

# LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

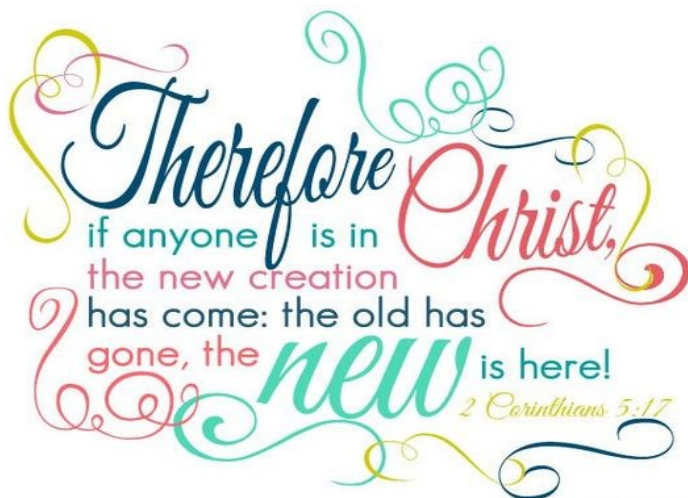
## “THE BIGGEST WORD?” (by John Gipson)

There are some mighty big words in the dictionary. Take for instance the word, "pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis." It's a word that even my spell-checker doesn't recognize. I'll save you some trouble and tell you that it refers to a lung disease. Even our children have fun with a big word as they sing along with Mary Poppins, "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious." How's that for a couple of big words? (But don't ask me to spell them again).

It may surprise you, but the word "*if*" has been called the "biggest word in the language." It stands in front of life's finest possibilities. On a very solemn occasion Jesus even used a double "*if*" in John 13:17, "***If*** you know these things, blessed are you *if* you do them."

Man's highest joy and greatest potential is to be found behind the big word "*if*." In the eighth chapter of Romans we encounter it over and over: "You are in the Spirit if the Spirit of God really dwells in you" (v. 9); "***If*** Christ is in you...your spirits are alive because of righteousness" (v. 10); "***If*** the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you" (v.11); "***If*** by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live" (v. 13); "***If*** children then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may be glorified with him" (v. 17); and finally in this chapter, "***If*** God is for us, who is against us?" (v. 31).

What wonderful promises are to be found behind the door of "*if*." They are there for you and me in Christ. The apostle Paul with joy declares, "Therefore, *if* any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17). Is there any brighter day than that?



### 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

**REJOICE**—with **Margie Champion** who made the decision to give her life to Jesus and was baptized last Sunday. Margie has been a part of our Grief Recovery class and has been attending Lamar Avenue church for some time. Congratulate her and tell her how proud you are of her decision. Be ready .....she's a hugger!!

**THANK YOU** -Thank you all so much for once again supporting me during my time of grief. The plant sent by the church was a wonderful display of your love. May God bless you all.  
~Katie Morris

**DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT**—A new class will begin on Monday, **January 23rd @ 7PM** here @ LACOC in Room 17 near the outreach kitchen. This group will meet weekly through May 15th. Facilitators for this are **Daisy Redding** and **Keith Bollman**. Class is open to the community.

**FAITHFUL READERS**—will meet on **February 12th @ 3:30 PM** in Rm 17 to discuss On This Foundation by Lynn Austin. **Carol James** will lead the discussion. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**—will meet again on Tuesday, **February 7th at 7AM**. This is a great time to enjoy a meal together and fellowship. Please sign up at the Welcome Center no later than Monday, Feb. 6th if you plan to come. A head count is needed to plan meal.

**PARIS PREGNANCY CENTER**— Please prayerfully consider whether you can help at the Paris Pregnancy Care Center. There are several opportunities: volunteer, be a prayer partner, donate baby & maternity items, donate funds, serve, be a church liaison. For more information, please see brochure at the Welcome Center.

**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**—is hosting a Sweetheart Soiree fundraiser on **February 11th**. There are several ways that they could use our help leading up to and following that event. If you can volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet at the welcome center with more info.

**CPS SUPPORT**—As part of our ongoing efforts to partner with CPS to support foster families in our area, we are planning to host a **Foster Parents Night Out** on **Friday, February 24th** at our building from 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm. If you can help babysit for this event, please sign up at the welcome center. You will need to complete a Background Check Authorization form.



**Who's thinking of summer plans????  
WE ARE!!**

**CDR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION  
will take place here at LACOC TODAY @  
1:30PM. AGES 9 AND UP!**

## UPCOMING LADIES EVENTS

Ladies, **mark your calendars** now and plan to attend some of these Ladies Days coming up:

- ◆ **College Church of Christ**  
Date: Saturday, **Feb. 4th**  
Time: 9AM–1PM (lunch provided)  
Speaker: Celine Sparks  
Theme: Quilted Together With Love
- ◆ **WINGS...Women In God's Service**  
Where: **Harding University**  
Date: **Feb. 24th–25th**  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Elaine Denman  
(several other guest speakers.)  
Theme: You Are HERE.
- ◆ **Lamar Avenue Church of Christ**  
Date: Saturday, **March 25th**  
*More information to come.*
- ◆ **Northside Church of Christ**  
Where: Bonham, TX  
Date: **April 29th**  
*More information to come.*

*Please check bulletin board outside of Room 6 for updated information on other congregations hosting Ladies Days and other events. Also if you would like to help plan OUR Ladies Day, please see Linda Erwin or look for upcoming planning meeting dates!!! Your HELP is much needed and appreciated!!!*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Jan. 22nd—TODAY .....CDR Registration Begins*
- Jan. 23rd—Begin new Divorce Care Support Group*
- Jan. 29th—5th Sunday Fellowship*
- Feb. 7th—Men's Breakfast*
- Feb. 12th—Faithful Readers*
- Feb. 15th—Blood Drive*
- Feb. 25th—YAH Potluck & Game Night*
- Mar. 25th—LACOC Ladies Day*

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



## WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS

Ham & Noodle Casserole

### 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  
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 Derald Bulls  
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 Heath Fowler  
 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.....(Sept.-May).....10:00 a.m.  
 Bible Classes.....6:30 p.m.

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (01/29/2017)

**Usher:** Curt Poore/ Team 4  
**Sound Booth:** Clint Gage  
**Opening Prayer:** Chris Hutson  
**Communion Prayer:** Bill King  
**Communion Servers:**  
 Trey Unruh  
 Clovis Vaughn  
 Kolton Welch  
 Shane Welch  
 Justin Welch  
 Elton Weeks  
 Sam Wickes  
 Phil Wilson  
**Responses/Closing Prayer:** Richard Peace  
**Children's Worship:** Lisa D. / Tanya W.  
 Ross / Justin W. / Kolton

### January 15, 2017 Report

Bible Class.....	352
Worship Services.....	352
Evening Worship.....(Area-Wide @ College church).....	
LIFE Groups.....(most meet 1st & 3rd Sundays).....	70
<b>Total Evening Services.....</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,600</b>
<b>BUDGET .....</b>	<b>\$ 12,653</b>
<b>YTD BUDGET.....</b>	<b>\$ -8,056</b>

**Pantry Needs:**  
 Grape jelly / Canned Soup  
**Rainbow Room Items:**  
 Jeans for school aged kids  
 Lice Treatment Kits