

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Preacher Man.....Patrick Cannon

Good morning and welcome to Lamar Avenue! We gather here this morning as we do every week to celebrate the gift of God's Son—Jesus Christ. We do so by lifting our voices in praise and worship and by remembering the sacrifice that was made for us by Jesus on the Cross. That gift has enabled us to live in relationship with Jesus. Can you imagine what it must have been like for those thousands of years ago waiting for the promised Messiah? They waited in hope and expectation that something better was coming for their life.

Fast forward to life today...the waiting is over. Jesus has come to give us life to the full. Do we have a hope and an expectation that Jesus continues to bring joy to our lives daily? Or, do we take what we have in Jesus for granted?

In Jesus day, there were those who grew tired of waiting for the Messiah to come, and they decided to take matters into their own hands. They were known as the Zealots. They had heard the promise that God was coming to deliver Israel from her enemies, but they grew impatient. Occasionally, a flamboyant leader would arise, and everyone would put their hopes on him.

He would gain a small following and they would form a terrorist group until they were crushed by the Roman army. There was even a Zealot among Jesus' disciples named Simon (Matthew 10:4) Perhaps he had hopes that Jesus was going to be a political messiah whose purpose would be to establish an independent kingdom of Israel. But nothing could have been further from Jesus' mission.

Henry Nouwen said, *"Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting."* Waiting is a time when God is working behind the scenes, and the primary focus of his work is on us. I love Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of Romans 8:24: "Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting" (The Message). God is creating his life within us, and we must wait for it to come to full term.

During this season of Advent, I look forward to sharing some messages about the coming of Jesus into the world. I pray that we can once again catch the excitement of what that means in our lives.

In
Christ alone, my
HOPE
is found

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.

Our Vision is ...

CONNECT WITH GOD

Our Vision is ...

UNITY OF BELIEVERS

Our Vision is ...

RESTORE ALL THINGS

FAMILY NEWS

SYMPATHY— Our deepest sympathy goes out to our sister, **Jean Anthony** on the passing of her niece, Linda Francis, after a long battle with cancer. Our hearts are also with our sweet sister, **Katie Morris** on the passing of her grandmother, Bert Turner. Our hearts and sincere condolences are extended as well to the families of **Sue Johnson** and **Lance Johnson** on the passing of a faithful husband, father, friend and mentor, Horace Johnson. Please keep all of these families in your prayers.

MEN'S BREAKFAST— will be **THIS Tuesday, Dec. 6th @ 7AM**. Please sign up **TODAY** so that food preparations may be made.

YOUNG @ HEART - Don't forget **THIS SATURDAY, December 10th**, is our trip to Greenville to see the Christmas Show of Vocal Majority. Bus/Van will leave from the church building @ **5:15PM**. Eat before you come!

FAITHFUL READERS—will be having their annual Christmas Tea Party @ the home of **Carol James** on **Dec. 11th @ 3:00 PM**. Bring finger-foods and a new or pre-read book to exchange.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET DRIVE—You can nominate someone you know is in need of a food basket OR you can purchase a basket full of food to give OR you can help deliver baskets. No matter what, you can plug in to help with this ministry! Deadline for nomination is **Wed. Dec. 7th**. Food Baskets will be delivered on **Dec. 11th @ 2:30PM**. See Welcome Center for shopping list or nomination forms. Thank you in advance for all your help!

WINTERFEST 2017—(January 13th–15th) All high school students planning to go to Winterfest this year, please let Jared know asap. The cost is \$75.00 for the weekend which includes your Winterfest ticket, some meals and hotel stay for two nights. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 deposit DUE by **Dec. 18th**. We need a commitment by **Dec. 18th!!!**



RUDOLPH PARTY

Join other families of preschoolers at Becky & Wayne's house (390 30th NE) from 6–7:30PM **THIS Tuesday, Dec. 6th** for a Rudolph movie and fun time. Please bring a finger- food to share and a wrapped gift for your child.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us @ Aiken Elementary on **Sunday, Dec. 11th @ 5:00PM** for food, music, & fun! Meal served will be hotdogs or hamburgers and all the fixin's. Cost for meal will be \$5.00 per plate. **SIGN UP TODAY!** Time has run out!!! Also if you can bring a dessert, please sign up to do that as well. Thank you!

If you have a talent you would like to share then please see either Patrick Cannon or Kyle Jones.

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PANTRY ITEMS ARE NEEDED.....especially at this time of year. Items include: Spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned fruit or vegetables, soup, jelly, peanut butter, 1 lb bags of beans or rice, cornbread, cereal, crackers, canned chicken or tuna, crackers, hygiene & household products.

KIDS FOR CHRIST & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Dec. 6th—Rudolph Party (preschool)

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Jan. 13th–15th—HS Winterfest Weekend in Dallas.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Dec. 6th—Preschool Rudolph Party*
- Dec. 6th—Men's Breakfast*
- Dec. 7th—Deadline for nomination forms*
- Dec. 10th—YAH Trip*
- Dec. 11th—Delivery of Food Baskets*
- Dec. 11th—Faithful Readers Christmas Party*
- Dec. 11th—Annual Christmas Party*
- Dec. 22nd—Christians In Action Lunch*
- Jan. 13th—15th—Winterfest (high school only)*

****Anything in red is NEW to the calendar.*



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS

Beans & Cornbread

SHEPHERDS

Kyle Jones
 Wayne Kerby
 Richard Peace
 Jay Spencer

MINISTERS

Patrick Cannon, *Preacher*
 Jared Baggett, *Youth & Family*
 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
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 Mike Erwin
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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.....(Sept.-May).....10:00 a.m.
 Bible Classes.....6:30 p.m.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (12/11/2016)

Usher: Keele / Team 3
Sound Booth: Troy Ashby
Opening Prayer: Chuck Elswick
Communion Prayer: Doug Faires
Communion Servers:
 Chris Stevens
 Clay Spencer
 Jay Spencer
 Gene Stallings
Responses/Closing Prayer: Jay Spencer
Children's Worship: Monica / Rebecca
 Chandler / Abby
 Charles Wampler
 Jimmy Theilman
 Larry Taylor
 Bobby Salter

November 27, 2016 Report

Bible Class.....	142
Worship Services.....	343
Evening Worship.....	
LIFE Groups.....(most meet 1st & 3rd Sundays).....	
Total Evening Services.....	
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$ 10,668
BUDGET	\$ 12,653
YTD BUDGET.....	\$ -24,137

Pantry Needs:

Mac-n-Cheese / Pasta Sauce
 Grape Jelly / Soup

Rainbow Room Items:

Jeans & Tennis shoes of ALL sizes