



APRIL

2020

MISSION OF LAMAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

We are seeking to be a church that loves God & 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.

Carpe Diem - Seize The Day!

With the current crisis unfolding before our eyes, we have an unprecedented opportunity to show the world what difference having Jesus as Lord and Savior means to us in practical terms. Pray daily to show grace and love to those around you whether you like them or not; whether you like their life-style or not.

Ask every day "what does God's love require of me today?" God will show you, and then He will be experienced through you as you strive to live for Him. Let God's light shine so powerfully through you, that our community can only see and experience Jesus. Only post things online that are uplifting, encouraging, and that point people to Jesus somehow.

Christians don't whine and complain, they pray, praise and serve!

STAFF

- * Senior Minister - Ian Blacker
- * Associate Minister - Cody Petersen
- * Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas
- * Worship Director - Rod Thomas
- * Church Clerk - DeEtte Hobden
- * Office Manager - Luann Tecklenburg
- * Janitor - Jimmy Marquez

ELDERS

- Rick Akers
- Scott Brase
- 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

Board Members

Wow! It's amazing what can change over the course of a few weeks. Just a few weeks ago, I was in the process of planning our summer trips, we were right in the middle of another semester of ENGAGE, and looking forward to Spring Break. Now here we are and schools are shut down, ENGAGE can't meet in person, and it is looking like there will be no summer camps or CIY. In the midst of all of this it can be easy to look at all the things we no longer get to do, but I want to encourage you to look at all this change as an opportunity instead. We have the opportunity to spend some much needed time with our families and not have to worry about school events, sports practices/games, or any of the busyness that we are used to surrounding ourselves with. We have the opportunity to spend some much needed time growing closer to God through reading our Bibles and prayer. We have the opportunity to slow down and focus on the things that are most important to us. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Let's take some time in the coming days, weeks, and months to be still and focus on the things that are most important in our lives.

Summer Trips: While no official word has come from either Camp Como or CIY regarding our summer trips, it is safe to plan on those trips being cancelled for this summer. I will keep you all posted through Facebook, our ENGAGE Instagram, and our text messaging service when I hear official word on all these trips. Personally, I am preparing for the worst and hoping for the best.

ENGAGE: Many of you might be thinking, "What is going to happen with ENGAGE? Are we just done for the school year?" While we can't meet in person, my goal is to provide ways that we can still interact with each other and gather together through technology.

Here is how this is going to look:

- I am going to continue to provide online devotions for you to read through and I want to encourage you all to interact through the comments on those devotions. Those will be a mix of short videos and written content.
- Look for reading plans on the YouVersion Bible app. Find a small group of friends that will go through daily reading plans with you. I would love to go through any plan that you are interested in & read it along with you.
- Download Zoom on your phone or computer. Zoom is a virtual meeting room where we can meet together for ENGAGE. I am working one putting together some game nights where we can play some games online through Zoom and we can also meet together on Zoom for devotion/discussion groups.
- The most important thing is that we all need to take ownership of our own spiritual lives and make sure that we are spending intentional time growing closer to God and other Christians throughout this time of social distancing.



It looks as though camps at Como, VBS, and CIY will not be available to us this summer, or in greatly changed ways. We will keep you posted on what is possible as things unfold for us. Please keep all of these ministries in prayer.

Pray For America

The 3rd Sunday of each month
(**HOPEFULLY** April 18th)
through October from 5-6:00pm
in the Sanctuary.

This will be an organized event with
Song, Scripture, Devotion & Prayer.
All are Welcome to attend!

Save The Date!

The date for the
Fall Women's Event
featuring Susanne Matteson
as our speaker has been set!
All women are welcome
to attend this encouraging time
on Saturday, October 24th.

Upside Down World - I want to thank each of you who are a part of the LCC family for adjusting to this season that we are in right now. It is strange and formerly unknown to us, but God was aware of what was coming towards us. Trust in God is implicit during such times of spiritual, relational and physical stresses. What we cannot see, God has already seen the end of. What we do not know, God has already known. So it pays to always trust God through the process.

Thank you for watching our services online each Sunday. Thank you for giving through EasyTithe or handing your offering in at the office or via mail. Bills still come, ministry still goes on. I personally believe that we will be in this mode for services until the end of April. Thus, we will continue to serve you as best we can through other than normal means. Call us, text us, email us as needed. We cannot come to your homes personally, but we can chat on the phone and pray for you as needed. Stay the course. Plan your out of home trips wisely. Stay safe in your homes as much as possible. Pray often, read God's word daily, seek to serve someone near you in Jesus's name. Make wise use of your time for God's glory.

Pray - While we are not able to pray together physically, we can pray together spiritually. At the normal times that we have set aside for communal prayer - 3rd Sunday afternoon from 5-6pm and the last Wednesday lunchtime each month, please pray for our country and it's leadership. Pray for those on our prayer list. Pray for CV19 to die down and pass. Pray for the church to be even more impactful in our community in practical ways. Pray that we come out stronger spiritually after CV19 is gone. Pray for the power of God's word and Holy Spirit to shine through His church in these dark times. Pray for medical staff.

Online Issues - Due to the huge increase in online broadcasting, the provider for our webpage software and streamer hardware for our services have "crashed" the past few of weeks. This is out of our control. In order to rectify this issue, we have ordered some new equipment and software that should solve these annoying issues. We hope to have the equipment installed by the 1st of April. This should make our services much more accessible and provide some other benefits too.

Sermon Series - As you have heard over the past two months, our next sermon series will focus on forgiveness. This is the first time that I have written a short series on the subject, yet it is a subject that is of extreme importance to every Christian. I have asked for people's input on the subject from their personal experience through various media. This has been a very humbling thing to witness. People have shared deep hurts that they have experienced over the years. For some it was their parents or family members who have hurt them in various ways. For yet others, it has been life choices that have damaged their view of themselves. Others have been pained by rejection, by horrible abuses of various kinds, or by a spouse who has had an affair. At the moment, two sermons are written with illustrations from some from whom I have permission to share parts of their stories. I do not name any individual, as some are still processing their pains and striving to work through forgiveness of self and others. Please pray that God shows me what is needed each Sunday morning, for each person present online.

Lock Down - It is likely in the next few weeks that we will have to shut our offices to all comers and that staff will have to stay at home. During this time, we will notify the congregation via various media as to how you can reach us for prayer chain, ministry needs, etc. No one will be allowed on campus for any reason at that time, until we are cleared to resume by the governor or government. Cody and I will record sermons to place online, we will not be able to do the worship part of the services at that time. We will tell you how and when you can access our services.

Sparrow House Ministry - Joy Ministries have encouraged us to generously give both dried and canned foods and health items for Sparrow House Ministry. This is a superb idea of theirs, and incredibly timely, thank you ladies! Please continue to buy food for SHM. Call the church office when you want to drop off your gift and we will take your gifts inside, and deliver them to SHM each week.

ASSIGNMENT	4/5/20	4/12/20	4/19/20	4/26/20
DEVOTION LEADER - E	Jerry Weirich	James Clevenger	Chancey Woodbury	Rod Ausmus
DEVOTION LEADER - L	Shane Dashner	Josh Moreno	Chris Wilkinson	Rod Ausmus
SERVER IN CHARGE - E	Bryan Herrera	Rick Akers	Norm Arends	Monty Coen
SERVER IN CHARGE - L	Joe Baca	Todd Brown	Ken Montoya	Josh Moreno
SHUT- IN COMM - 1	Bryan Herrera	Terry DeWitt	Ken Montoya	Bryan Herrera
SHUT- IN COMM - 2	Dustin DeWitt	Brian Lauritsen	Rick Akers	Brian Lauritsen
GREETERS - E	Roger Davidson	Sam Tecklenburg	John Paul Unruh	Ray Gilbert
GREETERS - L	Rick Jones	Dave Tecklenburg	Blake Carere	Pat Leonard
COMMUNION PREP	Diane Smith, Melody Harris & Nancy Scriven			
8:00 NURSERY	Nicole Piner	Lori Payne	Abbey Jordan	Cody Laughlin
9:15 NURSERY	Jason & Erica	Jason & Erica	Jason & Erica	Jason & Erica
10:30 NURSERY	Heather & Meghan	Roxie Rankin	Joy Dashner	Carol Ausmus
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Kara Melton	Kelsey Thomas	Staci & Katy	Meghan Petersen

Server Schedule may change due to future service restrictions

Suggested Reading for the Forgiveness Sermon Series

These are books that I (Ian) have read that may be profoundly helpful to you on your forgiveness journey.

- A. "Unfaithful" by Gary & Mona Shriver and David Cook
- B. "Total Forgiveness" by R.T. Kendall
- C. "I Forgive You" by Grace Ketterman MD and David Hazard
- D. "The Road to Forgiveness" by Bill & Cindy Griffiths
- E. "The Seven Greatest Words" Rick Warren - PastorRick.com
- F. "If God is in Control, Why is My Life Such a Mess?" Michael Youssef
- G. "To Tell the Truth" by Louie Giglio (this is a teaching DVD)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/1 - Bo Brase
Keith Clark
Pat Harris
4/2 - Don Filbeck
4/4 - Peggy Fowler
4/5 - Sheryl Carrigan
4/7 - Brecklyn Herrera
Alicia Ridder
4/9 - Mary Covington
4/10 - Sydney Sires
4/11 - Matt Amrine
Ellie Brase
Maria Navarrette
4/12 - Zack Rankin
Diane Pool
4/13 - Grant Hobden
Zach Ramsay
4/14 - Wayne Albin
Nolan Reyes
Katie Tecklenburg
4/15 - Alice Mauch
4/17 - Delorin Bellomy
Joshua Moreno
4/18 - Caelan Blacker
Isabelle Mitchell
Imarie Rankin
Steve Wertz
4/19 - Glenn Otto
4/21 - Dianna Gilbert
4/22 - Monty Coen
Rex Harper
4/23 - Wayne Clausen
4/25 - Tammy Montoya
4/27 - Albert Moreno
4/29 - Ann Turpin
Diane Smith
4/30 - Joe Baca

Anniversaries

4/4 - Gary & Sheri Higgins
4/6 - Shawn & Debby Pelley
4/8 - Brady & Talara Coen
4/10 - Ernie & Tonya Esparza
4/12 - Brian & Nicci Lauritsen
4/19 - Rod & Debbie Ausmus
4/23 - John Paul & June Unruh
James & Judy Souders
4/24 - Mike & Tammy Duffy
4/26 - Charles & Betty Hawkins
4/30 - John & Janet Adams

Remember In Prayer

Pearl Clausen	Wanda Simmons	Richard Stickler
Mildred Murray	Janet Harbert	Ian Blacker
Pat Harris	Les Scriven	Wayne Stiles
Our Country/Government	Susan Perkins	Gary Rogers

Congratulations On Your Baptism!

Brittin Thomas & Garrison Price were
both Baptized on March 1st!

Our Sympathy Goes Out To ~

The Family of Kelly Tanaka, who passed away on 3/6.
The Family of Joe Moore, who passed away on 3/17.

BLOOD + DRIVE

Vitalant (formerly Bonfils) will be at the church as usual on April 21st. The need for blood donations is huge because of CV19. They will make special arrangements for donors to remain safe while donating blood, and will possibly use other parts of the building. Please donate if at all possible.

Lamar Christian Church
811 South Main Street
Lamar, CO. 81052
(719)336-5343
Sunday School: 9:15AM
Children's Church: 10:30AM
Worship Services
8:00 & 10:30AM
www.lamarchristian.info



Return Service Requested

SENIOR SAINTS CHATTER

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 & community.

After discussing this among the committee we decided to cancel Senior Saints for March. After all, we are in that sensitive group of "older people". We will let you know about any meeting in April etc. We know ALL of our people are clean and we are not afraid because we know God takes care of us, but due to the circumstances we are taking extra precautions. Sorry for the inconvenience. We tried to call everybody and we had Luann put it on the prayer chain. If we didn't get everybody so sorry! The only one we couldn't get in touch with was Inez. Deleta went down to make sure she didn't come and wait. She doesn't have a phone. Thank you Deleta. We will miss being together but due to circumstances beyond our control we thought it best to not have it this month.

However, there are a few people we want you to keep in your prayers. Ian and his family. Ian will be undergoing a medical procedure when the virus scare is over. Mildred Murray has had to go back into the hospital for care following her surgery. Les and Nancy are going through a difficult time too. Nancy's son is soon going to have another kidney transplant. Keep him in your prayers. We have many people here in Lamar Christian Church going through health problems. Our church family is such a loving caring church family. Praise the Lord for that! Our church has cut back on some programs for the time being This is a good idea. Our Elders will keep track of the situation and make future decisions. Keep them in your prayers too. We are so blessed to have such loving caring faithful men taking care of our business of the church.

Floyd is going to have surgery on his back to remove a non-cancerous cyst. Dr. Smith will do it here in Lamar. Keep him in your prayers. He's had these before and they aren't real serious but need to be taken care of before they can get worse. The surgery can be done in the clinic - not the hospital.

Keep our nation in your prayers. Oh, how badly we need to keep God in our nation. It's in a mess as you all know. Some think that we are big enough to do things with our God - BUT THEY ARE WRONG! Over the years that's how nations and countries have gotten into big trouble. Oh - I almost forgot. Richard Stickler is undergoing a series of testing. He is going to have to have surgery but they are running lots of tests to determine the extent and what kind of surgery. Keep him and Mary Ann in your prayers. They will be back and forth to Colorado Springs the rest of this month. We miss them in Senior Saints!

Well Don Deaton I wrote a whole page and didn't say much! Ha! I can always "talk" whether on paper or in person you know! More news later on. Future decisions will be made as needed.

Betty Clark, Reporter

