

Lamar Christian Church

March 2026 Newsletter

EASTER SUNDAY

We will have regular service times on Easter, with a Brunch between during the Sunday school hour. All are welcome to attend ~ just bring a dish to share and come enjoy fellowship!

*Easter invitations will be available the second Sunday in March.

Casas por Cristo

The mission trip to build a house for a family in Acuna, Mexico is March 14 - 20. Due to a generous collection in church February 15th we have the funds for the house. You can still contribute to this home until the trip - any additional money will go toward beds, heating system, bathroom, etc. Please mark "Casas" on the memo line of your check.

There will not be a 5th Sunday Brunch in March - it will be the next Sunday for Easter.

There will be NO KGS Kids Wednesday, March 18th

Spring Forward
1 HOUR



Sunday, March 8th

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

Ray

Sermon Series for March will be from 1 John.

We will take five weeks to examine Walking in Truth: Light - Love - Life. Ray and Carlos will be covering some verses from each chapter in March. Carlos will be preaching two of the Sundays while Ray travels to Mexico for the Casas trip.

Mexico Mission Trip

I am sure you have all heard the news of great unrest in Mexico with the death of one of the drug lords. Most of the activity has been on the west side of Mexico, hundreds of miles from Acuna.

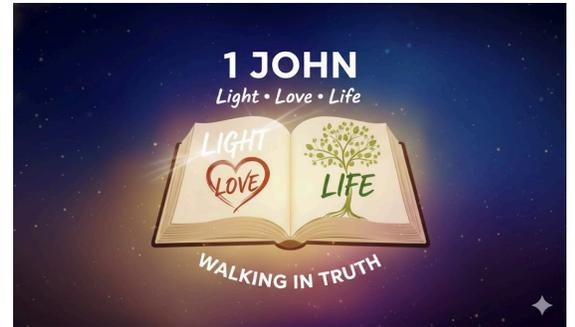
We will continue to monitor the situation and safety of our plans. Casas por Cristo will stay on top of what is happening in Acuna and will not allow a trip if it is not safe. For now, please be in prayer that the uprisings settle down and peace is restored. Pray for American tourists and the people who live in these regions as this is a very scary time for them.

No 5th Sunday Brunch on March 29th

Normally we have a 5th Sunday Brunch, but this year it is so close to Easter we have decided to wait and have an Easter Brunch instead. The Brunch will be during the Sunday School Hour on Easter Sunday. Also, the 29th would normally be Youth Sunday, but with Cassandra out of commission again for her second surgery, we will have a normal service. Please be in prayer for Cassandra and her surgery on March 18th.

Looking Ahead

March will be busy with several ministry opportunities, but there is a lot coming up as we begin planning for April as well. Easter is April 5th, we also have Men's Encounter, April 10-12 and the Kairos team will be traveling to Dalhart, TX again April 23-26. These are all important events and more opportunities for growth and outreach. Please be in prayer, but also be ready to step up and help out as needed since all of these require many volunteers to help fill in when others are gone and when extra people attend worship for Easter.



Greetings Saints,

We are having a Baptism Sunday on March 8th. If you would like to be baptized please let Ray or myself know, so we can get you scheduled in, whether it be during early or late service, in between services, or even after service. We want to accommodate each individual, but we would like to be able to celebrate these baptisms as they are an important part of our faith journey. We would also like for each person baptized to attend a short (20-30 minute) "Next Steps" class to cover some important faith steps over the next 3 weeks (one day a week) either before or after service or another designated time during the week. We look forward to celebrating with you all.

Again, 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. Remaining team meeting dates are as follows:

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

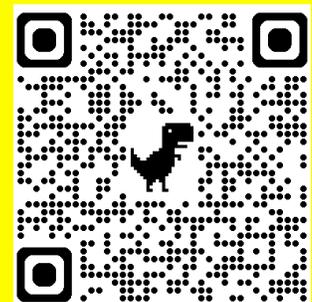
April 11th - Dalhart, TX

(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



Cassandra

Hi church family,

March is here, and it's shaping up to be a full and meaningful month for our Youth and Worship ministries. I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who came to our Worship Team Appreciation Dinner. It was such a sweet night. Sitting around tables together, laughing, praying, and simply enjoying time in the same room reminded me how grateful I am for this team. You all serve so faithfully week after week — early mornings, rehearsals, tech runs, stepping in when needed — and it truly does not go unnoticed. I am beyond thankful for each of you and the heart you bring to this ministry.

As many of you know, I will be having surgery on March 18. I deeply appreciate your prayers already and would love continued prayer for a smooth procedure and recovery. I will be updating and posting a new worship schedule soon, so please be on the lookout for that on Planning and in Sunday morning communications. I am incredibly thankful for the team God has built here. This ministry does not hinge on one person, and that is such a gift. I know the Lord will continue to move, and I'm grateful to serve alongside people who are willing to step up and support one another.

With spring break season coming up, I also want to encourage everyone to pay close attention to the youth schedule. There can sometimes be small adjustments this time of year. Please check the updated calendar and be sure to look at the schedule posted outside my office door. We don't want anyone showing up on a night we aren't meeting or accidentally missing something important. Staying connected and paying attention to updates will help everything run smoothly.

Thank you for being a church that prays, serves, steps up, and loves well. March may look a little different, but God is still working, and I am expectant for what He will continue to do in our students, our worship team, and our church as a whole.

With gratitude,
Cassandra Batson
Youth & Worship Director

LAMAR CHRISTIAN STUDENT MINISTRIES SPRING 2026

MARCH

March 1 - HS Youth
March 2 - HS Bible Study
March 4 - MS Youth
March 8 - HS Youth
March 9 - HS Bible Study
March 11 - MS Youth
March 15 - HS Youth
March 16 - HS Bible Study
March 18 - NO MS Youth
March 22 - NO HS Youth
March 23 - NO HS Bible Study
March 25 - MS Youth
March 29 - HS Youth
March 30 - NO HS Bible Study

APRIL

April 1 - MS Youth
April 5 - NO HS Youth
April 6 - HS Bible Study
April 8 - MS Youth
April 12 - HS Youth
April 13 - HS Bible Study
April 15 - MS Youth
April 19 - HS Youth
April 20 - HS Bible Study
April 22 - MS Youth
April 26 - HS Youth
April 27 - HS Bible Study
April 29 - MS Youth

MAY

May 3 - HS Youth
May 4 - HS Bible Study
May 6 - MS Youth
May 10 - HS Bible Study
May 11 - HS Bible Study
May 13 - MS Youth
May 17 - HS Youth
May 18 - HS Bible Study
May 20 - MS Youth
May 24 - LAST HS Youth
May 25 - NO HS Bible Study
May 27 - LAST MS Youth



SUPPLY DRIVE

JOY MINISTRIES is hosting a supply drive this month for Care Net Pregnancy Center.

Needed items are:

Diapers

Wipes

Onesies

Infant Toys

Newborn Clothes

Please donate items
In the Bin in the
Fellowship Hall

SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	3/1/26	3/8/26	3/15/26	3/22/26	3/29/26
DEVO LEAD - E	David Barber	Jason Herrera	David Barber	Jeff Hobden	David Barber
DEVO LEAD - L	David Barber	Pat Leonard	David Barber	Mike Duffy	David Barber
SERV IN CHG - E		Jeff Hobden			
SERV IN CHG - L	Todd Brown	Ken Montoya	Rick Akers	Ron Schmidt	
SHUT-IN 1		Ken Montoya			
SHUT-IN 2	Dustin DeWitt	Jason Herrera			
COMMUNION	Barb Scriven, Wanda Simmons, Cody Laughlin & Alice Clark				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	3/1/26	3/8/26	3/15/26	3/22/26	3/29/26
LEADER - B	ROD T.	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	ALICIA J.	MARIAH/MARAH
DRUMS	KEENAN	BRITTIN	JOSHUA	KEENAN	BRITTIN
KEYS	JULIE	ALICIA R.	MARAH	ALICIA J.	MARAH
BASS GUITAR	DAVID	EMILY	COLIN	ROD	DAVID
ACOUSTIC	ROD T.	TYLER	TYLER	JOSHUA	MARIAH
ELECTRIC					
VOCAL	KATHY	ALEXA	TALA	KATY	RHONDA
VOCAL	JOY	HEATHER	MARIAH	TALA	
VOCAL	CARILYN	DIXIE			
LEADER	ROD T.	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA	ALICIA J.	MARIAH/MARAH
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SOUND-BOTH	RORY	CARLOS	BRAD	BRIAN	KEN
MEDIA - B	SCHMIDT	HOMM	HERRERA	SCHMIDT	HOMM
MEDIA - C	JOAN/PAT	JAYCE/CHLOEE	JOAN/PAT	BRAD/BRITTIN	JOAN/PAT

Prayer Requests

Joy Schultz
Madesyn Martin
Jade Torres
Josiah Wertz
Roger Cordova
Pam Weirich
Joanie Dorris
Robert Griffith
Allen Settles
Dale McWilson
Lori Blacker
Dick Ramsay
Myla Lucio

**There will be a
PRAYER MEETING
on Sunday,
March 8th
at 4:00PM in
the RFOM. All are
Welcome to attend!**

*Our Sympathy
for the loss of a
loved one
Norman Coen
passed away
on 2/22*



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Anna Carere
Tim Courkamp
Staci DeWitt
Jo May | 24 | Charlie Homm
Connie Wertz
Connie Jacobsen |
| 4 | Mike Steed | 25 | Linda Longworth
Rod Thomas |
| 6 | Ray Matteson
Carol Pearson
Kayden Ridder
*Chad & Jennifer Hawkins | 26 | Jason Herrera
David Lawrence
Nolan Sharp |
| 10 | Roxie Rankin | 28 | Garrett Headrick
Jeanette Rodarmel |
| 12 | Kay Arends
Lori Hammer
Kay Slough | 29 | Alyssa Postma
Roni Vallejos
*Tim & Jo May |
| 15 | Bryce Hiigel
Sam Tecklenburg | 30 | Bexley Brown
Branton Brown
Angie Havenstein |
| 19 | Terry DeWitt | 31 | Sue Tecklenburg |
| 20 | Don Emick | | |
| 23 | Alexa Ridder
Margaret Thompson
Joan Thrall | | |

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive is Tuesday, **April 21st** 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, March 26th at 1:00PM at Care Net Pregnancy Center for a PRAYER WALK. The drive for the month will be Supplies for Care Net - Please donate to the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

SENIOR SAINTS

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



The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, **March 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 CHRISTIAN
— CHURCH —

www.lamarchristian.info

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.

The Senior Saints of Lamar Christian Church met Monday night February 16, 2026 for a wonderful potluck meal and games afterwards. Alice Mauch was the one that had the devotion. Next month's devotion will be presented by Cody Laughlin.

We had 17 people stay to play Round-a-bout. The first table was Nancy H., Joe Baggett, Alice Mauch and Ron Clausen. The second table was Cody Laughlin, Nancy I., Alice Clark, Judy Weber and Niles Voigt. The third table was Kay Slough, Rosella Voigt, Deleta Downen and Susan Gourley. The fourth table was Susanne Matteson, Monica DeBono, Glen & Diane Smith.

Thank you to all that came and thank you for all the wonderful food that is always included.

See you all next time and bring a guest!

Ron Clausen

CONSUMED BY FIRE
HIGHER PLACES TOUR
SPRING-SUMMER 2026

STARS GO DIM | V. ROSE | ADAM AGEE | MEGAN DANIELLE

APPEARING AT
LAMAR, COLORADO
LAMAR COMMUNITY BUILDING
SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
TICKETS & INFO AT CONSUMEDBYFIRE.COM

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!

