

# LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Preacher Man.....Patrick Cannon

It goes without saying this is a busy time of the year. Shopping, Christmas parties, shopping, cleaning, cooking, and oh, did I mention shopping? Christmas is often associated with waiting. Do you remember what it was like growing up? Whatever we were wanting or wishing for, we would drop hints everywhere. In our letters to Santa, we would ask it. We even tried extra hard to be nice to our siblings during the countdown to Christmas -which wasn't always easy to do!

Do you also remember that when Christmas morning finally came, jumping out of bed and running to the tree in anticipation of that special gift(s). What Are You Waiting For? Are you longing for anything? What are you expecting to receive? Are you looking forward to anything special this Christmas?

In the Gospel of Luke, we come across two characters who make their appearance in the final acts of the Christmas drama. One is a man named Simeon; the other is a woman named Anna. They don't appear in any nativity scenes or Christmas cards, but they are significant in the fact that both were waiting for something -- actually, they were waiting for someone.

Luke uses a Greek word describing the anticipation that identifies them as waiting with expectation for the coming of the Messiah, or Savior. It literally means that they were "alert to His appearance, and ready to welcome Him." We see this word in Luke 2:25 in reference to Simeon where we read that "He was waiting..." and in 2:38 to describe a woman named Anna who was, "...looking forward to..."

The best gift we could ever receive is the gift of Jesus himself because we get to unwrap a little each day. As you gather with your family this week, enjoy the time and thank God for the blessing of having each other. Enjoy the exchanging of gifts and thank God for the gift of His Son!

From our family to all of you—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! I also look forward to sharing a special message next Sunday, Christmas day, at 10:00AM. Have a blessed week!



## 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



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THE HOLIDAY are as follows:

**Sunday Dec.25th**—10:00 worship (No classes or evening service)

**Wednesday Dec.28th**—No classes; Devo in Auditorium

**Sunday, Jan. 1st**—10:00 worship (No classes or evening service)

**SIMPLE SUPPERS**—will be taking a holiday break. There will be no Wednesday meal served on **December 21st or 28th**. We will resume on Wednesday, **January 4**.

**SYMPATHY**—Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Melvin Webb**, who passed away Dec. 10th. Also keep **Joe Hayes** in your prayers. His girlfriend's son passed away suddenly this past week in a Dallas hospital.

**SYMPATHY**—Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of Sandra Graves, who passed away after a long battle with cancer. Mrs. Graves was a retired teacher from Prairiland high school and a member of the Blossom Church of Christ.

**LOST & FOUND**— We still have a ring that was found on the parking lot. If you have lost one then please call the office and describe it. Also a man's watch was found near the water fountains. If you have lost track of time then call to see if this might be yours! :)

**REJOICING**—with **Cynthia Norris**, who put her Lord on in baptism last Sunday. Cynthia has been attending our grief class and has become a part of our family here at Lamar Avenue. Congratulate her on her decision to walk more closely with Jesus!

**CHRISTIANS IN ACTION**—is looking for volunteers and/or donations for it's annual holiday luncheon to be served on **December 22nd @ 11:00AM at Market Square (400 1st St. SW)**. This event offers families and individuals a chance to gather with others in the community and share a meal. There will also be a Toy Table offering new and very gently used toys for needy families to give to their children for Christmas. If you can donate a toy or volunteer to help set up, clean up, serve or visit please text **Melissa Wickersham** at **903-366-2207**. She teaches and will contact you back asap if you leave a message. There is a schedule so please call to fill a volunteer time slot.



A special invitation for Christmas Dinner from **Marolyn and Louie Woodall....**

If you don't already have plans, please join us at noon on Christmas day at our house for lunch. Bring your favorite food, your favorite game, or just yourself for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Please invite a friend to come too!!

*If a ride is needed, call **Glen Barnett** @ 903-785-4194*

## WINTERFEST 2017

**January 13th—15th**  
(highschool only)

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 TODAY!!!**

*We need a commitment and money by Dec. 18th!!!*



**PANTRY ITEMS ARE NEEDED.....**especially at this time of year. Our Benevolence Team has served over 50 people this last month. Our pantry is in need of restocking! Items include: Spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned fruit or vegetables, soup, grape jelly, peanut butter, 1 lb bags of beans or rice, cornbread, cereal, crackers, canned tuna, chicken, or Vienna sausages, mac & cheese, hygiene & household products. Thank you in advance for all that you do to help those in need!!

# PRAYER

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Jay Cannon, Kim Hanley, Webber Woodall, Butch Mills, Donna Mosely, Sherry Welch, Charlotte Cannon, Naomi Bassett, Johnny Bassett, Carol Murphy, Sherrie Boyd, Roy Jones, Paul & Carol Helton, Carl Melton, Joel Casey, John Figgins, Louise Peace, Kristi Anthony, Lance Johnson.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Tammy Huffman Beazley, Doneta Farguson, Larry Brisco, Tabitha Morris, Mike Grigsby, Canyon Phillips, Marka Bennett, Gatz Nottingham, Laura Slagle, Lisa Harroff, Gerald Henderson, Joe DeNoon, Mac McCollum, Sierra Faulkner, Billy Huff, Aubrey Erwin, Tommy Patterson, Matt Welch, Jamie Parker, Carol Ward, Vicki Schaff, Betty, Todd Warren, Bruce & Victor Herbert, Aubrey McNutt, Jillian Ingram, Dr. Chris Manschreck, Vanderpools.

**MILITARY DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:** Stephen Mass, Donny Shaffer, James Crimmin.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please contact the church office or e-mail: mollywoodall@suddenlink.net

# SERMON NOTES

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# WORSHIP

## WORSHIP LEADER —Keith Bollman

\*\*\* Come Let Us Sing with Joy  
63 I Will Call Upon The Lord

## WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

## OPENING PRAYER—Gary Gage

3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah  
288 Fairest Lord Jesus  
337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

## COMMUNION — Jimmy Faulkner

264 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

## OFFERING

749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

## DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(Jenifer C. / Teresa A. / Joey / Jace / Aubrey)

## MESSAGE—Patrick Cannon

490 It Is Well With My Soul

## SHEPHERD'S PRAYER—Kyle Jones

*Songs marked with \*\*\* will be displayed on the screen.*



# Responses

**Baptism - Cynthia Norris**

**Sunday Evening  
Patrick Cannon**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Dec. 18th—Winterfest deposit DUE!*
- Dec. 22nd—Christians In Action Lunch*
- Dec. 25th—Christmas Lunch @ the Woodall's*
- Jan. 13th—15th—Winterfest (high school only)*
- Feb. 15th—Blood Drive*

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



## WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS

No Simple Supper

### SHEPHERDS

Kyle Jones Richard Peace  
 Wayne Kerby 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	James Hanley
Alan Boyd	Don Lawrence
Derald Bulls	John McGee
Mike Erwin	Clay Spencer
Heath Fowler	Clint Spencer
Brad Francis	Shane Welch
Clint Gage	

### MISSION/CONTACTS

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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 (12/25/2016)

<b>Usher:</b>	Shackleford/ Team 5
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Glenn Lee
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Curtis Garrett
<b>Communion Prayer:</b>	Brad Francis
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	
Chris Stevens	Charles Wampler
Clay Spencer	Jimmy Theilman
Jay Spencer	Larry Taylor
Gene Stallings	Bobby Salter
<b>Responses/Closing Prayer:</b>	Wayne Kerby
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

### December 11, 2016 Report

<i>Bible Class</i> .....	155
<i>Worship Services</i> .....	315
Evening Worship..... (Annual Christmas Party).....	104
LIFE Groups.....(most meet 1st & 3rd Sundays).....	
<b>Total Evening Services</b> .....	<b>104</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION</b> .....	\$
<b>BUDGET</b> .....	\$ 12,653
<b>YTD BUDGET</b> .....	\$

#### Pantry Needs:

Canned soup / Canned fruit  
 Household items

#### Rainbow Room Items:

New winter clothes for school—age kids