

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Last Friday, as we celebrated the 4th of July, we were reminded once again of that crucial moment in the history of our nation – the signing of the Declaration of Independence. As we look back at that event we need to realize that it was a very dangerous decision for each man who dared to sign that Declaration.

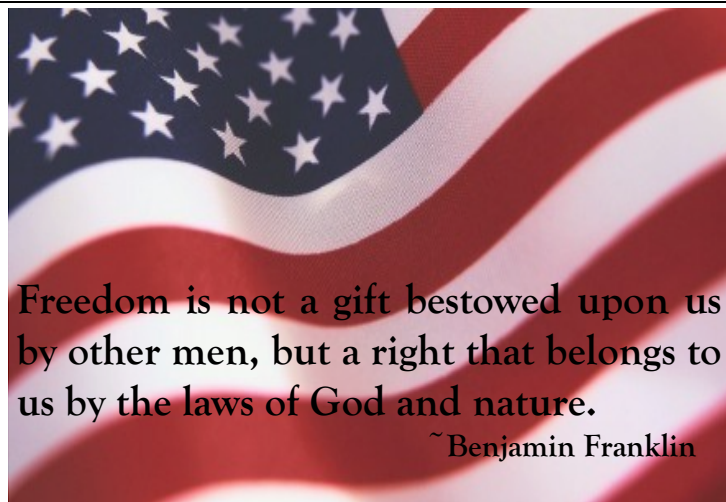
In fact, as John Adams signed it he said, "Whether we live or die, sink or swim, succeed or fail, I stand behind this Declaration of Independence and if God wills it, I am ready to die in order that this country might experience freedom."

It was that kind of patriotism which led men, armed with little more than hunting rifles, to engage in battle with what was the most powerful nation in the world. Many of our forefathers paid a terrible price in the Revolutionary War, but finally they won the victory so that you and I might be citizens of this "land of the free and home of the brave."

When we put our trust in Jesus Christ, we have a greater freedom to celebrate – freedom from bondage to sin and from a debt that we could never pay. As believers we are called to walk in the freedom that is ours through the Spirit of God and to remember the cost of that freedom.

Our independence as people is based upon our dependence on Jesus. There is a price for gaining freedom– but there is also a price for maintaining freedom.

You see freedom is not won or maintained by force of arms, by military arsenals or by armies of men and women. Freedom is won and maintained in God alone! Great nations rise and fall upon the blessing and judgment of Almighty God.



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: Butch Mills, Ruth McFadden, Mark Jones, Auddie Neisler, Daisy Redding, Anita Roden, Sharon Kinison, Becky Webb, Alan Boyd, Linda Hostettler. Gerald & Mary Doty, William Offutt, Pam Catibiani, 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: Maddie Villareal, Al Clark, Melissa Arnold, Mazie Brockington, April Offutt, David Nix, Dwayne Weeks, Herb Ferguson, Sigrid Cain, Leta Reaes, Will Larseingue, Roy Bolton, Craig Shew, Sonny Daughtery, Buster William, Vanderpool's

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

FAMILY NEWS & NEEDS



WEDNESDAY—July 9th, will be our 2nd Community Garden night. We will meet at the bldg. @ 6:00 p.m. Be ready to get plugged in! This is an awesome service project that will benefit many in our community as well as draw our church family together as we work alongside one another. All ages are needed. If you don't know what you can do, just ask! We have a place for you!

SYMPATHY— We extend our deepest sympathy to **Troy & Bettie Ashby** in the loss of his mother, Polly Ashby, this past Sunday. Our condolences also go to **Ed Bullard** and family in the loss of his sister, Hazel Aldridge, this past Tuesday.

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

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!

MISSION TRIP NEED—We are in need of magazines for a craft with the teens at Dallas Life homeless shelter. There is a box located in the office for you to drop them off in. Thank you!

KIDS FOR CHRIST, YOUTH, & COLLEGE TODAY

July 6: **JH, HS Combined Dinner and Devo** 5-7 PM, Meet at the church

Kids For Christ

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

July 7-9: KFC Service Week 9:30 AM-12:00 PM...Even if the parent can't attend, we still want your child there. (Entering K- 5th grade)

July 15: KFC Terrific Tuesday @ Dallas Aquarium
Information on the youth wall and summer schedule sheet. Sign Up Today

July 20: KFC Club 345 Meet in the Youth Room, 5:00-6:15 PM

August 16: KFC Back to School Bash @ the church, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

August 24: KFC Club 345 Meet in the Youth Room, 5:00-6:15 PM

Junior High & High School

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

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

July 17 & 24: JH, HS Tag Team Thursday @ the church, 11 AM-2PM

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

July 27-August 1: JH, HS Dallas Life Mission Trip
Cost \$115.00 includes all meals.

August 10: JH, HS Combined Dinner & Devo 5-7 PM,
More information to come

August 16: JH, HS Back to School Bash @ the church, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

August 17: JH, HS Game Day @ the gym, 3-5 PM

College

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

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Marcelino Rodriguez



The Purpose of our Life

Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3

Are we just born, grow, reproduce, and then die? In the world we live, many people do not understand that we have a bigger goal in our life than only to be born, grow, reproduce, and die. For many people, that is the purpose of their life. This is not the case for the Christian! We transcend into eternity. That is our goal in the church...to prepare people for eternity. It is true that we try to prepare ourselves to be better citizens and better people in all aspects of our physical life. However, our principle goal is to prepare ourselves to be in eternity with God. If every day we learn something new about Christ, about the Father, and about the Spirit, then we are living the eternal life. (John 17:3)

The apostle Paul says to us that we are in heavenly places every day through the church. (Ephesians 2:6)

Ephesians 1:13-14. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. It says in Ephesians 1:13-14 that we have a wonderful promise from our God if we:

1. Heard the word of God (v. 13)
2. Have believed (v. 13b)
3. We've been marked in Him with a seal
4. Are a deposit guaranteeing redemption of those who are God's possession to the praise of His glory. (v. 14)

It is natural for us as humans to want physical things for ourselves and our family, but we do not need to miss our eternal purpose, which is to be with Christ and the ones we love in eternity. You and I have that promise. My prayer is that we never forget this promise from God. (Matthew 24:13)

WORSHIP

Worship Leader—Allan Fain

- * My Life Is In You, Lord
- * Here I Am To Worship

Welcome & Call To Worship

Opening Prayer—Travis Trussell

- 212 When I Look Into Your Holiness
- * Above All

Communion—William Offutt

Offering

- * If You're Happy And You Know It

Dismissal for Children's Worship

- 961 There Is A Balm
- 273 More Precious Than Silver

Message—Patrick Cannon

- * Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Receiving Response—Spencer/Anderson

Shepherd's Prayer—Lewis Anderson

- * How Can I Keep From Singing?

*** 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



- 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*

STAFF

James Hanley, *Latch Key Director*
 Jill Faires, *Kiddie Kollege Director*
 Kim Hanley, *Administrative Assistant*
 Tanya Welch, *Secretary*

DEACONS

Greg Beckmon
 Alan Boyd
 Derald Bulls
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 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 (7/13)

Sound Booth: Brian Singleton
Opening Prayer: Elton Weeks
Communion Prayer: Richard Peace
Communion Servers:
 Russell Figgins
 Heath Fowler
 Scott Fulbright
 Curtis Garrett
 Brad Francis
 Luke Fowler
 Gary Gage
 Paul Garrett
Responses: Anderson/Faires
Shepherd's Prayer: Doug Faires
Children's Worship: Rachel & Maurine Spencer
 Sophia J. / Lexie B. / Chloe P.

June 29, 2014 Report

Bible Class..... 167
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....29
Total Bible Class.....196
 Morning Worship.....374
 Hispanic Worship..... 42
Total Worship Services.....416

Hispanic Evening Worship.....
 LIFE Groups/Evening Worship.....5th Sunday112
Total Evening Services..... 112

CONTRIBUTION.....\$11,347
BUDGET\$12,720
YTD BUDGET..... + 8,226

**Pantry Needs: pinto beans & rice
 (1 lb bags)**