



# THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

*A place to belong. A place to be loved. A place to serve God and others.*

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## *The Need for Religious Affection*

“Whom having not seen, ye love: in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

We need to care. Your church needs you to care. Your God demands that you care. We need to care about God and we need to care about his church. These are the most important for God. Jesus came to glorify the Father (Jn. 12:28; 17:4-5). The coronavirus, riots, and constant negative news call us to remember what is truly important. The true beauty of Christianity shines against this backdrop of wickedness and hardship.

Hopefully, our trials will cause us to look closer to Christ and to the pursuit of Christian practice. The Christians addressed in 1 Peter were suffering. They were reminded to “rejoice...even though if necessary, you sufferin various trials” (1 Pet. 1:6). To rejoice to find your joy again. True joy can only be found in Christ. Our religious affections for Christ are both the substance and goal of Christianity. “Though their outward sufferings were very grievous, yet their inward spiritual joys were greater than their sufferings, and these supported them, and enabled them to suffer with cheerfulness” (J. Edwards *Religious Affections*, 94).

Our joy in Christ and our affections for Christ are the only happinesses which transcend the world’s troubles and pull us above the world’s troubles. Let us then be dedicated to Christ and his church. This dedication is not only a duty. Our dedication to Christ and his church should also be a loving devotion. I agree with what Jonathan Edwards wrote:

“That religion which God requires, and will accept, does not consist in weak, dull and lifeless wouldings, raising us but a little above a state of indifference: God, in his Word, greatly insists upon it, that we be in good earnest, fervent in spirit, and our hearts vigorously engaged in religion: “Be ye fervent in spirit, serving the Lord” (Rom. 12:11). “And now Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul?” (Deut. 10:12). And ch. 6:4-5: “Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” ’Tis such a fervent, vigorous engagedness of the heart in religion, that is the fruit of a real circumcision of the heart, or true regeneration, and that has the promises of life; “And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live” (Deut. 30:6).” (JE, *Religious Affections*, 99 “Wouldlings” is a term Edwards invented to describe those who say they will but never do).

*D.L. DeBord*

## *Welcome to Lomax!*

### **A special welcome to our guests!**

We are glad to have you visiting with us today! You are welcome here. We know you have a choice of where to worship, and you chose to be with us today — thank you.

At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help

## **July 26—28 Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders of In Search of the Lord’s Way.**



## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** *Bettye Ammons* is now at home and is being treated with medicine. Please no visitors for now. *Boo Spears* will have outpatient surgery on June 26th. *Gene Kilpatrick* is now home and doing well. *Janice Johnston* got a good report from her heart doctor but is still confined at home. *Mann Nutt* will have outpatient surgery on June 26th. *Freida Lewis*, the sister of Wilma Churchwell, has Non-Hodgins lymphoma and taking treatments. *Barbara Meredith* had surgery Monday and now at home. *Angela Milam* is in Maury Regional dealing with cancer and the family requests prayers. *Anthony Turner*, the brother of Sue Amacher has late stage spine cancer. *Phyllis Cogdill* had surgery on July 26th.

*Please keep all these in your prayers.*

**Continue to remember:** *June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Betty Jane Burns, Bernard Curry, Brooke Duncan, Arleus Dye, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, June Graves, Charles Hensley, Faye Kilpatrick, Ann Kittrell, Jane Lawson, Lynda Bates Mercer, Barry Meredith, Lillie Mitchell, Mann Nutt, Jenny O'Brien, Jerry Perry, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Finley Taylor, Jane West, and Charles Williams*

**Shut-ins:** *Glen Ammons, Bettye Ammons, Gene Durham, Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner*

**In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:** *Tiny Hinson, Michelle Huff, Gwen Shaw, Tommy Shaw, and Betty Stafford*

**Remember our military:** *Dustin Brugmann* (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), *Kerry Conkle* (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), *Jacob Fite* (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton), *Kason Halfacre* (son of Patrick & Vickie Halfacre), *Cameron Hardison* (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), *Ethan Hardison* (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), and *Brent Willis* (grandson of Harold & Janice Sublett).

**Gospel Meeting  
at the Springer Church of Christ  
Speaker: Andy Erwin**

**Sun. Eve @ 7:30 - Mon & Tues. @ 7:00**

**We will take a bus to Springer on Monday. It will leave at 6:30**

**Malcom George will be celebrating 70 years of preaching. On July 12th at 2:00 pm, he will be preaching at the Liberty Church of Christ.**

**We will be taking a bus leaving at 12:00.**

**Sign up sheet is in the foyer.**



**Food For Friends:**

**July 2nd**

**Team 2 (Alice & Wilma)**

*If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am*



**Food  
for Families**

**Our monthly Food for Families  
distribution is Thursday,  
July 16th.**

**If you have not brought your  
grocery items in, please do so by  
Wed. morning if possible.**

## MSYC Fish Fry

**Due to the recent pandemic, the  
yearly fish fry has been cancelled.  
However we are helping offset this  
by making up donations from the  
Lomax Congregation. Donations  
can be given to Boo Spears, Marty  
Spears or Matthew Farr.**

### A LOOK AHEAD

**July 4—4th Party and Birthday  
Celebration**

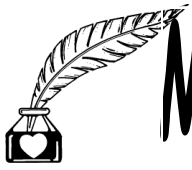
**July 19—Elders, Deacons, Ministers  
meeting @ 4:30 pm.**

**July 26-28—Gospel Meeting with  
Phil Sanders**

### **BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Finish the saying om Job, "Man  
is born unto trouble, as —"?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

A special welcome to all our visitors. We are glad you have come our way. Remember that Lomax is truly a growing church for a coming Lord. The Son always shines at Lomax.

## HOW WILL THEY KNOW

I felt discouraged and lonely today; Unimportant and blue; When in the mail came a short little note that said; "I am thinking of you. I haven't seen you in quite a long time, and I miss your dear, cherry smile." But how will you know I am thinking of you if I don't tell you once and a while?

It set me to thinking when I got that note how much those words meant to me. If they brightened my day and they certainly did, how much happier others would be if we showed them our love and told them we cared with kind words and a warm, friendly smile...For how else will they know we are thinking of them, if we don't tell them once in a while?

**On the Lighter side:** "What about the burglars that stole from the hotel last night? They jumped and fell on the scales and gave them a weigh.

## *Boo's belyeu*

As Christians we declare God's message. This can be done in several ways a phone call, a note, a facebook post, a letter. Do we still send those? 2nd Cor. 3:2-3 **"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; <sup>3</sup> clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, *that is*, of the heart.**" We declare our lord and savior Jesus Christ in the letter of our lives an epistle/letter read by everyone who sees us.

**Psalms 92:14 "They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be <sup>[a]</sup>fresh and <sup>[b]</sup>flourishing, "**

**Wednesday, July 1st, Primetimers Class will have a potluck meal after class in the Christian Service Center.**



## **Birthdays**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sue Amacher
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Henry Sloan
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Asher Webb
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Malcom George
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Cynthia Kilpatrick
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Josh Roberson
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Liza Amacher
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Michael Gray
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Keali Sloan
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Andolyn Carroll
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Jane Lawson
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Tatum
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Cole Farr
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Maegan Pierce
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Dane Cotham
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Dye
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Elgie Parrish
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Sandra Clayton
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Ammons
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Britni Sloan
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Harold Sublett



## **Anniversaries**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Danny & Carolyn Spears
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tommy & Sandra Clayton
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Billy & Lauren Reese
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Colby & Lauren Hamm
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Ethan & Leanna Owens
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Pop & Betty Hinson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Boyd & Jeannette West
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Malcom & Verlin George
- 28<sup>th</sup> – J.W. & Jean Curry
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Harold & Janice Sublett
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Greg & Lisa Amacher

**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 6/21**

A.M. Bible Class	129
A.M. Worship Service	184
P.M. Worship Service	95
Wednesday PM	102
Contribution:	\$5,336.50
Weekly Budget	\$6,000.00

**Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Study — 9:00 am  
Worship Services — 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening — 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Primetimers - 10:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study — 7:00 pm

**THANK YOU**

The Lomax Congregation  
has received a \$100.00  
donation this past week to go to  
the Cemetery Fund.

**THANK YOU**

The Lomax Congregation  
has received a \$200.00  
donation this past week to go to  
Food for Friends.

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**MINISTERS:**

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Jeff Spears—306-1362

**Lomax Christian Day  
School  
796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:**

**Obed—edom  
II Samuel 6:12**



**Please continue to check out the  
Visitation Book on the Round  
Table in the foyer.**

**ELDERS:**

**Jeff Dye — 306-8463**  
**John Eglinton—446-5646**  
**Rick Morrow —615-430-6663**  
**Mike Parker—628-2961**  
(Please leave a message)  
**Dan Spears — 796-3056**

**DEACONS**

**Lynn Ammons**  
(Worship Assign., Grounds)  
**Wesley Carroll**  
(Transportation, Day School)  
**Matthew Farr**  
(Special Events)  
**Colby Hamm**  
(Young Families Ministry)  
**Chris Hunter**  
(Visitation)  
**Greg Mullinicks**  
(Audio/Visual, Bulletin)  
**Chuck Oppermann**  
(Missions)  
**Garth Richardson**  
(Youth, L2L)  
**Jeff Spears**  
(Education)  
**Marty Spears**  
(Finance)



**Lomax Family 4th of July Night  
and Birthday Celebration  
Eating at 6:00  
Fireworks and Games to follow**

**If you would like to donate to the fireworks, please  
see Matthew Farr**

**There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. PLEASE sign-  
up before Wednesday, July 1st so we know how  
much meat to cook.**

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