

LAMAR AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST



Preacher Man.....Patrick Cannon

We live in a world of words. Words are all about us-words on TV, words on the radio, spoken words by family and friends, words printed in newspapers, books, computers, Facebook, and words on the Internet. The world of words have turned us into a people who have been overwhelmed and buried in the mounting pile of words. Have you ever watched or been involved in a spelling bee? We often hear words we've never heard before, much less trying to spell them.

With so many words around us, sometimes words tend to lose their meaning, they become unimportant, they no longer have any real value or influence in life.

God's word, the word that God used to create, the authoritative word of God that brought things into existence, was incarnate in Jesus. Jesus spoke with the authority which was present from the beginning of time. He didn't quote any past learned men; he was the sole authority for his words.

That authoritative word of God was a word which was best for God's children. It was a word of liberation, a word of comfort, and a word of release. As we read through the Gospels, we learn how Jesus spoke God's word and how that word had authority, power and hope for living. Jesus introduced a whole new way of life.

Jesus is our stairway across the brokenness of life. He is solid because of his authority and power. He moves us a little higher and closer to him, as we allow Him to bring hope, power, authority, release, forgiveness, renewal and cleansing into our lives.

In this world of words, there is one clear word which stands out against all others, and that is Jesus' word of grace and truth in our lives, *"The time has come, and the kingdom of God is near. Repent, and believe the good news!"*

DON'T FORGET..... **Annual Area-Wide Service**

When: TONIGHT @ 5PM

Where: College Church of Christ

Speaker: Brandon Watson

Theme: "My purpose In Life."

Ecclesiastes 12:13 - 14

Area-Wide Youth Devotional following worship.

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

LUNCHEON TODAY –If you are a new member or visiting today, please plan to join us for lunch in the outreach building. All widows and widowers are welcome to stay as well.

SYMPATHY—Our condolences go out to **Katie Morris** on the loss of another grandmother, June Ellis, in a short period of time. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

THANK YOU—for your thoughts, your messages and especially your prayers. God heard and answered each every one of them. My recent heart procedure could not have gone better. Friends are wonderful and may God bless all of you!
~ Claude Jones

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.

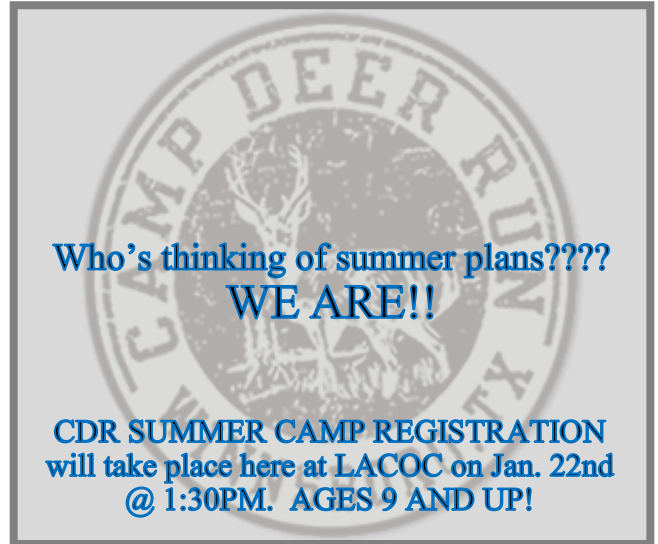
DIVORCE RECOVERY—A new Divorce Care Support group will begin on Monday, **January 23rd**. Class will meet at 7PM here @ LACOC in Room 17 near the outreach kitchen. This group will meet weekly through May 15th. Facilitators for this group are **Daisy Redding** and **Keith Bollman**. This is open to the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

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY– 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.

The smallest act of kindness is worth MORE than the grandest intention.

—Oscar Wilde



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. 15th—TODAY ... Visitor Luncheon*
- 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*
- March 25th—LACOC Ladies Day*

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



WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPERS

Chicken Enchilada Soup

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

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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 (01/22/2017)

Usher: Tim Keele/ Team 3
Sound Booth: Glenn Lee
Opening Prayer: Cullum Hillis
Communion Prayer: Cliff Kerby
Communion Servers:
 Trey Unruh
 Clovis Vaughn
 Kolton Welch
 Shane Welch
Responses/Closing Prayer: Wayne Kerby
Children's Worship: Rachel S. / Katie M.
 Bailey F. / Emma F.

January 8, 2017 Report

Bible Class.....	147
Worship Services.....	331
Evening Worship.....	47
LIFE Groups.....(most meet 1st & 3rd Sundays).....	40
Total Evening Services.....	87
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$ 13,393
BUDGET	\$ 12,653
YTD BUDGET.....	\$ -6,004

Pantry Needs:

Grape jelly / Crackers

Rainbow Room Items:

Jeans for school aged kids
 Lice Treatment Kits