

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

In the 1890s, a young missionary named William Marfus Young, was appointed to take the gospel to the Shan people in the eastern extremity of Burma. He established a base in Keng Tung city, capital of the Shan region. One day Young went to the marketplace and was preaching among the Shan people, most of whom were Buddhists. He read the Ten Commandments from the Bible. Then holding his Bible aloft — with the sun gleaming on its white pages — he began to preach about the laws of the True God.

As he preached, he noticed some men coming toward him out of the throng in the market. He could tell by their dress they were not Shan people. Later he discovered that they were Lahu men who had decided to come down from the far mountains to trade in the market of Keng Tung. They completely surrounded William Young and stared incredulously at his white face, the white interior of the book in his hand, and listened to his description of the laws of God contained in that Book.

When he had finished they pleaded with the missionary to follow them up into the mountains. They said, “We have been waiting for you for centuries. We even have meeting houses built in some of our villages in readiness for your coming.” They showed him the bracelets of coarse rope hanging like manacles from their wrists that their people had worn for many generations.

The ropes symbolized their bondage to evil spirits as a result of not having God’s Word. They said, “You alone, as the messenger of God, may cut these manacles from our wrists — but only after you have brought the book of the true God to our very homes.” Young could not believe what was happening, but he went and many of the Lahu people became Christians. In 1904, Young and others baptized 2,200 Lahu converts who had learned the basics of the Christian faith. From then until 1936, when he died, still working among the Lahu, he saw at least 2,000 Lahu give their lives to Christ every year.

God is sowing the seed. The seed will continue to grow. All it takes is a simple and humble heart that is willing to hear and receive it. Just think—God uses each one of us to take the message to a lost and dying world everyday.



For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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: Ruth McFadden, Ed Bullard, Lila Buchanan, Coral Smith, Austin Stutzman, Kristi Anthony, Joe Daniels, Nancy Jones, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, John White, Lance Johnson, Kathy Marshall, David Wilkenson

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Mazie Brockington, Wesley Buster, Pat Lewis, Keith Millerton, Debbie Bracken, Cheryl & Sean Healy, Debra Gibson Alvarez, Jim Bob Holley, Elizabeth Elrod, Thomas McGee, Mona Drake,

Ernie Encalade, Jay Kimbrough, William Ballard, Imy Walters, Gladys Sanders, Katie Ewell, Emily Cole, Gerald Henderson.

MILITARY DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:

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

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

FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

BOOK CLUB— Meeting TODAY @ 4:00 in Room 17. We will be discussing the book, “Bridge To Haven” by Francine Rivers.

SYMPATHY— Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Todd Duren** in the sudden loss of his step-father Paul Lewis.

THANK YOU—Thank you church family for all your care and support during mom’s illness and passing. Your cards, calls, prayers, and the lovely flowers are so appreciated. The support of God’s people helps in times of trouble. May God bless you all. —Daisy Redding & family.

SUMMER— Our Wednesday nights look a little different this summer. Our goal is to reach out to one another and become a closer church family unit. We started this past week off with a great family night in the outreach bldg. If you missed it then plan to attend this next Wednesday night and be a part of our Community Garden Outreach. We will meet at the church bldg. @ 6:00 and be directed from there. ALL AGES are needed!!!

WEDDING SHOWER— for Ellie Bivens Stringer on June 22nd @ 1:30–3:30 in Room 6. The couple have selections at WalMart, Target, and Spanglers.

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

June 8: JH, HS Game Day @ the gym, 3-5 PM AND KFC Club 345 In the HS room, 5-6:15 PM

Junior High & High School

Summer Schedule is out!

Make sure to mark you calendars.

June 12: JH, HS Tag Team Thursday @ the church, 11 AM-2 PM

June 20: JH, HS Possible Lock-In @ A&M Commerce with the NETSYS Group

June 26: JH, HS Tag Team Thursday @ the church, 11 AM-2PM

July 6: JH, HS Combined Dinner and Devo 5-7 PM, More information to come

Kids For Christ

Summer Schedule is out!

Make sure to mark you calendars.

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

June 16-19: KFC Camp Deer Run Day

June 24: KFC Terrific Tuesday @ Splash Kingdom

Information on the youth wall and summer schedule sheet. Sign Up Today

July 7-9: KFC Service Week More Information to come

College

June: See Jared for more details on any June get together!

EKKLESIA

Marcelino Rodriguez



“The Things that I don’t like to do”

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last,*

but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. Paul explains that those who win go through a strict training. This implied that they needed to be “strict” in how they managed their life, diet, exercise, living style, etc. Only with the goal to win, only with the goal to receive a prize, were they to be successful. The same principal needs to control our life in Christ, but the problem is that sometimes we don’t want to do those things that are good and necessary for us. Look at the following examples:

“I don’t like to take the medicine.”, We don’t want to take that medicine but maybe it is necessary for us to be able to get better. This may be a really simple example, but full of truth...

“I don’t like to be nice to others.”, *Philippians 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all.* Even if we don’t like it we need to make an effort to be nice to others every day.

“I don’t like to study my Bible.”, In *2 Peter 1:5 and 2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.* The Scriptures give us the idea that to be able to grow and be successful, we need to study God’s word. This is the desire of our Lord! Even if we don’t like to do these things, we need to do them.

“I don’t like to preach to others the good news of Christ.” If we really want to do the will of God, we need to just do it. The Apostle Paul says in *1 Corinthians 9:16, For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!*

“I don’t like to forgive.” If we are not willing to forgive, we will not be forgiven. *Matthew 6:14*

“I don’t like to repent.” We need to learn every day to repent. *2 Peter 3:9*

“I don’t like pray.” We need to spend time in prayer; in communication with God. *1 Timothy 2:1-3.*

“I don’t like to go to Church.” Sometimes the problem is our own attitude. We need to reconsider, what our goal is when we attend church. The question ought to be, “Am I trying to please God or myself?”

So even if we don’t like to do these things, we need to grow in the Lord every day and just do them. When we do this, we will be a better person, we will be a better Christian, and we will get our prize.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader— Stephen Gerald

* Light The Fire

Welcome & Call To Worship

536 Higher Ground Medley

290 Shine Jesus Shine (1,2)

422 Spirit of The Living God

Opening Prayer—Austin Anthony

* As The Deer Thirsts

* Shine On Us

Communion—Herchell McClain

Offering

535 The Glory-Land Way (1,2,3)

Dismissal for Children’s Worship

* There’s A Stiring

Message—Patrick Cannon

429 Oh, To Be Like Thee (1,2,3)

Receiving Response—Faires/Jones

Shepherd’s Prayer—Kyle Jones

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

Sunday Evening

Patrick Cannon

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



June 22nd – Wedding shower for Ellie
 Bivens - Stringer



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

Simple Suppers will be taking a break during the summer months (June–Aug). We will begin again in September. Please be prayerfully considering whether you can help with this good work and join one of our awesome teams!!

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

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 Jill Faires, *Kiddie Kollege Director*
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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 (6/15)

Sound Booth: Michael McCarter
Opening Prayer: Clint Spencer
Communion Prayer: James Paul Miers
Communion Servers:
 Matt Denman
 Todd Duren
 Chris Easton
 Doug Faires
 Ross Denman
 Jacob Duren
 Mike Erwin
 Jimmy Faulkner
Responses: Jones/Kerby
Shepherd's Prayer: Wayne Kerby
Children's Worship: Cynthia Hutson/Sherrie Boyd
 Chris H. / Luke F.

May 18, 2014 Report

Bible Class.....223
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....26
Total Bible Class.....249
 Morning Worship.....403
 Hispanic Worship.....36
Total Worship Services.....439

Hispanic Evening Worship.....41
 LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....104
Total Evening Services.....145

CONTRIBUTION.....\$17,637
BUDGET\$12,720
YTD BUDGET.....+9,386

Pantry Needs: chicken noodle soup