

Lamar Christian Church

February 2026 Newsletter



KITCHEN/COMMUNION HELP

We are in need of Communion help in a couple of different areas. We have lost some of our ladies on the Communion schedule in the last year and need replacements!

Luann preps every Friday, but we need more people to serve on the monthly schedule. These volunteers tidy and replenish the trays between services, and clean and re-stock the trays with cups after the second Communion.

Please let a staff member know if you would be willing to take a month!

Election on February 15th

Bryan Herrera & Rick Akers are up for re-election this year. Thanks to both for serving as Elders on our Board, and for committing to continue for another term. There will be a vote in both services on February 15th.

JOY Ministries Sock Drive

JOY is hosting a Youth Sock Drive for the month of February. The socks collected will be distributed to students through the Hope Center. Please place donations in the bin by the West Fellowship Hall doors.

MISSION

Building a community that loves God, cares for people, and connects with both.

VALUES

- Unchanging Biblical Truth
- Unceasing Prayer
- Uncommon Generosity
- Unselfish Service
- Undivided Family

STAFF

Senior Minister - Ray Matteson
Associate Minister - Carlos Torres
Children's Director - Kelsey Thomas
Worship/Youth Director - Cassandra Batson
Secretary - Luann Tecklenburg
Custodian - Brad Matteson

BOARD

Elders - Rick Akers, Bryan Herrera, Pat Leonard, Ken Montoya, Monty Coen
Deacons - Brian Lauritsen, Justin Homm, Ron Schmidt, Dustin DeWitt, Anthony LaTour
Trustees - Norm Arends, Ron Clausen, Glenn Smith

Sermon Series for February: You've Got Questions

We had a few questions and ideas come in at the end of the year for sermon topics. We are going to start out with some questions that were sent or have come up in studies:

2/1/26 - What is the Purpose of Prayer

2/8/26 - How Do I Know I'm Going to Heaven?

2/15/26 - How Do I Know God's Will for My Life?

2/22/26 - Why Did God Command So Much Killing?

In March we will be going through the letter of 1 John (one of the requests)

Mission Trip to Acuna, Mexico March 14-20

In a month and a half we will be leaving for our trip to Acuna to build another house for the Zulma Aidely Esparza Quiroz family of three. They currently live in a small town with other family, but moving to Acuna will not only give them their own house, but also much closer to their church where they can be more involved. Juan is a laborer with a weekly income of \$136.

Please note that on Sunday, February 8th you will get to see a video about the family and building location. We will also be taking a special offering in both services that day to help pay for building supplies. The team members are paying for their trip down there, motels, meals in Mexico and other expenses. We have some team members from Victory Life in Lamar, Life Center Church and the Sheridan Lake Church. Some of them are also trying to raise some funds for the building supplies as well.

We will have our final meeting on February 15th at 5pm in the RFOM.

Wednesday Nights are Buzzing

It has been encouraging to see so many adults, youth and children involved in studies and groups on Wednesday nights. We have had a number of new or returning people join one of the groups. Rooms are getting full and people are connecting to one another and the Word in different, but meaningful ways. It is wonderful to see.

Greetings Saints,

If you are interested in being a part of the next Kairos weekend this spring, those dates are set for April 23-26. It's never too early to begin the process of getting your volunteer status approved. The website for that is:

https://www.tdcj.texas.gov/php/prod/volunteer_training/ or

just scan the QR code below. If you have any questions or need help in getting signed up, let me know, and I would be happy to assist you with that. Team meeting dates are as follows:

February 7th - Amarillo, TX

February 28th - Wesleyan Church, Campo CO

March 21st - Lamar Christian Church, Lamar CO 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

April 11th - Dalhart, TX

(If you need a ride to any of these meetings, a ride may be provided)

Come see me for a team app and/or for more information.

Blessings,
Carlos



Youth & Worship Update

Thank you all for your continued prayers and encouragement as I prepare for my next surgery. I am currently **six weeks out**, and I am so grateful for God's faithfulness and peace as we walk into this next season together.

I also want to extend a **huge thank you to those who continue to volunteer in both worship and youth ministry**. Your willingness to step up and lead in big ways during this season has made this surgery process so much easier. I am deeply thankful for your faithfulness, servant hearts, and love for our students and church family.

Youth ministry is in full swing! **High School Youth** meets on **Sunday nights from 6:00–8:30 PM**, and **Middle School Youth** meets on **Wednesday nights from 6:00–7:30 PM**. Our **High School Bible Study** continues on **Monday nights from 7:30–8:30 PM**, and it has been such a sweet time of digging into God's Word together.

A reminder that **Camp Como forms for both middle school and high school students need to be turned in**. If your student did not receive forms, please let me know so I can get those to you.

For parents who are not yet connected, we have a **group chat for all youth communications for both age groups**. Please see me or **scan the QR code available on Sunday mornings** to join and stay up to date on events, reminders, and important information.

Thank you for walking alongside me and our ministry in prayer and support.

— Cassandra Batson, Youth & Worship Director



A poster for the Middle School Youth Group. It features a large QR code at the top with the text "SCAN ME!" below it. The title "MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP" is in large blue letters. Below the title, it says "Grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun!" and lists activities: Dinner, Games, Fellowship, and Worship. The meeting time is "EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM" at "Lamar Christian Church" for "Grades 6-8!". At the bottom, it provides contact information for Cassandra Batson, Youth Director, including email and website links.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun!

- Dinner
- Games
- Fellowship
- Worship

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Lamar Christian Church
Grades 6-8!

More Information: Cassandra Batson - Youth Director
cassandra@lamarchristian.net <https://lamarchristian.info/students>



A poster for the High School Youth Group. It features the title "HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP" in large brown letters, with "Grades 9 - 12" below it. The text "Come together in faith, friendship, and prayer!" is followed by two QR codes labeled "HS STUDENTS" and "HS PARENTS". A list of activities includes Dinner from 6:00 - 6:30, Games and Fellowship, Worship and Prayer, and Lessons and Small Groups. The meeting time is "EVERY SUNDAY 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM" at "Lamar Christian Church", with "All youth welcome!". At the bottom, it provides contact information for Cassandra Batson, Youth Director, including email and website links.

Lamar Christian Student Ministries

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Grades 9 - 12

Come together in faith, friendship, and prayer!

Communications



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- Worship and Prayer
- Lessons and Small Groups

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SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	2/1/26	2/8/26	2/15/26	2/22/26
DEVO LEAD - E	David Barber	Mike Duffy	Monty Coen	Jeff Hobden
DEVO LEAD - L	Carlos Torres	Pat Leonard	Anthony LaTour	David Barber
SERV IN CHG - E	Brian Lauritsen	Bryan Herrera	Justin Homm	Monty Coen
SERV IN CHG - L	Rick Akers	Ken Montoya	Norm Arends	Jim Ramsay
SHUT-IN 1	Albert Moreno	Ken Montoya	Mitch Finney	Brian Lauritsen
SHUT-IN 2	Joe Baca	Dustin DeWitt	Joe Baca	Jason Herrera
COMMUNION	Janet DeWitt, Staci DeWitt, Misty Hablutzel & Vicki Wilkinson			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	2/1/26	2/8/26	2/15/26	2/22/26
LEADER - B	CARLOS	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
DRUMS	BRITTIN	JOSH	KEENAN	KEENAN
KEYS	JADE	ALICIA R	ALICIA J	ALICIA J
BASS GUITAR	DAVID	EMILY	ROD T	DAVID
ACOUSTIC	CARLOS	TYLER	TYLER	TYLER
ELECTRIC			JOSH	
VOCAL	CONNIE	ALEXA	COURTNEY	MELODY
VOCAL	RHONDA	HEATHER	KATY	DIXIE
VOCAL	DENNIS	RANDY		RON
LEADER	CARLOS	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
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SOUND-BOTH	BRIAN	KEN	RORY	BRAD
MEDIA - B	HERRERA	SCHMIDT	HOMMS	HERRERA
MEDIA - C	PAT/JOAN	BRAD/BRITTIN	ROD/PAT	JAYCE/CHLOE

Prayer Requests

Sheri Higgins
Joy Schultz
Monte Ausmus
Madesyn Martin
Jade Torres
Joe Baggett
Josiah Wertz
Roger Cordova
Rod Ausmus
Pam Weirich
Joanie Dorris
Robert Griffith
Wayne Kyelberg
Allen Settles



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|----------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Debbie Herrera | 15 | Debbie Ausmus |
| 2 | Jason Whisenand | | Jana Coen |
| | Zane Forbes | | Shelby Homm |
| 4 | Lori Payne | 17 | *Scott & Chelley Brase |
| | Tacy Schmidt | | *Rob & Connie Vallejos |
| | *Pat & Melody Harris | 18 | Tom Piner |
| 7 | Kathy Stiles | 19 | *Garrett & Sharleen Wertz |
| | Ron Clausen | 20 | Debby Pelley |
| 10 | Joe Harbert | 22 | Kelley Morris |
| | DeeDee Smartt | 26 | Russ Hobden |
| | Janet Harbert | 27 | Andy Hammer |
| | Emmalynn Hobden | 28 | Anthony LaTour |
| 11 | Scott Brase | | *Mike & Lisa Steed |
| 15 | Dale McWilson | 29 | Vicki Wilkinson |

**There will be a
PRAYER MEETING
on Sunday,
February 15th
at 4:00PM in
the RFOM. All are
Welcome to attend!**

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive
is Tuesday, **February 17th**
from 11:30 to 4:00 in
the fellowship hall.
Go to vitalant.org to make an
appointment. Walk-ins are
welcome as time allows.

Joy Ministries

JOY will meet on Thursday,
February 26th at 1:00PM
at the HOPE CENTER
for a PRAYER WALK.
The drive for the month
will be Socks For Children -
Please donate to the bin in
the Fellowship Hall.

*Our Sympathy
for the loss of a
loved one*

*Ida Heinson
passed away
on 12/23*

SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome
to attend Senior Saint's
Fellowship the 3rd Monday
of the month (February date is
the 16th) at 5:00PM in
the Fellowship Hall.
Please bring a dish to
share and join us for
dinner and games!

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast
is Saturday, **February 21st**
at 7:00am in the
fellowship hall. All Men
are welcome to attend -
come at 6:00 to help cook!

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Lamar, CO 81052
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CHURCH

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Return Service Requested

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

SENIOR SAINTS

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

Senior Saints got together on Monday, January 19th for a great potluck dinner. The devotion was given by Diane Smith - next month's devotion will be given by Alice Mauch.

We cleaned up the kitchen and everybody got ready for Round-a-bout. There were 15 of us present but only 13 stayed to play. The first table was Cody Laughlin, Susan Gourley, Kara Matteson and Carol Pearson. Each team won a game. The second table was Diane Smith and Nancy Idler against Glen Smith and Ron Clausen. The girls won 3 games total. The third table had 5 players. Alice Clark, Judy Wiemer, Sylvia Zimmer, Dorothy Comer and Deleta Downen. Alice won 1 game, Sylvia won 1, and Deleta won 1.

The next Senior Saints is on February 16th. All Seniors are Welcome!

Ron Clausen

Casas por
Cristo
Mission Trip
March 14 -
20, 2026



We will collect an offering for the Casas trip in both services on Sunday, February 8th. The next meeting will be February 15th at 5:00PM in the RFOM.

The Lamar Christian QR code has been posted around the building and in the bulletin. Scan the code with your phone for information about getting involved, to submit a prayer request, or to leave your contact info for future reference.

*Contact Ray or Luann if you need help!

