

Lamar Christian Church

August 2026 Newsletter

2026 Women's RETREAT



CUCHARA, CO
Yellow Pine Ranch
OCTOBER 2nd - 4th

🌲 COST \$175 ~ INCLUDES
4 MEALS & LODGING

🌲 TRANSPORTATION
AVAILABLE

🌲 NOT REFUNDABLE
AFTER AUGUST 31ST

Jehovah Nissi – God is My Banner

Living Under God's Banner as We Endure our Hard Seasons

This fall brings a wonderful opportunity for the women of Lamar Christian Church to “retreat” to the cool Rocky Mountains, engage with God’s Word, and worship together. The Women’s Retreat will be enjoyed in Cuchara at the Yellow Pine Ranch on October 2-4. Registration begins August 9th. Dawn Batteiger will return as our speaker for a 4th time, and will be joined by her daughters to encourage us to examine how God provides in the challenging times of life. They bring personal testimony and wisdom from Exodus 17.

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

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

Ray

NEW SERMON SERIES FOR AUGUST

CommUnity in Christ

8/2/26 CommUNITY Matters to Christ John 17

8/9/26 CommUNITY Must be about Christ 1 Cor. 1:10-30

8/16/26 CommUNITY Develops with Love and Diligence Eph. 4:1-16

8/23/26 CommUNITY Grows in Oneness Phil. 1:27-2:11

8/30/26 CommUNITY Thrives with Maturity Col. 3:9-17

COMO RIDE

August 13-16

We have a group planning to go on the Como Ride again, but we are always open to having more join us. You can drive a vehicle if you wish and get away from the heat for a weekend, enjoy the wonderful setting at Camp Como and see some sites in the area. If you can't go along I would ask you pray for the safety of those going and for an impactful weekend as we look at the theme: Leaning into the Curves of Life from Proverbs 3:5-6. You can also add to the weekend by contributing to the Como Ride with a monetary gift (just mark your gift "ComoRide"). The riders pay for the retreat portion - \$200 (includes room & board), but all extra funds go to the camp and special projects they are seeking to complete. Thank you for your support! We and the camp appreciate it.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH UPDATE

Youth Groups will begin in September with Middle School starting Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00pm and High School will begin Sunday, September 13th at 6:00pm with dinner served at 5:00pm.

We have a good number of volunteers ready to serve and help us minister to the young people God brings to us. However, we could always use a couple more people for High School and we really need some help in the middle school ministry. We need some female volunteers to help out on Wednesday nights. I know doing so might conflict with a study you have been a part of, but we are asking you to prayerfully consider serving these young people so they can hear about Jesus and His will for their lives. Please talk to Ray or Kelsey if you want more information or are interested in helping out on either Sunday or Wednesday nights.



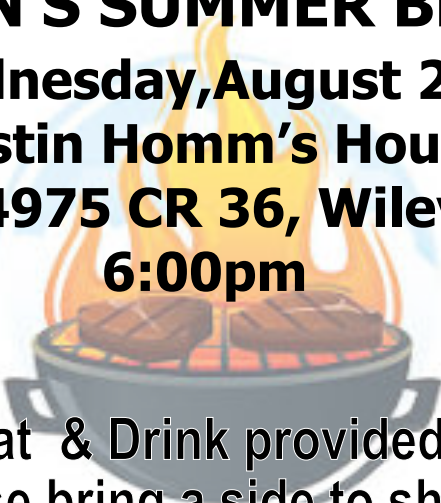
MEN'S SUMMER BBQ

Wednesday, August 26th

Justin Homm's House

34975 CR 36, Wiley

6:00pm



**Meat & Drink provided -
please bring a side to share**

**ALL FALL STUDIES,
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP,
AND KGS KIDS WILL START ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th.
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 13th.**

**Dale McWilson @ High Plains Acute (Shmar Village)
1201 W-Abriendo Ave. Pueblo, CO 81004
719-940-0710**

Greetings Saints,

This is for all you men out there. I want to personally invite you to our 4th annual **Stand Firm** men's event. We will be hosting it again this year on Saturday, September 26th. Registration and breakfast start at 7:30 am, and the event will go until 4:00 pm. To register, scan the QR code on the posters around the church or in this month's newsletter. Cost is \$30 per person with breakfast and lunch included. T-shirts will be an additional \$15 and are ordered with your online registration. (T-shirts may not be available if registering on the day of the event.)

Also, we have the dates for the **Kairos Prison Ministries** weekend in Dalhart, TX. Those dates will be November 12-15. If you would like to be a part of this powerful ministry or have any interest, catch me here at the church or call the church office at 719-336-5343.

Team meetings are still being worked out, but the first meeting will be August 8th in Dalhart. If you are interested let me know, and we can provide a ride to get there and back. I have Team Apps in my office if you would like to fill one out. There will be a team meeting here soon - I will keep you updated.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and try to stay cool.

Blessings, *Carlos*



Saturday, September 26th Lamar Christian Church

7:30am to 4:00pm

Costs:

- \$30 per person,
- Invite an unchurched guy and pay 2 for \$40
- Breakfast, snacks, and lunch included
- T-shirt price is \$ 15.00

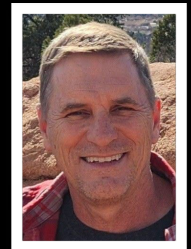
Register here



2026 Speakers



Pastor Carlos Torres,
Lamar Christian Church



Pastor Tim Servati,
Pearl Street Church, Lamar



Pastor Allen Garcia,
First Baptist Church,
Lamar



Pastor Ralph Mireles,
Kairos Prison Ministry



Bring a dish to share
good food & fellowship!

Thank you!

To all who gave time, money, and talents
to a great VBS experience for our
community. We appreciate you!

SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	8/2/26	8/9/26	8/16/26	8/23/26	8/30/26
DEVO LEAD - E	Justin Homm	Ron Clausen	Rod Ausmus	Mike Duffy	Monty Coen
DEVO LEAD - L	Rod Thomas	Jimmy Spitzer	Rod Ausmus	Mike Duffy	Pat Leonard
SERV IN CHG - E	Rick Akers	Bryan Herrera	Pat Leonard	Rick Akers	Justin Homm
SERV IN CHG - L	Joel Souders	Ron Schmidt	Ken Montoya	Jimmy Spitzer	Norm Arends
SHUT-IN 1	Albert Moreno	Dustin DeWitt	Ken Montoya	Albert Moreno	Ken Montoya
SHUT-IN 2	Dustin DeWitt	Brian Lauritsen	Ken Smartt	Brian Lauritsen	Joe Baca
COMMUNION	Janice England, Kay Arends, & Andy Hammer				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	8/2/26	8/9/26	8/16/26	8/23/26	8/30/26
LEADER - B	ALICIA J.	SUSANNE	VIDEO	CHAR	CHAR
DRUMS					
KEYS	ALICIA J.			BARB	BARB
BASS GUITAR					
ACOUSTIC		DENNIS			
ELECTRIC					
VOCAL	RANDY	RON C.		SHELBY	
VOCAL	MELODY	CARILYN			
VOCAL					
LEADER - C	ALICIA J.	JADE	ROD	MARAH	ROD
DRUMS	KEENAN	KEENAN	BRITTIN	JOSH	
KEYS	ALICIA R.	JADE	JULIE	MARAH	
BASS	EMILY	DAVID	DAVID	RAY	
ACOUSTIC	ALICIA J.	CARLOS	ROD T.	ROD T.	
ELECTRIC			JOSH		
VOCAL	HEATHER	CONNIE	KATHY	KATY	
VOCAL	ALEXA	RHONDA	JOY	JADE	
VOCAL		HILAH			
SOUND-BOTH	BRAD	BRIAN	RORY	KENNY	RORY
MEDIA - B	AMBER/JASON	JUSTIN/SHELBY	RON/AMY	JOAN/PAT	AMBER/JASON
MEDIA - C	JOAN/PAT	BRITTIN/BRAD	CONNIE/PAT	JOAN/BRAD	BRITTIN/BRAD

Prayer Requests

Joy Schultz
Jade Torres
Roger Cordova
Pam Weirich
Joanie Compton
Roman Evans
Mykayla Crum
Trent Hoesli
Olivia Wilson
Marty Campbell
Barb Koehn

*Congratulations
on your Baptisms!*

5/31

*Pedro Osorio
Skyler Wilson*

6/7

Tabitha Northrup

6/28

Mason DeForest



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Wayne Schultz | 16 Rylan Herrera |
| Kennedy Vallejos | 17 Jim Ramsay |
| *Bryan & Char Herrera | *Russ & DeEtte Hobden |
| 2 *Zeke & Sheila Forbes | *Gary & Lori Hammer |
| 3 Todd Brown | 18 Ken Smartt |
| 4 Mary Cass | *Rory & Kathy O'Neill |
| Laci Coen | 19 Lori Blacker |
| *Luis & Emily Ortiz | Wesley Sires |
| 5 Ray Gilbert | *Bill & Leilanie Kisamore |
| *Darrell & Glynda Pool | 22 Dustin DeWitt |
| *Garrett & Sharon Headrick | Bill Kisamore |
| *Grant & Laura Hobden | 23 Joel Souders |
| 8 Dottie McCaslin | Jake Specht |
| Kevin Ridder | *Chris & Vicki Wilkinson |
| *Joe & Janet Harbert | *Jim & Heather Ramsay |
| 11 Layton Homm | 26 Jennifer Hawkins |
| *Mitch & Mary Cass | *Bryce & Michelle Hiigel |
| *Allen & Janie Campbell | 29 Lisa Steed |
| 12 Eric Settles | Connie Vallejos |
| 14 James Souders | 30 *Mark & Sheryl Carrigan |
| 15 Jason Adams | |
| *Shane & Joy Dashner | |

JOY Ministries

Joy Ministries mission for the month of August is the HOPE CENTER.
The most urgent need at the HC is for girl's underwear - size 4-14.
Please donate to the bin by the pop machine in the fellowship hall.
The collection will be donated at a Prayer Walk at the Hope Center on
Thursday, August 27th at 1:00pm. All ladies are welcome to attend.

PRAYER MEETING

**August 9th at
4:00pm
in the RFOM**

SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome
to attend Senior Saint's
Fellowship the 3rd Monday
of the month (August date is
the 17th) 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, **August 15th**
at 7:00am in the
fellowship hall. All Men
are welcome to attend -
come at 6:00 to help cook!

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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 met on July 27th which was a week later than our regular meeting night because of VBS. The number attending was down for various reasons...some members were not feeling well, some were on vacation, and maybe some didn't come because it was just too hot. Ray blessed the food and prayed for the ones who could not be with us. A delicious dinner of several casseroles and tasty desserts, including pie and ice cream, were enjoyed by all who attended.

Nancy Hutchinson will have the devotions for the meeting in August. Nancy Idler gave "the rest of the story" on her devotions in June by reading the book Roxy the Ritzy Camel, which explains how even a camel has a hard time getting through the eye of the needle to get into heaven unless she has God in her heart and loves the Lord and others more than herself.

Two tables of Round-a-bout were played with much fun and laughter. Kara won the first game at one table, and Cody won the second game. The other table played partners and each team won a game. The next Senior Saints will meet on August 17th and we hope to see more of you "saints" there that evening. Please join us for good food and fun!

- Nancy Idler

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 18th 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.

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!

