

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Think about this: "Most Christians *repent enough to get forgiven, but not enough to see the Kingdom.*" Now think about what John was saying: "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!" A modern translation puts it: "Turn to God and change the way you think and act, because the kingdom of heaven is near."

To the Jew of the time, a kingdom of their own was a much sought after dream. Having had their kingdom taken from them and having been under the rule of foreign nations for hundreds of years, their main desire was to be free - free to rule themselves.

John came as an initiator - one who was sent to welcome the arrival of the Kingdom of God. He came with a message much different than the world anticipated. His attire, his ways were so different. He proclaimed the arrival of this life changing event in such a different way. Yet, something about him attracted the multitudes to him. His message, though different, had meaning; his presence, though different, had authority. His message of repentance and the Kingdom of God attracted multitudes to him.

Repentance is incomplete until it envisions His Kingdom. The focus of repentance is to transform our way of thinking until the presence of His Kingdom fills our consciousness.

Matthew 3:8 says: "*produce fruit consistent with repentance.*" The enemy (Satan) attempts to refocus our thinking to this physical realm in order to prevent us from seeing the spiritual realm. Only when we can remove our minds, affections, thoughts and actions from this physical world will we begin to experience the Kingdom life that Jesus came to establish.

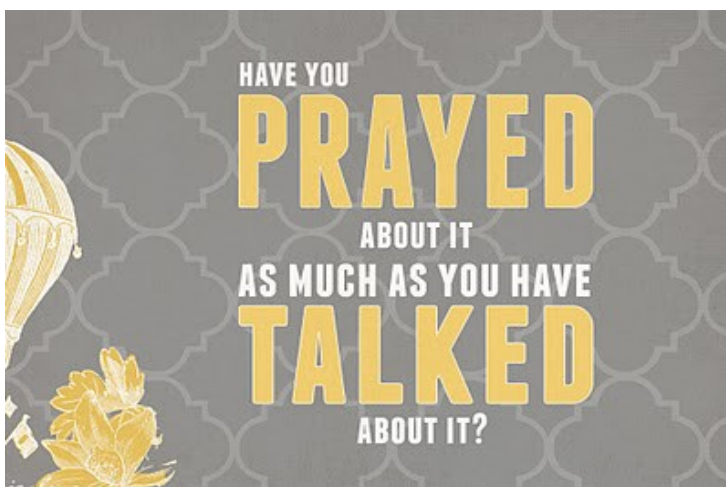
Where are you at in this process? Is hidden sin preventing you from experiencing all God has for you? Hidden sin prevents you from having a bold faith necessary to see great things happen.

Kingdom living is for the now - It is not some long sought after event still to come. It is here now but this is not the best of it. Greater things are still to come. Just think-God is looking to bestow His Kingdom upon those who will do something with it.

When John came preaching, his message was different; his style was different; his demeanor was different. He attracted the crowds because he stood out in the crowd. His message was a message of life - life for the here and now.

So, what exactly does it mean for one to be a part of God's present domain? It is interesting to note that his message was preached at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus - the implication is *to watch Jesus and His life* and you will see exactly what it means to be a part of God's domain. Jesus exemplified Kingdom living.

Are you truly living the Kingdom life that God has designed you to live?



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: Alan Boyd, Gerald & Mary Doty, Pam Catibiani, Matt Duren, Austin Mosely, Sandra Carrell, Ruth Ann Stallings, Lee McClain, Alyssa Nutt, Ruth McFadden, Lloyd Usry, Kristi Anthony, Doris McGill, Mary Lloyd, John White, Lance Johnson

MILITARY DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:

Adam Snyder, Billy Thomas, Donny Shaffer, James Crimmin, Ethan Skaggs, Michael Cooke.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Roy Bolton, Craig Shew, Sonny Daughtery, Buster William, Mazie Brockington, Wesley Buster, Emily Cole, Vanderpool's, Gladys Sanders, Katie Ewell, Keith Millerton, Jake Lockey

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

FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS

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

BAPTISM—Chris Brown had the honor of baptizing his son **Brayden Brown** into Christ this past Sunday.

WEDNESDAY—We will hear a message of God's Word from **Richard Peace** this Wednesday (June 25th) @ 6:30 here at the building.

BOOK CLUB— Next meeting will be July 13th. We will be discussing the book, "Jimmy" by Robert Whitlow.

CHURCH IN THE PARK—Once again we had a good turn out for our short time in the park. Thunder, lightening, and a down pour put a quick end to our gathering but some stayed to enjoy the beautiful rainbow after the storm. God is good ALL the time! We did enjoy a short time of fellowship with one another, which is one of our goals this summer. Thank you Doug & Jill Faires for your planning skills....right down to the port-a-potties!

COOKBOOKS—Our cookbooks are here!!! You can pick them up in the office. \$10 each. If you didn't reserve one, there are some extras available while they last. Get your copy soon!

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

JH, HS Church @ Camp Deer Run and Visit Leave after class and be back mid-late afternoon
(Will call/text on the way home)

Junior High & High School

Summer Schedule is out! Make sure to mark you calendars.

June 25: **JH, HS Church @ Camp Deer Run and Visit**
Leave @ 6:30 PM, be back around midnight

June 26, July 17 & 24: **JH, HS Tag Team Thursday** @ the church bldg., 11 AM-2PM

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

July 16: **JH, HS Church @ Camp Deer Run and Visit**
Leave @ 6:30 PM, be back around midnight

July 20: **JH, HS Game Day** @ the gym, 3-5 PM

July 27-August 1: **JH, HS Dallas Life Mission Trip** Sign up today!!!

Kids For Christ

Summer Schedule is out! Make sure to mark you calendars.

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
(block off your morning!)

July 15: **KFC Terrific Tuesday @ Dallas Aquarium**

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

College

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

EKKLESIA

Marcelino Rodriguez



Many years ago I heard a song on tape called, "Water in the Plan." The quartet was The Sound of Glory. I liked the song very much. These words are true, "There is water in the plan of God." In the Old Testament we read of a fountain at the entrance of the tabernacle where the priest washed his body before he came to the Holy place. (Exodus 40:30-32) At the cross when the Roman soldier pierced Jesus with a spear, immediately blood and

water came out. Our Lord was showing a lesson through His death. The blood is for the remission of sins and the water represents the commandment of baptism. (Matthew 28:18-20) The word baptism means immersion; to be buried in water. (Romans 6:3-5) Jesus gave the command to be immersed in water to obey the Gospel of Christ. He is the one who put the rules in the plan of salvation. (Mark 16:15-16). I'm pretty sure if our Lord Jesus Christ gave us other instructions to obey in another way, we would do anything he demanded of us to show him our obedience, but he chose the water in the plan. In obedience, we are to be washed by the water through baptism. Somebody told me on one occasion, "Oh, you see baptism and you see water." I told him, yes, the baptism of the great commission of Christ demands water. (Acts 8:36 & 10:47). In the Bible we find that different kinds of baptism were practiced, however, the only one that brings us to obedience in Christ is the one through immersion in water. *...As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"(Acts 8:36)* On one occasion, I was talking with a denominational preacher in Mexico who told me, "You don't know anything about baptism; you ignore the different types of baptism that the Bible mentions. At that time I really didn't know much about this topic. That's why I want to share with you, so you won't be caught off guard on this topic.

The Bible teaches around 7 different types of baptism in the Bible:

1. **Baptism by fire** (Mt 3:11-12 This baptism is the trials that every Christian suffers.
2. **Baptism of suffering** (Mark 10:38-39, Luke 12:50) This is the one that Jesus suffered for us on the cross, and His apostles were willing to suffer too.
3. **Baptism for the dead** (1 Cor.15:29)
(In this text the apostle Paul used sarcasm to prove his point, not meaning that we can be baptized for the persons that are already dead.)
4. **Baptism of John the Baptist** (Acts 19:3)
5. **Baptism of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 2:1-4)
6. **Baptism in the cloud and the sea** (1Cor. 10:2)
7. **Baptism in the great commission of Jesus** (Matthew 28:18-20 & Mark 16:15-16) This is the baptism we obey because it is the one our Lord teaches us. This Baptism is the only one valid for salvation. The Apostle Paul explained there is only one baptism valid in the Church. (Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1-6, Colossians 2:12, Galatians 3:27) In all of the New Testament we see the teaching of baptism and the importance of this commandment of Christ.

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Allan Fain

- * Jesus In The Morning
- * Lord, Reign In Me
- 577 We Bow Down

Welcome & Call To Worship—Patrick Cannon

- * How Can I Keep From Singing?

Opening Prayer—Clint Spencer

- * Christ Above Me

Communion—James Paul Miers

Offering

- 790 Lord, Take Control

Dismissal for Children's Worship

- * Shout To The Lord

Message—Patrick Cannon

- 18 Faithful Love

Receiving Response— Kerby/Peace

Shepherd's Prayer—Richard Peace

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

Sunday Evening

Keith Bollman

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- June 25th—Elder Led Service
- June 29th—5th Sunday Potluck
- July 2nd—Elder Led Service
- July 9th—Community Garden Service
- July 13th – Book Club Meeting
- July 16th—Elder Led Service
- July 23rd—Family Night in the Outreach



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*

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 Jill Faires, *Kiddie Kollege Director*
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 Tanya Welch, *Secretary*

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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 (6/29)

Sound Booth: Nathan Ryser
Opening Prayer: Gene Stallings
Communion Prayer: Joe Moore
Communion Servers:
 Matt Denman
 Todd Duren
 Chris Easton
 Doug Faires
 Ross Denman
 Jacob Duren
 Mike Erwin
 Jimmy Faulkner
Responses: Peace/Spencer
Shepherd's Prayer: Jay Spencer
Children's Worship: Andy & Kara Garner
 Ethan H. / Mackenzie B.

June 15, 2014 Report

Bible Class..... 178
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....31
Total Bible Class.....209
 Morning Worship..... 482
 Hispanic Worship.....50
Total Worship Services.....532

Hispanic Evening Worship.....0
 LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....78
Total Evening Services..... 78

CONTRIBUTION.....\$15,829
BUDGET\$12,720
YTD BUDGET..... +11,398

Pantry Needs: peanut butter & jelly