

# LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Preacher Man.....Patrick Cannon

Good morning and welcome to Lamar Avenue!! January 1, 2017—it's hard to believe isn't it? Happy New Year!! Our lives seem so long. . .to us. But in reality, they are so very short. Considering that, wouldn't it be good to make sure we use this New Year as a time to get right in our relationship with God?

What seems like forever to us is only a blink of an eye. The psalmist writes that our life lasts no longer than the vapor of our breath; it is here and then it is gone. What is the one thing most people have in common at the New Year? Most of us make resolutions, don't we?

What are some of the things we need to leave behind? I believe those can be summed up by just saying, *"anything in our lives that keeps us from fully focusing on the Lord."* Being a Christian means to always be going forward. Have you ever noticed how we always talk about our walk? We talk about our walk in life; our walk of faith; and our walk with the Lord. By its very nature, walking means moving forward.

And as we move forward, we are always doing two things: We leave one place and go into another. Imagine a trapeze artist swinging from one swing to another, high above the ground with no net under him. As he reaches out to the next swing, what must he do? He must let go of the one he is on. If he refuses to let go of the swing he is on, will he ever be able to go to the next swing? Absolutely not. And in the same way, we must let go of our old year before we can go purposefully into the New Year. May the following words from the apostle Paul be our prayer for this New Year:

*"Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."*  
~Eph. 5:15-17



## 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

**OFFICE CLOSED**—The office will be closed tomorrow, Jan. 2nd in observance of the New Year!

**SIMPLE SUPPERS**—will resume **THIS Wednesday, January 4.** Please don't forget to mark your attendance card if you plan to eat so we can prepared accordingly.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**—Our Ladies Wednesday morning bible class will resume at 10:00 AM on **January 11th.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**—will meet again on **Tuesday, January 3rd at 7AM.** Please sign up today if you plan to come. We need a head count to plan for the meal.

**HELP NEEDED**—If you are willing to learn and can cover the responsibility of the Power Point on the first Sunday of every month, please see **Kim Hanley.** She says, "Anyone can handle this. It's a matter of pushing a button!"

**THANK YOU**—for all the food, phone calls, visits and prayers on my behalf. Especially thank you to all the singers that came and blessed me and Johnny too! We love you all. ~ Naomi and Johnny Bassett

**SYMPATHY**—Our condolences go out to **Larry Ballard** on the passing of his brother, Williard Ballard. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS**—to Jesse & Lacy Anderson on the birth of their son, Nolan Marshall Anderson on Christmas Eve. He weighed 6 lbs and was 19.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well. The very proud grandparents are **Johnny and Loretta Nabors.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT GENERATIONS CLASS**—to begin on **January 4th** in room 6. Several of our women including **Kristen Mayes, Sue Johnson, Rebecca Cowan, Carol James, Ruth Ann Stallings, Connelle Peace** and others will be facilitating this class. Please join us as we study real issues facing women today. Women of ALL ages are encouraged to come.

Since we are all in the gift giving mood at this time of year, we should consider giving a most precious gift that doesn't cost you anything but the courage to do it.

*Give the gift of life*



*Donate blood*

**LACOC 2017  
Blood Drive Dates:**

**Feb. 15th  
May 1st  
Aug. 2nd  
Nov. 1st**

## 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 TODAY!!!*



## NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES STARTING JAN. 4TH @ 6:30PM

**Elton Weeks** – Auditorium  
“People of the Old Testament”

**Jay Spencer**— Room 3  
“Study of 1 John & How It Might Change The Way You Live.”

**Women of our congregation**— Room 6  
“Generations:  
A Biblical Study for Women of all ages”

**Men of our congregation**—Elders Conference Room  
“Biblical Study of Current Events and How They Affect The Church”

# PRAYER

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Claude Jones, Mary Tallant, Sarah C. Smith, Joel McGee, Jay Cannon, Webber Woodall, Butch Mills, 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:** Aubrey McNutt, Liola Catron, Annley Rain Carter, Tammy Huffman Beazley, Doneta Farguson, Tabitha Morris, Canyon Phillips, Gatz Nottingham, Laura Slagle, Lisa Harroff, Mac McCollum, Sierra Faulkner, Tommy Patterson, Matt Welch, Jamie Parker, Carol Ward, Vicki Schaff, Todd Warren, Betty, Bruce & Victor Herbert, 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](mailto:mollywoodall@suddenlink.net)  
[www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com](http://www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com)

# SERMON NOTES

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# WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADER — Kyle Jones**

391 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead

**WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP**

- 410 He Leadeth Me
- 416 Footsteps of Jesus
- 412 Jesus, Hold My Hand
- 673 Discipleship Medley

**OPENING PRAYER—Ed Bullard**

- \*\*\* Still
- \*\*\* Worthy Is The Lamb

**COMMUNION — Derald Bulls**

**OFFERING**

- \*\*\* 10,000 Reasons
- 290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

**MESSAGE—Patrick Cannon**

876 Where He Leads Me

**SHEPHERD’S PRAYER—Richard Peace**

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



**No Sunday Evening  
Worship**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Jan. 1st—Winterfest deposit DUE TODAY*
- Jan. 2nd—Church office closed*
- Jan. 3rd—Men's Breakfast*
- Jan. 4th—All new Wednesday Night Classes begin*
- Jan. 11th—Ladies Morning Bible Class will resume*
- Jan. 13th—15th—Winterfest (high school only)*
- Jan. 29th—5th Sunday Fellowship*
- Feb. 15th—Blood Drive*

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



## WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS

Meatloaf

### 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
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Brad Francis	Shane Welch
Clint Gage	

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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 (01/08/2017)

<b>Usher:</b>	Beeler/ Team 1
<b>Sound Booth:</b>	Troy Ashby
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Stephen Gerrald
<b>Communion Prayer:</b>	Carl Haggard
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	
Trey Unruh	Justin Welch
Clovis Vaughn	Elton Weeks
Kolton Welch	Sam Wickes
Shane Welch	Phil Wilson
<b>Responses/Closing Prayer:</b>	Jay Spencer
<b>Children's Worship:</b>	Leslie K. / Kristi L.
	Justin / Katie / Kimberlynn

### December 25, 2016 Report

Bible Class.....	
Worship Services.....	405
Evening Worship.....	
LIFE Groups.....(most meet 1st & 3rd Sundays).....	
<b>Total Evening Services.....</b>	
<b>CONTRIBUTION.....</b>	<b>\$ 20,973</b>
<b>BUDGET .....</b>	<b>\$ 12,653</b>
<b>YTD BUDGET.....</b>	<b>\$ -14,738</b>

#### Pantry Needs:

Canned soup / Canned fruit  
 Household items

#### Rainbow Room Items:

New winter clothes for school—age kids