

Monthly Newsletter

New Year, New Hope

In the New Year, we plan to start a full re-launch of all ministries subject to volunteers for each ministry. Whether Youth, Children's Ministry or Adult Bible Studies, we want to get back to full ministry to support and grow your faith walk with God. Please be in prayer for a great re-launch, and pray that you may find a place where you can volunteer for ministry. Church is never where you come to get, it is always where you come to give!

The biggest facet of our faith walk with God that we miss is the communion of Christian fellowship and the communion of ministry together. You cannot get that online. Choose to worship and serve as a physical part of the congregation unless you have severe health issues, then please stay home. As one of our elderly members said, "if you can go shopping, you can join us for worship!" Well said sister!

ELECTION IN FEBRUARY

Next month we will have our annual election of church officers. We also often have votes on other important issues too. Please be in prayer for potential Elders, Deacons, Trustees and other positions. Pray that we select those who are Biblically qualified, and who have a passion to serve God and the congregation. For questions regarding Biblical qualities, ask an Elder, Ian, or Cody.

Jud Weece from Camp Como will be here Sunday, March 28th to update our congregation on what is going on at Camp Como. He will be preaching in both services, and meeting with the missions team as well. Please plan on attending!

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, February 16th from 11:30 - 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Call 336-5550 for an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome!

MISSION

We are seeking to be a Church that loves God and loves others by making disciples, connecting them to the body, and equipping them to live a lifestyle of worship by serving God and others for Kingdom work.

BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Ty Kemp, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya

Deacons - John Adams, Lee Downen, Brian Lauritsen, Monty Coen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt

Trustees - Norm Arends, Greg Ausmus, Ron Clausen

STAFF

Senior Minister - Ian Blacker

Associate Minister - Cody Petersen

Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas

Worship Director - Rod Thomas

Church Clerk - DeEtte Hobden

Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg

Custodian - Jimmy Marquez

ENGAGE/SUNDAY SCHOOL:

At this point we are hoping to kick things back off this January the week after schools are in session. We will communicate specifics in the next week or two before. I am excited to get back together once again! As always, if you are feeling sick or showing any symptoms we encourage you to stay home to help protect others around you. Thank you once again for your continued flexibility and we are looking forward to a new year together in 2021!

WINTER WHITE WASH:

Just a reminder that Winter White Wash has been cancelled for this year. The Gryphon Theater and many other locations we would be using simply aren't comfortable hosting such a large group of students from multiple states and they couldn't logistically make things work. The plan is to attend next year in 2022 and I will have more information out to you as soon as I get it.

CIY MOVE:

We have registered for the CIY Move event in Glorieta, NM. This is a new event that CIY is trying to replace the event they used to hold in Durango, CO. I am very excited for this new location and all the usual programming that CIY brings. It is always a great event, no matter the location. This is a high demand event for CIY that always fills up fast so our spots will be limited this year. To reserve your spot, a \$65 deposit needs to be paid to the church. If you are a current 8th-12th grade student, you won't want to miss this event. It is always a highlight to my year and still is the best youth event we have ever gone to. Be on the lookout for sign up sheets and more information soon! Contact Cody (cody@lamarchristian.net) with any questions.

CAMP COMO:

Plans for summer camp 2021 are ongoing and Jud has been working hard to make sure we are able to have camp next summer. The camp has also been using the last year to make much needed upgrades to many of the current facilities as well. Jud Weece is planning on heading down here to Lamar to spend a Sunday with us on March 28th to update our congregation on what is going on at Camp Como. Jud will be preaching in both services and meeting with the missions team as well. Please plan on attending!

Facility Update

By the end of the first week of 2021, we will have finished the installation of the new flooring in the fellowship hall, kitchen and bathrooms. This undertaking will take 6 to 8 days to complete. The rooms will look a lot better and they will be so much easier to clean for our facility team. Thank you for your generosity that has made this possible without taking out a loan. Over the past year, with the car park re-surfacing, sound and video, and flooring updates, we have spent over \$600,000. All of this is money that you have given to upgrade this facility to make it more effective for current and future ministry.

The last projects will be completed in the spring of 2021. We are going to re-paint the fellowship hall. It has not been painted since it was built in 1991! We will also revamp the basement children's ministry area which has not been touched for decades. The ceiling tiles are collapsing, the walls are cracking, and the kitchen ceiling needs to be replaced after some major re-plumbing work done several years ago. The kitchen will also be re-purposed for the children's ministry with a new wall and a lockable door to the kitchen area. We encourage individuals and families to give extra to the building fund to help the costs of all of this work.

Ministry Opportunities

There are many ministries that are a part of who we are and what we do to lead people to Jesus. We are in need of people with experience, interest, and passion to volunteer to serve in these ministry areas. Here is a list of ministries currently active:

1. Missions - both short term mission trips and support of existing missions / Leader - Monte Coen
2. Youth Ministry / Leader - Cody Petersen
3. Children's Ministry / Leader - Kelsey Thomas
4. Nursery / Leader - Kelsey Thomas.
5. Facility Ministry / Leaders - Brian Lauritsen & Bryan Herrera.
6. Men's Ministry / Leader - Rick Akers
7. Women's Ministry / Overseer - Cody Petersen
8. M.O.P.S. / Kelsey Thomas & Meghan Petersen
9. Evangelism Ministry / Leader - Ian
10. College Outreach
11. Celebrate Recovery / Leader - Ian
12. Financial Peace University / Leader - Ian
13. Benevolence / Leader - Ian
14. Worship, Singing, Playing, Audio/Video / Leader - Cody Petersen
15. Adult Education - Sunday School, Adult Church & Home Bible Studies / Leader - Cody Petersen
16. Prayer Ministry / Leader - Melody Harris
17. Handcap Ramp Ministry / Leaders - Sam Tecklenburg & Chris Wilkinson
18. FCA Lunch Ministry / Leader - Cody Petersen
19. Transportation

If you are interested in any of these ministries of the church, please call Ian or Cody and we will get you in touch with the ministry leader.

Sermon Series

"Who's In Charge?" is the title of our next series. In this 6 week study, we will take a long look at what or who really controls our lives. Is it Jesus? Is it the Bible, is it our past, money, position, guilt, fear, emotions, addiction or what? All us fight various battles in our lives that impact how we live in relationship to God, family and others. This series will help us be honest about the powers that impact how we live as Jesus followers, and will give tools to change for God's glory and our freedom.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Wednesday night Bible study that meets in the RFOM room from 6:00 -7:00pm will continue through the books of Paul to Timothy part 2. All are welcome - just bring your Bible to the study and we will have a good discussion! We will re-launch on the 13th of January.

Finances

With the reduction of income the past six months, the Elders have cut the budget by 10% in all ministry areas in order to ensure that we have the funds to pay bills, salaries, mission and ministry. With the reduction in giving, we have to be realistic about what we can and cannot do in ministry. That is the main reason that we are not hiring a full time Youth Minister for the foreseeable future. Cody will take on both Youth and Worship Ministry for 2021, and Ian will expand some of his ministry areas.

Please bear with the staff, Elders, and ministry teams as we try to expand our spiritual impact in Prowers County while being wise stewards.

Please continue to give as generously as you can for your tithe, and please volunteer for ministry.

ASSIGNMENT	1/3/21	1/10/21	1/17/21	1/24/21	1/31/21
DEVOTION LEADER - E		Bryan Herrera	James Clevenger	John Adams	
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Anthony LaTour	Pat Leonard	Rick Akers	Mike Duffy	Anthony LaTour
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Jimmy Marquez	Ron Schmidt	Ron Schmidt	Bryan Herrera	Justin Homm
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Rick Akers	Anthony LaTour	Todd Brown	Dustin DeWitt	
SHUT- IN COMM - 1					
SHUT- IN COMM - 2					
GREETERS - E	Don Colclazier	Deleta Downen	Sam Tecklenburg	Peggy Fowler	Dave Tecklenburg
GREETERS - L	Joe Baca	Rob Vallejos	Zeke Forbes	Jill & Alice	Glenn Smith
COMMUNION PREP					
8:00 NURSERY					
9:15 NURSERY					
10:30 NURSERY					
CHILDREN'S CHURCH					

TRADITIONAL > THURSDAYS @ 6:00PM / CONTEMPORARY > THURSDAYS @6:30PM

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DRUMS	ELOY	KEENAN	ELOY	KEENAN	ELOY
KEYBOARD	JULIE	MARAH	KENNA	JULIE	MARAH
BASS	DAVID	CODY	RYLAN	CODY	DAVID
ELEC. GUITAR	ROD A	JOSH	GABE	ROD A	JOSH
GUITAR	ROD T	MARIAH	MARIAH	ROD T	MARIAH
VOCAL	CONNIE	DANIELLE	TALARA	LYDIA	HEATHER
VOCAL	TIM	JOAN	CARISMA	KATY	AMBER
VOCAL					
SOUND TECH	BRIAN	JOHN	KENNY	RORY	BRIAN
VIDEO LATE	SHIANE/DILLON	PAT	JOAN/DILLON	SHIANE/DILLON	PAT
PIANO	BARB	BARB	BARB	BARB	BARB
SOPRANO	CHAR	SUSAN	CHAR	SUSAN	CHAR
ALTO	SHELBY	MELODY	SHELBY	MELODY	SHELBY
TENOR	TALARA	JAMES	TALARA	JAMES	TALARA
BASS	RON	RON	RON	RON	RON
VIDEO EARLY (8)	AMY/RON	JUSTIN/SHELBY	JASON/AMBER	AMY/RON	JUSTIN/SHELBY

Prayer Requested for:

Amber Herrera
Mildred Murray
Karen Dashner
Susan Perkins
Russ Hobden
Pat Harris
Ryden Maldonado
Butch & Sharon Weber
Gordon Guihen
Niles Voigt

Our Sympathy for Loss of a Loved One

Wendy Bellomy passed away
on December 5th

Phil Paulsen passed away
on December 13th

Raymond Baca passed away
on December 14th

Albert May passed away
on December 15th

Maxine Kasza passed away
on December 19th

Logan Bender passed away
on December 30th

January Birthdays & *Anniversaries

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| 1 | LaVetta Harbert | 19 | Ethan Settles |
| 3 | Virginia Inman
Callie Gadash | | Mady Daniels
*John & Maria Navarrette |
| 4 | Wayne Stiles
Rob Vallejos
David Scriven | 20 | Diane Bever
Sharon Headrick
Waylan Sharp
*Dave & Luann Tecklenburg |
| 5 | Isaiah LaTour | 21 | Jim Cardinelli |
| 6 | *Keenan & Kelsey Thomas | 23 | Mike Duffy |
| 7 | Susan Gourley | 24 | Kelley & Arvenia Morris |
| 9 | Les & Nancy Scriven | 25 | Rick Akers
Roberta Reyes |
| 10 | June Wolfe | 26 | Faith Ramsay |
| 11 | Shawn Cardinelli
Julie Hobden
Kelsey Thomas
Rylee Petersen | 27 | Rayce Coen
Alex Dashner
Aspen Hawkins |
| 13 | Mildred Murray
Elsie Dunn
Claude Schultz | 28 | Carson Carere
Reagan Melton
Stetson Hawkins |
| 14 | Lester Scriven
Betty Filbeck
Michelle Hobden | 30 | Marcus Ibarra |
| 15 | Martha Thompson
Glen Smith | | |
| 18 | Esai Gass | | |

End Of Year Giving

It is not too late to give of your tithe or extra giving for our ministries, or Gifts For The King. The GFTK offering will be split between Sparrow House Ministries (the local food pantry) and Camp Como. Please write where you wish your offering to go - regular offering, building fund, or GFTK. Just make sure that your checks or EasyTithe giving are dated December 30th to be counted on your 2020 giving statement for your tax returns.

Thank You!

MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Floyd Clark
From: Joan Thrall

In Memory of: Pearl Clausen
From: John Paul & June Unruh
Wayne & Ellen Clausen
Betty Hoesli

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Return Service Requested

WORSHIP SERVICES:
8:00AM - Blended
10:30AM - Contemporary
Sunday School - 9:15AM
Children's Church - 10:30AM

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SENIOR SAINTS

The purpose of the senior adult ministry of Lamar Christian Church is to share in Christian fellowship & encourage each other in spiritual growth, while striving to be a blessing to the church and community.

Senior Saint's are still not meeting together. This old Covid is bad right now and we think it will be best to be extra careful and not take any chances on passing it around. We are at that age where we would be more prone to it and we don't want to get it. Oh how we miss being together. We are ready to get back to "normal"- whatever that is! 2021 is upon us! What happened to 2020? It flew by didn't it? A hard year for most of us, but our God has carried us through this difficult time we all are going through. I thought maybe you would like to know about some of our people who have been sick. I called to check on several people! Debbie said Mildred is getting a little stronger each day. That's our Mildred! Janice Guihen said she is doing well and Gordon is getting stronger each day but still has some problems. Les and Nancy both had it they think - they are both back up and about now. Beverly Hazel not only had Covid, but she had pneumonia too. She is doing better, working to regain strength. Carol Ausmus said she is much better, and Monte didn't get it but took care of her. Ken Smartt said he is just now getting out a little on the farm, doing little jobs but gets tired very quickly. Dee Dee is much better. Alice Mauch and Keith Clark both had it and are both are doing better now. Keith said he just doesn't have any strength yet like a whole lot of others. Remember Ronnie Clausen and Glenn Flower in your prayers - they are having a hard time without Pearl and Doloris. Sue Day has been well and is staying in. She says she's getting tired of that. Richard and Mary Ann both are still having health problems. They both are doing a little better right now.

I want to thank my dear Senior Saint's family for their caring and love shown to my family and me on our loss of my beloved Floyd. It's been hard but the Lord has held us up each step of the way. Thank you Lord! Floyd loved going to Senior Saints. Everybody was so good to him and so patient with him in playing Round-a-Bout. Thank you all. I know where he is and he is out of his pain and I am thankful for that. And I know I will see him and my beloved Penny again in Heaven.

I want to thank my dear friend Deleta. She has been so good. She didn't ask me if I wanted her to do the cards the past few months. She jut told me "she was doing the cards". It ha helped so much I love that little lady so much. Last but surely not least I want to Thank our sweet Luann...(who Betty threatened to "stomp" if this part of her article was cut out!). She has gone out of her way to take care of not only me but so many others. She shops for them, runs errands, picks up medicine, etc. I don't have room to list everybody she helps. Of course I don't know all of them, but I know of a lot. She brings me food and even brought me ensure - she said I was getting too little. Ha. She calls often and comes by just to talk with me often. I love that little lady so much! I am so blessed! My whole church family has gone out of their way to help me through this very difficult time. Connie Akers and Joyce Passini brought food. Mary Ann has brought food over many times to me. I might get fat if this goes on. Ha. Luann brought me baked spaghetti which I am baking as I write this letter for my lunch today. Thank you dear!

Well, nuff for now. Hope soon we can get back to meeting with Senior Saints. Pray for our Country, people, this Covid to be taken care of, and all our hospital workers etc. God is so good. Thank you Lord!

Betty Clark, Reporter

