

# LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

On this day that we honor mothers, its good for us to think about how much you really do. Being a mother is not a walk in the park...

One of my favorite columns by Erma Bombeck tells of God in the act of creating mothers. She says that on the day God created mothers He had already worked overtime. An angel said to Him, "Lord, you sure are spending a lot of time on this one."

The Lord turned and said, "Have you read the specs on this model? She is supposed to be completely washable, but not plastic. She is to have 180 moving parts, all of them replaceable. She is to have a kiss that will heal everything from a broken leg to a broken heart. She is to have a lap that will disappear whenever she stands up. She is to be able to function on black coffee & leftovers. And she is supposed to have six pairs of hands."

"Six pairs of hands," said the angel, "that's impossible." "It's not the six pairs of hands that bother me." said the Lord, "It's the three pairs of eyes. She is supposed to have one pair that sees through closed doors so that whenever she says, 'What are you kids doing in there?' she already knows what they're doing in there."

"She has another pair in the back of her head to see all the things she is not supposed to see but must see. And then she has one pair right in front that can look at a child that just goofed and communicate love and understanding without saying a word." "That's too much." said the angel, "You can't put that much in one model. Why don't you rest for a while and resume your creating tomorrow?"

"No, I can't," said the Lord. "I'm close to creating someone very much like myself. I've already come up with a model who can heal herself when she is sick - who can feed a family of six with one pound of hamburger - and who can persuade a nine year old to take a shower." Then the angel looked at the model of motherhood a little more closely and said, "She's too soft." "Oh, but she is tough," said the Lord. "You'd be surprised at how much this mother can do."

"Can she think?" asked the angel. "Not only can she think," said the Lord, "but she can reason and compromise and persuade."

Then the angel reached over and touched her cheek. "This one has a leak," he said. "I told you that you couldn't put that much in one model." "That's not a leak," said the Lord. "That's a tear." "What's a tear for?" asked the angel. "Well it's for joy, for sadness, for sorrow, for disappointment, for pride." "You're a genius," said the angel. And the Lord said, "Oh, but I didn't put it there."

Yes, God made Mothers with many different traits and many different jobs. Let them know how much you love and appreciate a Mother today!



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:** Brittany Johnson, Joe Daniels, Nancy Jones, Lila Buchanan, Shirley Carroll, Dee Lyons, Janie Russell, Ken Love, Butch Mills, Dot Campbell, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, Antionette Sofia, Dianna Welch, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson, John White.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Troy Gray Jr. family, Alta Weeks, Jean Campbell, Tracy Bounds, Paula Vaughn, Ben Holland, Daniel Tuttle, Gary Stevens, Skyler Cook, Patti Bulls, Norma Brown, Blake Pasquill, James Jack, Gary Jack, Vanderpool's, Ely Speer,

John Simpkins, Christian Jake Chandler family, Patrick Durham, Spring Rhodes-Smith family, Gaffney family, Lou Faine, Debbie Bracken, Jazzmayne Cook Radtke family, Bill Gordon.

## **MILITARY DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:**

Adam Snyder, Billy Thomas, Donny Shaffer, Nick McDowra, James Crimmin.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please contact the church office or e-mail: [mollywoodall@suddenlink.net](mailto:mollywoodall@suddenlink.net)  
[www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com](http://www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com)

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## FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS—E.F.** High School Exchange Year is looking for families interested in hosting an exchange student for next school year. For more info, call 903-785-6303.

**BOOK CLUB—**No meeting in May.

**SENIOR SUNDAY—**We will be honoring our 2014 graduates and their families with breakfast before class on May 18th. If you would be willing to make a donation, please contact Carole Anderson. See Welcome Center for more details.

**DRIVER NEEDED—**We need a bus driver for Sunday mornings. If you can help, contact James Hanley.

**BLOOD DRIVE—**Wednesday, May 14th we will have a blood drive in the Outreach building. Watch for sign up sheets to be in the foyer soon.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS—**Wednesday will be the last meeting before summer break. Please join us for a salad luncheon.

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## KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

Spend Mother's Day with your Mom. Let them know how much you love them!

### College

**May:** See Jared for more details on an May get together!

### Junior High & High School

*Summer Schedule is out!*

*Make sure to mark you calendars.*

**May 18:** HS *Dinner and Devo* More details to come

**May 24:** JH, HS *Rough Rider Game* Details on the sign up sheet and more to come

**May 25:** JH *Dinner and Devo* More details to come

**June 1:** JH, HS *Combined Dinner and Devo* Welcoming the newcomers in the Youth Group

**June 8:** JH, HS *Game Day* @ the gym, 3-5 PM

**June 12:** JH, HS *Tag Team Thursday*, More details to come

### Kids For Christ

*Summer Schedule is out!*

*Make sure to mark you calendars.*

**May 18:** KFC *Club 345* In the HS room, 5-6:15 PM

**June 10:** KFC *Terrific Tuesday* @ LACOC, 8:30 AM-12 PM

**June 16-19:** KFC *Camp Deer Run Day*

# EKKLESIA

Marcelino Rodriguez



“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop”. (Luke 8:15) In Luke 8:4-15, we read about the sower and the seed parable that Jesus teaches about the human heart: four types of ground or four types of

hearts. God wants to find in us good ground: hearts that receive the Word of God and produce fruit every day. The Christian life is not a seasonal thing. Sometimes in our lives we have “seasons” or period of time when we do certain things like go fishing, play baseball, exercise etc. The Christian life is a way of life and is something you decide to do when you are baptized into Christ, until the last day of your life. Being a Christian is not something that we practice from time to time. Being a Christian means being faithful to God (Revelation 2:10). How is our heart? How is our ground? Are we good ground or are we like the ground close to the wayside, with a hard heart...or like the ground with rocks that believe just for a period of time...or the one that has thorns? God wants good ground. The seed is not the problem, because the seed is perfect; it is the Word of God. This seed is the best seed. The sad thing is that we do not produce fruit like we are supposed to do. Why are we becoming in our society, and in the world in general, so dry, so skeptical, and so unbelieving?

I was studying with someone the other day and I asked this person, “do you believe there is life after death?” His answer was “no”. I was shocked, so I tried my best in just a few minutes to show through scripture what Jesus told us about our hope in our eternal life. (Examples: John 14, Luke 16, John 11.) Let’s pray to God. He puts in front of us people in Paris with good hearts, with good ground. We need to pray every day and especially for Brent Nichols and John Mark as they are dealing with other cultures. Also for our brothers all around the world .

Every day we have hard work with hearts like we see in Luke 8. It is not easy. How is our ground...how is our heart?

## Hispanic News.

\*We want to say Happy Mother’s day to all our Moms in all the Family in Lamar Avenue, you are a blessing for us, God Bless You and keep you.

\*We want to congratulate our new parents in our congregation, Esther and Jose Luis Estrada for their new Baby Boy, Luis Erick. He weighed 8 lb. 1oz. And he was 20 in. long. He was Born 5/5/2014 at 11:33 PM. God Bless Him.

# WORSHIP

## Worship Leader—Kyle Jones

1018 *Joy To The World*

587 *Sing and Be Happy*

## Welcome & Call To Worship

Songs: *Mother's Selections*

## Prayer—Mike Kennedy

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## Communion—Bill King

790 *Lord, Take Control*

768 *Jesus, Let Us come To Know You*

## Offering

745 *Humble Yourself*

71 *As The Deer*

## Dismissal for Children’s Worship

448 *The Greatest Commands*

## Message—Patrick Cannon

943 *Do You Know My Jesus?*

## Receiving Response—Kerby/Peace

## Shepherd’s Prayer—Richard Peace

778 *Be With Me, Lord*



# Sunday Evening

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May 14—Blood Drive  
 May 18—Senior Sunday  
 June 1—Promotion Sunday



## WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

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

Soft Tacos!

### 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*  
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 Laura Cannon, *Secretary*

### DEACONS

Greg Beckmon  
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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 (5/18)

**Sound Booth:** Nathan Ryser  
**Opening Prayer:** Graig Skidmore  
**Communion Prayer:** Don Lawrence  
**Communion Servers:**  
 Jay Cannon  
 Patrick Cannon  
 Don Carroll  
 Rusty Cooper  
 Jonathan Cannon  
 Sam Cannon  
 Joel Casey  
 Mark Cowan  
 Peace/Spencer  
**Responses:** Jay Spencer  
**Shepherd's Prayer:** Cliff & Maggie Kerby  
**Children's Worship:** Sophia/Lexie/Chole

### May 4, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....149  
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....25  
**Total Bible Class.....174**  
 Morning Worship.....451  
 Hispanic Worship.....36  
**Total Worship Services.....487**

Hispanic Evening Worship.....33  
 LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....160  
**Total Evening Services.....192**

**CONTRIBUTION.....\$16,333**  
**BUDGET .....\$12,720**  
**YTD BUDGET.....+10,891**

**Pantry Needs: pasta sauce**