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Coming to Lamar Avenue. . .

“Outside the Walls” Seminar with Dr. Monte Cox

Dean, College of Bible & Religion
 Harding University

Saturday, January 28

10:00—11:00am Outside the Walls (Part I)

11:00—12:30pm Outside the Walls (Part II)

Sunday, January 29

Bible Class: “Sanctified & Sent” (John 17:13-19)

Worship: “In the Flesh—Not In Your Face”
 (John 1:14)

Fifth Sunday Potluck in the Outreach Building.

Final Session: “Famous Last Words”
 (John 21:15-23)

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Lewis Anderson
 Doug Faires
 Cleve Fendley
 Kyle Jones
 Wayne Kerby
 Richard Peace (Chairman)
 Jay Spencer

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MEETING TIMES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
 Worship.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 J.A.M (ages 2–5th grade).....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies’ Bible Class.....9:30 a.m.
 Bible Classes.....6:30 p.m.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Sound Booth: Paul McClain
 AM. Song Leader: Richard Logan
 Family News: Paul McClain
 Communion Prayer: John Buchanan

Communion Servers:
 David Peace Dave Ray
 Edwin Pickle Jason Ray
 Adam Skidmore Marcus Roden
 Craig Skidmore Paul Gene Roden

Responses: Anderson/Faires
 Shepherd’s Prayer: Doug Faires
 Children’s Worship: Cynthia Hutson

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE: (01/08/12)

Bible Class.....238
 Hispanic Bible Class.....(Adults).....18
Total Bible Class.....256

Morning Worship.....447
 Hispanic Worship.....32
Total Worship Services.....479

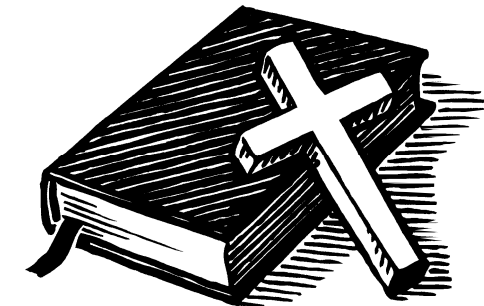
Evening Worship at the building.....113
 Hispanic Worship.....34
 Family LIFE Groups.....
Total Evening Services.....147
 Wednesday Classes.....

CONTRIBUTION.....\$13,553
 BUDGET\$12,448
 YTD BUDGET.....(\$ 672).....UNDER BUDGET

PANTRY NEEDS: EVERYTHING!

Lamar Avenue Church of Christ

Heart Matters



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The Preacher Man. . . .Patrick Cannon



Alfred Lord Tennyson once said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Prayer is a spiritual discipline. It can be strenuous and frustrating, mentally and physically demanding. I think the disciples may have been struggling with the art of prayer. They didn’t ask Jesus how to preach or teach, but they recognized how they needed help with prayer.

Luke mentions that Jesus was "praying in a certain place" (11:1), when the disciples approached Him concerning prayer. It may be that our Lord’s example of prayer brought into contrast their lack of an effective prayer-life. I love what John MacArthur says about this prayer: Praying this prayer places some demands on ourselves... it is a risky prayer: I cannot say "our" if I’m living only for myself.

I cannot say "Father" if I don’t try to act like His child. I cannot say "Who art in Heaven" if I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say "hallowed be Thy Name" if I am not striving for holiness.

I cannot say "Thy Kingdom come" if I’m not doing my part to hasten that day.

I cannot say "Thy will be done" if I am disobedient to His word. I cannot say "in earth as it is in Heaven" if I’m unwilling to serve Him here and now.

I cannot say "give us this day our daily bread" if I’m not relying on Him to provide.

I cannot say "forgive us our debts" if I harbor a grudge against someone.

I cannot say "lead us not into temptation" if I deliberately place myself in its path

I cannot say "deliver us from evil" if I haven’t put on the whole armor of God.

I cannot say "Thine is the Kingdom" if I am not loyal to the King as His faithful subject.

I cannot attribute to Him "the power" if I fear what people may do. I cannot ascribe to Him "the glory" if I am seeking honor only for myself.

I cannot say "forever" if my life is bounded completely by the things of time.

May we remember that our level of Christian commitment is gauged by the character of our prayer-life.

Order of Worship

508 *A Wonderful Savior v. 1,2,4*

Worship Leader—Mark Welch

Family News—James Hanley

Welcome & Call to Worship

410 *He Leadeth Me*

391 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us v. 1,2,4*

Prayer—Mike Grigsby

398 *Surely the Presence of the Lord x2*

Holy Presence Medley (w/repeats)

99 *In His Presence*

100 *Holy Ground*

101 *Holy Ground*

Communion & Offering Prayer—Keith Bollman

Children 2-K dismissed for Children’s Worship

409 *Savior, Lead Me*

801 *Where No One Stands Alone*

Sermon: “Let Your Hand Be with Me”

406 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Shepherds Receiving Responses—Spencer/Anderson

Shepherd’s Prayer—Lewis Anderson

Evening Schedule

Song Leader—Paul McClain

Speaker—Jared Baggett

We are blessed to have you here with us as we worship the Lord. We would love to get to know you better and answer any questions you might have about God, the Bible, or any of the various ministries at Lamar Avenue. May God bless you and your family.

PRAYER...

Church members—Butch Munday, Jimmy Faulkner, Hugh Anthony, Lyons/Ray Family, Grigsby's, Dianna Welch, Roxanne Raper.

Friends & family—Ann McMillan, Ruth Lough, Joe Farmer, Ricky Freelen, Donna Archer, Alma Slagle Bill Logee, Daryl Buchanan, Betty Wilhite, Brenda Evans, Sue Melton, Hannah Richards, Sue Garland, Weston Kenemore, Bob McKnight, Linda Ray, Frank Garza, Patricia Goolsby.

Military deployed overseas: Chaz Wilson, Donny Shaffer, Landon Garrett, Travis Cooke, Dustin Anderson, John Kelty, Nicholas McDowra, Sean McClain, Clint Hundley, Cody King, James Crimmin.

Prayer requests: Please contact the church office or e-mail: mollywoodall@suddenlink.net. Save her blog under your "Favorites":

www.lamaravenueprayerrequests.blogspot.com

Requests will appear on the Prayer List for 2 weeks. Please maintain a list of on-going prayer needs at home. The bulletin list will reflect current requests only.

Ladies Bible Class—Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30am/Early Birds and 10:00am/class. Our study will be the video series, "Lessons Learned In the Dark, Walking by Faith" by Jennifer Rothchild.

Faithful Readers—Sunday, February 12th, 4:00pm in Room 17. We will be discussing "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven" by Fannie Flag.

Family LIFE Groups

You are encouraged to meet with your group this Sunday.

Group—1—J. Spencer/Wickes	5:00 @ Spencer's
Group—2—Figgins/Baggett	12:00 @ McCarter's
Group—3—Cannon/Gillie	11:30 @ Outreach Bldg.
Group—6—Bulls/Fowler	12:00 @ TBA
Group—7—Bollman	12:00 @ Tribbey's
Group—8—Spencer/Spencer	12:00 @ TBA
Group—9—Fendley/Bolton	5:00 @ Fendley's
Group—10—Peace/Wood	5:00 @ Wood's
Group—11—James/Carroll	5:00 @ Gage's
Group—12—Cannon/Poore	12:00 @ Poore's
Group—13—Faires/Anderson	12:00 @ Old Kitchen

RESPONSE...

Prayer: **Dee Lyons**

New Member:

Steve Jones
225 S. Collegiate, #225
Paris, TX 75460,
Phone: 214-435-7900



Wednesday Simple Supper

5:15-6:00—Please donate at least \$2 a person. Sign-up on your Sunday attendance card.

Entrée: **Ham & Pinto Beans**

COMING EVENTS...

Family LIFE Groups—TODAY

Beeler Baby Shower—TODAY

H.A.L.O.—January 17

Monte Cox Seminar—January 28-29

5th Sunday Pot Luck—January 29

Johnson/Twitty Wedding—February 11

Faithful Readers—February 12

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES...

Pink Baby Shower—You are cordially invited to a shower in honor of **Jennifer Beeler**, January 15th, from 1:30—3:00pm.

(Laura Cannon Hostess Group)

Selections: Target, Babies-R-Us, Paris Baby



"Our purpose is to glorify God by proclaiming Jesus, equipping His people, and reaching out to those in need."

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Jared Baggett



It is said that even if men wanted to write a book like the Bible, they would not be able to. We are constantly discovering some interesting facts about God's inspired Holy Word. Here are a few facts I was reminded of this past week:

- The shortest verse in the Bible has been known as John 11:35, "Jesus wept". However, in the NIV, Job 3:2 says, "He said."

John 11:35 has nine letters while Job 3:2 has six.

- The longest verse in the Bible is in a book that does not mention the word God, Esther 8:9.

Some facts to help you find your way through the Bible:

- There are 66 books in the Bible. Old Testament has 39, New Testament has 27. A way to remember this is...
- 5-12-5-5-12, 4-1-21-1. Repeat this in your head until you memorize it.
- Old Testament: 5 Books of Law, 12 History, 5 Poetry, 5 Major Prophets, 12 Minor Prophets
- New Testament: 4 Books of the Gospel, 1 History, 21 Letters, 1 Prophecy
- When you are trying to find Psalms or Proverbs, just open your Bible to the middle.
- The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117.
- The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.
- Psalm 118, which happens to be between the longest and shortest chapters in the Bible, also happens to be the center chapter in the Bible.
- There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118.
- Add these up and you get 1188.
- What is the center verse in the Bible? Psalm 118:8, "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans."

Does the center of the Bible tell us what we should focus on? Let us put our trust, our hope, and our energy into the Lord.

ON THE CALENDAR

GAP night the 18th

High School- WINTERFEST-January 20-22 2012 I need money in by the 15th. I also need your T-Shirt size. Adults-\$50 plus meals, Teens and College \$75 plus meals

Open Youth Room January 31st

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EKKLESIA Marcelino Rodriguez



Respect and Fear God

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

One of the most well known commandments in the world is **Exodus 20:12**. It says, "Honor your father and mother..." but, the sad thing is that it's one of the most disobeyed commandments in our world. We

also need to understand it was a commandment in the Old Testament and well as in the New Testament. The Apostle Paul said in **Ephesians 6:1-3**, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

I find it very sad that every day more and more people are ignoring what the Word of God teaches us about respecting and honoring our parents. Our society doesn't show it. Every day we see more kids who act in a disrespectful way to their parents. They talk back to their parents; they disobey their parents; they even scream at them. But, all these consequences reflect a lack of teaching about these topics in the world.

In years past, do you remember how if you were seated somewhere and an older person came by to give you a handshake, it was normal for you to stand up and shake his hand? Now, we do not do that any more...why? Have we become too relaxed and perhaps disrespectful? We need to be careful.

In **Leviticus 19**, the Lord gave instructions to the people of Israel on how He expects them to live their lives. The whole chapter is a great guide for us during these times. I want to quote you two passages in Leviticus. Verse 19:3 and 32.

"Each of you must respect your mother and father....v32.-
"Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD." I like the King James version in verse 32, it reads: "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD."

Maybe what we need to ask ourselves is if we are letting go of the advice from God? Are we doing our best to teach our children all these things or are we just creating a society without respect for their elders? We need to understand something. If kids grow up without respect and fear of their parents, how do we later expect them to show any kind of respect to outside authority? How do they learn to respect their teachers or local governments, like the police? If we do not teach them respect and fear, how can we expect that one day they will respect and fear God? They will not do it, because nobody has taught them, nobody was strong enough with them. The jails and cemeteries are full of people who never learned to respect their parents and elders, which is a real problem in our society today.

Marcelino Rodriguez, Jr.