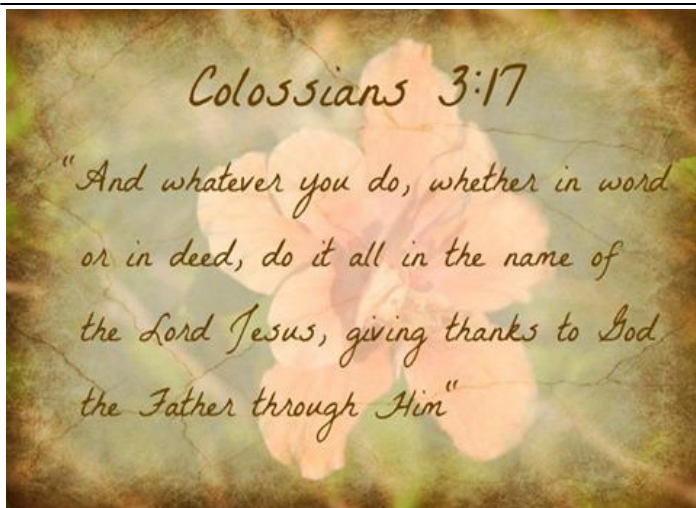
They could have denied their real condition and just put their mind on other things, avoiding their real need and issues. Instead, when Jesus comes their way, they cry out to Him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" They understand that without the touch of Jesus upon their lives they are doomed to die and are in desperate need of his mercy and grace!

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. This leper wanted to go and show everyone what had just happened in his life! Yet, he takes time to return to the One who alone made Him whole!

How thankful are you that God's grace is available for ALL people? Do you truly understand more and more of what undeserved grace God has freely poured out into your life...and how are you thanking Him for it?

May we resolve this day to be a grateful (not grumbling) child of God. Have you returned to the feet of Jesus to thank Him for what He's done in your life?

"You received Christ Jesus as Lord. So keep on living in him. Have your roots in him. Build yourselves up in him. Grow strong in what you believe, just as you were taught. Be more thankful than ever before." Colossians 2:6-7



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: Dee Lyons, Janie Russell, Carol Anderson, Ken Love, Sandra Leath, Laura Janes, Jerry McFadden, Butch Mills, Dot Campbell, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Amanda Kennon 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, Johnny Briscoe, Ben Wallace, Carol McMillian, Ely Speer, 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

LTC FOOD—We have 90 people going to LTC this year. Food donations are greatly appreciated! Sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help.

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

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

CHURCH COOKBOOK—See ladies bulletin board for details.

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

THANK YOU—Words cannot express our thankfulness for your love, support and generosity as we begin our new life together. Haley Bulls and Dustin Smith.

Thank each of you for the prayers, cards, and calls in the loss of Jimmy's bother. Jimmy & Marie Faulkner.

DRIVER NEEDED—We need a bus driver for Sunday mornings. Please contact James Hanley.

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

April 6: KFC, JH, HS *Final LTC Parent/Participant Meeting* In Room 6 directly after services.

April 6: JH, HS *Game Day* 3-5 PM, @ the gym.

COLLEGE

See Jared for more details on a April get together!

JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

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 18-19: KFC LTC Convention

April 13: KFC *Club 345* In the HS room, 5-6:15 PM

*****Camp Deer Run Day Camp: June 16-19: If you are planning to attend, sign up before April 13 to guarantee a spot with the LA group. SIGN UP TODAY- 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'.**

EKKLESIA

Marcelino Rodriguez



Baptism is Essential for Salvation.

Some religious groups criticize the doctrine of baptism and do not believe it is essential for the salvation of man, but we quote the Apostle Peter in **1 Peter 4:11** "If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God."

And we do, we know and we understand that we are saved through the grace of God, but that grace demands our obedience. Jesus is the one who explains to us that baptism is necessary and essential for our salvation.

Recently I was driving and saw a sign with the verse from **Acts 16:31**: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household." The problem is they just quote that verse and try to teach that you just need to believe and you can be saved. We need to continue reading the verses after verse 31, all in context **Acts 16:32-34** says, "Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized." Two words in **verse 32** call our attention, "hour" and "immediately". These words show the urgency of the jailer to obey all the Gospel of Christ. Christ teaches in **Mark 16:15-16**, He said to them, "*Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned*"...he said...

Believe + Be Baptized = you will be Saved.

What Christ said is the truth and is what we need to obey. He requests from us obedience through baptism. This is an act of faith and obedience, and if we have the command to be immersed in water, we need to do it.

2 Thess 1:5,6,8-10.

5 All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. 6 God is just..... 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed

Hispanic News.

Thanks to our God, we have a Baptism last week in the Hispanic Congregation, our new Brother Cosme Tolentino, who is been studying with me for several weeks, and will continue with his studies so he understand every day more and more the rudiments of the faith in Jesus Christ.

Please pray for Him and for other people that we are studying with who need to make that decision to Obey the Gospel of Christ through Baptism. **Acts 2:38.**

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Kyle Jones

*** *Psalm 95 (Come Let Us Sing)*

Welcome & Call to Worship

144 *O Worship The King (1,2,3)*

577 *We Bow Down (1,2)*

*** *Great Are You Lord*

Prayer—John Janes

218 *Blessed Jesus*

337 *Hallelujah, What A Savior*

Communion—Brad Francis

Offering

*** *Hosanna You're My King*

Dismissal for Children's Worship

167 *Hosanna*

Message—Patrick Cannon

232 *Worthy, You Are Worthy (1,2,3)*

Receiving Response—Peace/Spencer

Shepherd's Prayer—Jay Spencer

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

New Members

David Wilkinson

&

Cosme Tolentino
(Baptized 3/23)

Sunday Evening

Auddie Neisler

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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.
 Chicken Strips!

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
 Clint Gage
 James Hanley
 Don Lawrence
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 Clay Spencer
 Clint Spencer
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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 (4/13)

Sound Booth: Heath Fowler
Opening Prayer: Bill Jones
Communion Prayer: Gary Gage
Communion Servers:
 Chris Brown
 John Buchanan
 Derald Bulls
 William Campbell
 Glenn Burgess
 Danny Bulls
 Greg Campbell
 Jay Cannon
Responses: Spencer/Anderson
Shepherd's Prayer: Louis Anderson
Children's Worship: Jared & Kristi Baggett
 Justin C./Cody/Hayden

March 30, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....213
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....29
Total Bible Class.....242
 Morning Worship.....417
 Hispanic Worship.....43
Total Worship Services.....460

Hispanic Evening Worship.....
 LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....
Total Evening Services.....5th Sunday

CONTRIBUTION.....\$9,125
BUDGET\$12,720
YTD BUDGET.....+\$6,922

Pantry Needs: Toothbrushes