

THE LIGHT FOR LAMAR

DECEMBER 2015

MISSION OF LAMAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We are seeking to be a church that loves God and loves others by making disciples, connecting them to the body and quipping them to live a lifestyle of worship by serving God and others for Kingdom work.

VISION STATEMENT

Creating a Christian community of which people want to be a part.

Missions

Ministers

Ian Blacker
Ray Matteson
Kelsey Thomas
Rod Thomas
Cody Petersen

Office Manager
& Treasurer
Peggy Fowler

Elders

Scott Brase
Ty Kemp
Patrick Leonard
Jerry Weirich

Deacons

Bo Brase
Monty Coen
Brian Lauritsen
Ken Montoya
Rod Thomas

Trustees

Greg Ausmus
Ron Clausen
John Paul Unruh

Church Clerk
DeEtte Hobden

Custodian

Julie Thomas

The weatherman says more cold and possible snow later this week. Oh wait, the one on the other channel says just cold. Now, this one says it's too early to say what will happen with the next storm system. Weathermen get a bad rap, but it must be very difficult to predict the future.

Gratefully, there were a whole bunch of future predictions made thousands of years ago that were fulfilled when Jesus was born of a virgin birth in Bethlehem. Although what the weather will be is important, nothing is more important than what our relationship with the Christ will be. He is the long awaited Messiah, the One that reconciles me and you to God, our creator. As we wait to celebrate His Noel, or birthday, and wondering if it will be white, there are millions of people around the world that do not know that Joy, Hope, Peace, and Love has come to us.

In Haiti, the weather is on the warm side this time of the year. Bill and Marylin Fair are diligently working there to construct a school for pastors. It is a place where locals can learn the gospel and then go out and teach others about the good news.

The work there is difficult. They face many obstacles, including a corrupt government and voodoo. In September, Bill severely injured his hand while starting a cement mixer. Despite these challenges, God is visibly working. Their Bible studies continue to grow, as do the church plants. The physical work for the school is going well. People are seeing the light that Christ shines in this dark place. They are learning that a prediction made so long ago includes them, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

Please keep Bill, Marylin, and the people of Haiti in your prayers. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

ISING CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Isaiah Jones and Seekers of the Lost Christmas Treasure musical will be presented to the church family on December 6 at two services: 9:30 & 11:00 AM.

A modern day story of a boy who loves video games. (imagine that)!

You are invited to be a part of one or both of these programs

As the children find the "Real Reason for the Season."



FROM RAY



Man Challenge Breakfast, Saturday, Dec 5th at 7:00 AM

Good breakfast. Guy Talk. Fun Game. Hunting video with teaching: *Going Behind Enemy Lines*.

Why would you want to miss all that? Guys, join us.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY, 6:30 PM

We will meet on Dec 2nd, 9th and 16th.

On Dec 2nd we will be finishing War Room study.

We'll have some topical studies on the 9th & 16th.

On Dec 9th we will watch a video featuring Michael Jr. called Punchline. Humor helps us put our lives in perspective. We may not know what's coming when a joke starts—but the Punchline brings it all into focus. It's the same way with our lives. Let's learn how our setbacks are really setups for what God has in store for us.

Online tithing

We want to remind you of the available online tithing. Several families are making use of this great opportunity, and we encourage more to use the program. It is really easy to set up, and to adjust as you need to for your regular tithe, for special gifts, and for special offering opportunities. You can check your annual giving any time that you want, and even get print outs for tax purposes through the program.

Gift For The King

Each Christmas season, we take up a special offering to be given to two missions or important community needs. This year the Gift For The King offering will go to the Hope Center in Lamar. This organization takes care of around 140-160 kids after school, and provides tutoring, mentoring, support, food and a safe place to be after school. Lori Hammer is the program administrator.

The second mission is Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kansas. They are building new student center facilities, which is long overdue. You can designate your offering for either one if needed, otherwise the offering will be split evenly between the two entities.

Prayer Night

On December 6th, we will hold our next prayer hour in the sanctuary overflow room. I am incredibly thankful to those who join us each month to pray for the leaders, staff, congregation, country and other requests. We would love to have the room filled each month with men and women praying to our gracious God for all of our needs.

BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | MEMORIALS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Eric Daniels
1 Lisa Denman
1 Mackenzie Harbert
1 Shawnique Longoria
1 Judy Souders
3 Brailee Crum
3 Barb O'Neal
4 Janee Postma
4 Julie Thomas
5 Monte Ausmus
5 Adrian Longoria
6 Mark Warman
7 Deleta Downen
8 Caleb Harris
10 Blake Miller
10 Cheryl Tague
11 Cameron Clavenger
11 Michelle Hiigel
11 Glenda McWilson
11 Alice Schnabel
14 Scott Crampton
14 Brock Sniff
15 John Paul Unruh
16 Jack Wolfe
17 Dixie Gatchell
18 Sarah Settles
18 Sandra Sniff
18 Chelsea Vallejos
19 Kameron Farmer
19 Denisha Matteson
19 Cindy Otto
20 Mitch Cass
20 Brock Reedy
20 Bryce Thacker
21 Leilanie Kisamore
21 Shara Turnbull
22 Courtney Clark
22 Tarin Kemp
22 Brecken Payne
22 Sherry Settles
23 Glenn Flower
24 Brent Crampton
26 Doug Harbour
28 Wally Sniff
28 Dylan Vallejos
30 Laura Monson

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Will & Britney Lewis
12 Keith & Susan Wollert
26 Dale & Alice Schnabel
29 Stan & Connie Wertz
30 Wayne & Ellen Clausen

In Memory of: Betty Scriven
From: Les Scriven

In Memory of: Ken Tyner
From: Don & Patsy Colclazier
Senior Saints

Welcome to Judy Turpin who place her membership with this congregation on November 1st.

Sunday, Dec 13, the Worship Committee will be hosting an all church soup and chili supper, along with a hayrack ride and caroling. We will meet at the church at 3:30 for caroling and a hayrack ride, followed by homemade soup and chili in the fellowship hall. If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in the foyer or you can give Rod a call at 691-0477. Attenders please bring finger food or dessert to share.



Christmas Eve Services

We will hold our two candle light services at 4 and 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. We are changing the services a little bit to include a Christmas message, special emphasis of gratitude to God for His grace, forgiveness and love.

We are encouraging every member and attendee to bring unchurched to the two services, or people who have not attended church anywhere for some time. We will have some gifts to give to our guests, that will encourage their faith walk with God.

A retiring offering will be taken as in past years to aid the benevolence ministry.

New member class

We are going to hold a class on Wednesday the 10th in room 12 on the first floor, for anyone who wishes to know more about Lamar Christian Church, who want to enquire about membership, baptism, or to ask questions about the congregation-what we believe, our vision/mission/history etc.

Anyone is welcome to attend the class, and snacks will be provided for all.



**LAMAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
“LIGHT FOR LAMAR”**

**811 South Main Street
Lamar, CO 81052-3430
SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sunday School: 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Morning Worship: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

MINISTERS

Ian Blacker—Senior Minister
Ray Matteson—Associate Minister
Cody Petersen—Youth Minister
Kelsey Thomas—Children
Rod Thomas—Music
Church Phones (719) 336-5343 & 336-5668
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
THE STAFF**

Ian, Lori & Caelan Blacker;

**Ray Susanne, Denisha, Kara & Seth
Matteton;**

**Cody, Meghan & Rylee Petersen;
Rod & Julie Thomas;**

**Kelsey, Keenan, Britton & Felix
Thomas;**

Peggy & Joe Fowler.

Momentum campaign

Thanks to your generosity, the initial offering for the Momentum campaign is \$21,361.00 and the three years commitments total is \$60,555.00. We know that many others are praying about what they intend to give towards the building program to reach our goal of \$300,000.

You can let us know what your intended one time gift is simply through online giving, a check in the offering or by filling out the giving card anonymously. You can also let us know your three year commitment-anonymously through the giving card, and handing it is at the offering time each week.

Thanks to you all, our building will continue ahead with it's re-furbishing over the next year, with new carpet, re-painting, and many other upgrades to import the facility, to help it become a more functional place to minister to the unsaved and those who are a part of this servant hearted fellowship.

	Dec 6, 2015	Dec 13, 2015	Dec 20, 2015	Dec 27, 2015
DEVOTION LEADER-E	Cody Petersen	Jerry Weirich	?????????	?????????
DEVOTION LEADER-M	Cody Petersen	Jerry Weirich	?????????	?????????
DEVOTION LEADER-L	Cody Petersen	Pat Leonard	Jim Ramsay	?????????
SERVER-IN-CHARGE-E	Brian Lauritsen	Shane Dashner	Ken Montoya	Monty Coen
SERVER-IN-CHARGE-M	Ken Montoya	Bo Brase	Ken Montoya	Monty Coen
SERVER-IN-CHARGE-L	Ken Montoya	Bo Brase	Pat Leonard	Monte Ausmus
SHUTIN COMMUNION I	?????????????	Greg Ausmus	Terry DeWitt	Greg Ausmus
SHUTIN COMMUNION II	Brian Lauritsen	?????????????	Brian Lauritsen	Jason Herrera
GREETERS-E	Betty H & Sue D	Rod Ausmus	Sheri Higgins	Liz Rehfeld
GREETERS-M	Shirley Sullivan	Margaret Thompson	Wanda & Bessy	Vivian & Judy
GREETERS-L	Gene Cruikshank	Floyd Clark	Bob McEndree	Wally Sniff
COMMUNION PREP	Anne Marie Crampton,	Sue Tecklenburg & Lori Blacker	same throughout the month.	
NURSERY-E	Abbey Ibarra	Cheryl Ferris	Nicole Piner	Susanne Matteson
NURSERY-M	Kelsey Thomas—same throughout the month.			
NURSERY-L	Joy Dashner	Carol & Tara	Sandra Sniff	Laura & Mackenzie
KGS—TEACHER	Haley Reedy	Melissa Miller	Susanne Matteson	Lindsay Rider
KGS—TEACHER	Michelle Leroux	Kelsey Thomas	Michelle Leroux	Kelsey Thomas



LAMAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9A MOPS 9A Prayer 6P TOPS 6P MOPS 7P Elders	2 12P Ministerial @ Calvary Baptist 1P Needlework 6P iSing rehearsal 6:30P Men's B/S 7:15P Engage	3	4 8A iServe 10A iSing	5 7A Man Challenge Breakfast 1P Ladies prepare for Banquet
6 9:30 & 11A Children's Christmas Pro- gram 5P Ladies Christmas Par- ty	7 5:45A Men's B/S 6:30P Prayer Hour 7P Board	8 9A Prayer 6P TOPS	9 1P Needlework 6:30P Men's B/S 7:15P Engage	10	11 8A iServe	12
13 3:30P Caroling & Soup Supper	14 5:45A Men's B/S	15 8:30 MOPS Steer- ing 9A Prayer Group 11-5 Bonfils Blood 6P TOPS	16 1P Needle work 6:30P Men's B/S 7:15P Engage	17 5P Senior Saints Fel- lowship	18	19 6P Smith/Estep Wed- ding
20	21 5:45A Men's B/S Newsletter Dead- line	22 9A Prayer Group 6P TOPS	23	24 4 & 5:30P Christmas Eve Services	25 1P Christ- mas Dinner	26
27	28 5:45A Men's B/S	29 6P TOPS	30	31		

SENIOR SAINT'S CHATTER

"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 our church and community."

We didn't have Senior Saint's Fellowship-Game night in November. There were several of our regulars out of town, in the hospital or at home recovering from illnesses. We decided we would cancel November's Game night.

We will have Senior Saints in December on the 17th, starting at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. We trust and pray that by that time, some of our folk will be able to come out and that those in the hospitals and/or at home recovering will be able to be with us.

There are a few prayer requests for Senior Saints. Viola Stickler is now home under Home Health Care, and the last I heard she was doing better. Know she is happy to be home. But do keep her in your prayers.

Patsy Colclazier came through her heart surgery well, and although she had a few rough days the last I heard she was doing much better. Please keep Patsy and Don and their daughter Wendi in your prayers.

Glenn and Doloris are still trying to get over their health problems. It just takes a little longer when we are 'senior' you know. Keep praying for their recovery and that they will be able to get back to Senior Saints soon.

Betty and Floyd were informed on Monday that Penny was going to be able to go home Tuesday. She will be on oxygen at home until they can get her oxygen built back up and it will stay up. She has gone through a rough time, and Floyd and Betty want to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this very difficult time. Penny knows that you are praying for her and she does appreciate it.

We still want to have a Hymn Sing and will try to get it worked out—maybe in December—if not then shortly after the first of the year. Rod said he would be glad to help us set this up. Hymn Sings are very much fun and we get to fellowship with other Christians and sing songs of praise to our great God! More on this later.

Just talked with Shirley Sullivan who was supposed to have our devotion in November. She will be glad to do them in December. Thank you Shirley!

About all of the news for now. More exciting news about Senior Saints next month.
Betty Clark, Reporter



Contemporary Praise Team Practice Thursdays at 6:30 pm

	12/6/15	12/13/15	12/20/15	12/27/15
DRUMS	Eloy	Keenan	Eloy	Keenan
KEY BOARD	Alicia	Caelan	Susanne	Marah
BASS	????????	Ray	Emily	Cody
ELECTRIC GUITAR	????????	Rod A	??????	Rod A
GUITAR	Rod T	Rod T	Rod T	Rod T
VOCAL	Malea	Danielle	Kathy	Debbie
VOCAL	Tara	Connie	Joy	Joan
VOCAL	Heather	??????	Luke	????????
SOUND TECH	Kenny	John	Rory	Kenny
VIDEO SWITCHER-E	Ray	Luke	Joan	Ray
VIDEO SWITCHER-L	????????	Tucker	Nathan	Pat

Traditional Praise Team Practice Thursdays at 6:00 pm

	12/6/15	12/13/15	12/20/15	12/27/15
ORGAN	No Service	Susanne	Richard	Susanne
PIANO	No Service	Cindy	Barb	Cindy
SOPRANO	No Service	Susan	??????	Susan
ALTO	No Service	Mary Ann	Char	Misty
TENOR	No Service	Rod T	Shelby	Rod T
BASS	No Service	Ron	Talara	Ron
VIDEO SWITCHER	No Service	Jason	Justin	Jason