

Lamar Christian Church

May 2026 Newsletter

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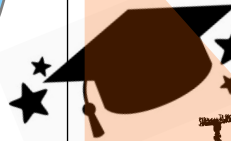
SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 31st between services in the fellowship hall.
All are WELCOME!
Just bring a dish to share and come enjoy a great time of fellowship!

STUDY/GROUP END DATES

Women's Wednesday AM - 5/13
Women's Wednesday PM - 5/20
Men's Wednesday PM - 5/20
Ray's Study - 4/29
Carlos' Study - 4/29
Young Adult - 4/29
Youth Groups (HS) - 5/10, (MS) - 5/13
KGS Kids - 5/6

GRADUATES



Mason Barr
Timothy Berndt
Dixie Bitner
Reed Herrera
Layton Homm
Alyssa Postma
Maddie Wertz

If you have a graduate that is not listed please let Luann or Cassandra know!

GRADUATE SUNDAY
IS MAY 10th
(Along with Mother's Day!)

WORSHIP DISCUSSION MEETING
Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 in
the fellowship hall

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

May Sermon Series: Jesus in the Old Testament

The Hymns of Faith series was very well received with a few saying they would like to hear more and so we may well come back to more hymns later in the year. It was a fun series to preach.

Through May we will be looking at how Jesus was present or how He fulfilled. We can only examine a few of these, but Ray will start things off with a look at Melchizedek and Jesus. Kelsey will share a message on May 10 (Mother's Day and Graduation Recognition) and Cassandra will be issuing a challenge to the graduates. Carlos will preach the May 17 and 24 and Ray will finish up on May 31. We will all focus on this theme.

Ray and Susanne going MIA in May

We are taking an extended vacation May 6-22. We are excited about seeing some of New York City and parts of Egypt. Yes, Egypt. This has been in the works for over a year so we are glad to see it finally come. We can't wait to return and share some of our experiences and hopefully not too many pictures.

Worship Discussion Meeting

Don't forget, we will be having a meeting May 3rd at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall to hear thoughts and discuss our worship services and how to keep them inspirational and vibrant for everyone possible. In case you are wondering, we received 79 surveys: 50 from the early service and 29 from the late service. The number one reason people said they attend the service of their choice is the time. Worship style came in second. Many in the early service asked for more hymns, but several also said keep it blended with some asking for more contemporary songs. We know we will never please everyone, but **we can work together** to fulfill our mission and seek to find ways to keep our services inspirational and attractive to all who attend. Come help us achieve that goal.

May 31st - 5th Sunday Brunch

Five Sundays means sharing in the traditional brunch. Please plan to come at 9:15, bring a dish to share and enjoy some great food and fellowship. This is a great time to connect with people you don't normally get to talk to often.

Greetings Saints,

First, I would like to say thank you to all of you who prayed over Kairos #48, and because of people like you, it was a huge success. We had such an amazing and powerful weekend. We were able to witness God bring so much transformation to the men in white as well as the team itself. There were many tears shed, even from the inmates themselves. We heard so many testimonies of what the Lord did this past weekend, and we will continue to hear the effects of the weekend for days to come. We got to see men surrender their will, receive answers they were seeking, accept the love and forgiveness of God, and give their lives to Christ (and for some even walk away from their gang affiliation which is not easy to do). I look forward to sharing more with you at a later time.

Second, I wanted to make sure everyone noticed that the baptistry was finished and ready for use. If you would like to get baptized please let myself or Ray know, so we can get you scheduled. The baptistry is ready when you are. Also a huge shout out (thank you) to all those involved in getting the baptistry taken out, fixed, and put back together. God bless you. Looking forward to its abundant use.

Carlos

Cassandra

I just wanted to start by saying thank you so much to everyone who has been praying for me during my recovery from surgery. It has truly meant more than I can put into words. I'm doing well and really looking forward to being back fully and jumping back into everything soon!

As we head into May, the worship schedule for the month is posted outside my office door on the second level. If you're serving or want to stay in the loop, make sure to check that out.

For youth, Graduation Sunday will be on **May 10th**. If you are a senior—or have a senior in your family—who would like to be recognized, please let me know as soon as possible. I want to make sure I have enough time to plan gifts and not miss anyone!

The last **High School Youth Group** of the season will also be on **May 10th**, and the final **Middle School Youth Group** will be on **May 13th**. We're excited to wrap up the year well together!

Camp Como is also just around the corner! To register, head to the Camp Como website and use the code "**Lamar 2026**" to sign up with our church. **Please have registrations completed by May 15th**.

Excited for all that May holds!

THANK YOU!

To all who donated food items for the meal bags ~ as usual our church was very generous!

We go through more water bottles at the Welcome Center as the weather warms, so we can always use donations! If you would like to contribute a case of water here and there it would be much appreciated. Please leave your case behind the Welcome Center counter.
Thank You!



May YOUTH NEWS

GRADUATION SUNDAY
May 10th

If you are a senior—or have a senior who would like to be recognized, please let me know ASAP!
I want to plan gifts and make sure I don't miss anyone!

YOUTH GROUP DATES

HS LAST HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP May 10 th	MS LAST MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP May 13 th
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SERVER SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT	5/3/26	5/10/26	5/17/26	5/24/26	5/31/26
DEVO LEAD - E	Rod Ausmus	David Barber	Ron Clausen	Joe Harbert	Monty Coen
DEVO LEAD - L	Anthony LaTour	Anthony LaTour	Shane Dashner	Jimmy Spitzer	Anthony LaTour
SERV IN CHG - E	Shane Dashner	Jared Crabtree	Jimmy Spitzer	Rick Akers	Jared Crabtree
SERV IN CHG - L	Scott Rankin	Jimmy Spitzer	Pat Leonard	Ken Smartt	Pat Leonard
SHUT-IN 1	Albert Moreno	Ken Montoya	Ken Montoya	Albert Moreno	
SHUT-IN 2	Dustin DeWitt	Brian Lauritsen	Joe Baca	Brian Lauritsen	Joe Baca
COMMUNION	Peggy Fowler, Margaret Thompson & Alice Mauch				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT:	5/3/26	5/10/26	5/17/26	5/24/26	5/31/26
LEADER - B	ALICIA J.	CASSANDRA	ALICIA J.	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
DRUMS	BRITTIN	KEENAN	KEENAN	JOSH	BRITTIN
KEYS	ALICIA J.	CASSANDRA	ALICIA J.	CASSANDRA	CASSANDRA
BASS GUITAR					
ACOUSTIC					
ELECTRIC					
VOCAL	SUSANNE	SHELBY	CARILYN	SHELBY	SUSANNE
VOCAL	MELODY	CHAR	DENNIS	CHAR	MELODY
VOCAL	RON	RANDY		RON	RANDY
LEADER	ROD T.	CASSANDRA	ALICIA R.	CASSANDRA	CARLOS
DRUMS	BRITTIN	KEENAN	KEENAN	JOSH	BRITTIN
KEYS	JULIE	ALICIA J.	ALICIA R.	MARAH	JADE
BASS	DAVID	COLIN	EMILY	COLIN	DAVID
ACOUSTIC	ROD T.	CARLOS	MARIAH	ROD T.	
ELECTRIC					
VOCAL	KATHY	MARIAH	DIXIE	KATY	CONNIE
VOCAL	JOY	KATY	ALEXA	TALA	RHONDA
VOCAL			HEATHER		
SOUND-BOTH	RORY	KEN	BRAD	BRIAN	KEN
MEDIA - B	SCHMIDT	HERRERA	HOMM	SCHMIDT	HERRERA
MEDIA - C	JAYCE/CHLOEE	BRAD/BRITTIN	JOAN/PAT	JAYCE/CHLOEE	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
Cassandra Batson
Aimie Miera
Shane Cass
Kendall Stiles
Trent Hoesli
Bonnie Guder

There will
NOT be a
PRAYER MEETING
in May

Dale McWilson could use
some encouragement!
If you would like to send
a card this is his address:

Dale McWilson
Center at Park West
3727 Parker Blvd
Pueblo, CO 81008

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Alice Baca | 19 | Dave Tecklenburg |
| | Joy Schultz | 20 | Shane Dashner |
| | Rory O'Neill | | Levi Lucio |
| 3 | Keenan Thomas | 21 | Argie Thrall |
| 5 | Don Colclazier | 22 | Nolan Vallejos |
| 6 | Kory DeWitt | | *David & Barb Scriven |
| | *Monty & Jana Coen | 23 | Janet Adams |
| 9 | Garrett Wertz | 24 | Kara Matteson |
| 10 | *Tress & Callie Gadash | 27 | Jeff Hobden |
| 13 | Emmett Homm | 29 | Janice England |
| | Misty Lopez | | *Justin & Shelby Homm |
| 14 | *Argie & Joan Thrall | | *Ray & Susanne Matteson |
| 17 | Bailee Penafior | 30 | Alice Thomas |
| 18 | Zane Rankin | 31 | Bryan Herrera |
| 19 | Sheila Campbell | | *Bo & Marah Brase |

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Vitalant Blood Drive
is Tuesday, June 16th
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,
May 21st at 1:00PM in
the RFOM. This will
be a JOY Ministries
planning meeting.

SENIOR SAINTS

All Seniors are welcome
to attend Senior Saint's
Fellowship the 3rd Monday
of the month (May date is
the 18th) 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, **May 16th**
at 7:00am in the
fellowship hall. All Men
are welcome to attend -
come at 6:00 to help cook!

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— 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.

We had 10 people present for the April 20th Senior Saints potluck and game night. Our meal was good as always.

Cody Laughlin had our devotion then we had 8 people stay and had 2 tables of 4 for Round-a-bout. We had a lot of fun even though we had a lot of people either sick or had other commitments. Ron Clausen, Nancy Hutchison, Alice Mauch, and Cody Laughlin were at 1 table. Dorothy Comer, Niles Voigt, Rosella Voigt, and Kay Slough were at the other table.

Hopefully next month will be back to our normal size group.

Thanks to those who showed up!

Ron Clausen

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

FCA has been around since 1954 with the **VISION** "to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes", and the **MISSION** "to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church". Our church provides lunch for the Lamar High School FCA meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month during the school year - **THANK YOU** to Linda Fowler for cooking the meal every other month, and to Lisa Denman for baking cookies every month! Cassandra and Kelsey give their time to serving the lunch at the school every month. We can always use more help in this effort! We will wrap up for the year with our May meal, but please talk to Luann if you want to be part of this ministry kicking off when school starts in the fall.

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!

