



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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

June 21, 2020

www.lomaxchurch.com

Volume 65, Number 25

For Father's Day: Respectable Men

"Act like men" (1 Cor. 16:13). "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him." (2 Tim. 2:3).

In General MacArthur's speech "Duty, Honor, Country" to the Corp of Cadets at West Point, he said, "Duty, honor, country--those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn....Some will try to downgrade them even to the extent of mockery and ridicule....They teach you to be proud and unbending in honest failure, but humble and gentle in success; not to substitute words for action; not to seek the path of comfort, but to face the stress and spur of difficulty and challenge; to learn to stand up in the storm, but to have compassion on those who fall; to master yourself before you seek to master others; to have a heart that is clean, a goal that is high; to learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; to reach into the future, yet never neglect the past; to be serious, yet never take yourself too seriously; to be modest so that you will remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength. They give you a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions, a freshness of the deep springs of life, a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, an appetite for adventure over love of ease."

MacArthur's speech is one of the most incredible speeches I have ever heard. Still, for the Christian, there is one hallowed word which reverently dictates what we ought to be, what we can be, what you will be. Some will try to downgrade that sacred word to mockery and ridicule, but that one sacred word remains that one word is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. That one sacred word dictates a life of holiness, love for neighbor, sacrifice for enemies, and glory for God."

If we might slightly adapt MacArthur's speech for the soldier of Christ, we might say, "The soldier of Christ, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training: sacrifice. In the battle and in the face of danger and death, he disposes those divine attributes which his Maker gave when he created man in His own image. No physical courage and no brute instinct can take the place of divine help which alone can sustain him."

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

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.

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 taking physical therapy. *Howard Spears* came home from hospital and doing better. *Mann Nutt* will have outpatient surgery on June 26th. *Freida Lewis*, the sister of Wilma Churchwell, has Non-Hodgins lymphoma and will start treatments Friday. Her address is (1202 Orlando Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37412). *Anthony Turner*, the brother of Sue Amacher has late stage spine cancer. *Dustin Flowers* is not doing well at this time. *Phyllis Cogdill* of the Slippery Congregation is waiting on tests results. *James Willis*, the brother of Darren Henderson, is taking cancer treatments. . Please keep all these in your prayers.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Nick Chapin*, the brother-in-law of Jasmine Chapin. His funeral was held Friday.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *JoAnn Brewer.*, the mother of Ray, Ronnie & Robert Brewer & Melanie. Brewer Maher. Her funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *John Beard*, the husband of Lezlee Dabbs Beard. Visitation is Thursday night in Centerville with burial at 1:00 Friday.

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).



Food For Friends:

June 25th

Team 1 (Betty & Betty)

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.

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.

A LOOK AHEAD

June 21—Father's Day

July 4—4th Party and Birthday Celebration

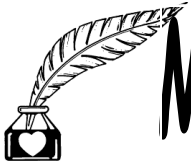
July 19—Elders, Deacons, Ministers meeting @ 4:30 pm.

July 26-28—Gospel Meeting

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Of whom was it said that the Lord blessed his house because of the ark of God"?
(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 23 psalm reminds us that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Verlin and I both love this Psalm and I have used it for weddings, funerals, etc.

EVERYDAY RELIGION is to be a part of our lives as long as we live. It is great to see so many activities in progress at the Lomax congregation. We also spend a lot of time in prayer. I remember a series that Brother Yogie presented on prayer. He noted that the public prayers of the Lord were shorter than his private prayers. Also, we like to sing the song about *Ere you left your room this morning did you think to pray, etc.* Also, we love to see the Lomax church so involved in sharing food, etc. with so many. Yes, Lomax, keep up the good work. Can you guess the two folks at Lomax that go far beyond the call of duty in work, duty, encouragement, etc. (T & B)

On The Lighter Side: First salesman. "Any business?" "Yes, the wife gave me some orders this morning." "Say, I hear that new wife of yours is lazy." "Yes, I caught her putting popcorn in the pancakes so they would turn over themselves.."

Boo's belyeu

Primetimers Wednesday 10AM class is on their 3rd lesson "Aging in the Grace of God." We continue to post lessons on Facebook for those unable to attend. Thanks to our refreshment folks Drucilla and Evie. They make you want to come to class for the snack and the smile. Thanks to Brice Van Hook for recording and Scott Mullinicks for song leading with Malcom.

Remember we are the example. Psalms 71:18 "Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, Forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto his generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."

Father Figure

Why is there so much violence, crime, hostility, anger, hatred, discrimination, disrespect, etc. in our world today? What's wrong with America? I believe the answer can be summed up in two words: FATHER FIGURE.

The ABSENCE of a father figure within the home is reaping havoc on our society. And when I say FATHER FIGURE, I have reference to both a biological father as well as the Heavenly Father. The Divine PLAN for the home includes BOTH- husband/ father and God (cf. Gen. 2:18ff; Pro. 22:6; Eph. 5:23ff; 6:4; Psa. 127:1ff). And might I add that a husband-father can be present, but at the same time absent, when it comes to his God-given responsibilities! And this can have the same negative impact on the family as does abandonment altogether.

Additionally, a home where God is absent (not in the sense that God has left, but in the sense that the family has chosen to leave Him) results in reckless living (cf. Luke 15:13 ESV). Homes where God and His Word are not cherished and communicated, over time, will result in the demise of that society where those families dwell. "Where there is no prophetic vision (revelation) the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law" (Pro. 29:18 ESV). I believe we would all agree that a good portion of our society has "cast off restraint."

Simply put, when our nation corrects its father figure failures, it will be great again!

*Terry R. Townsend
Jasper, AL*

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 6/14**

A.M. Bible Class	128
A.M. Worship Service	182
P.M. Worship Service	116
Wednesday PM	107
Contribution:	\$6,515.00
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

**Gospel Meeting
Springer
Church of Christ
June 28—30**

Speaker:

Andy Erwin

**Sun: @ 9:30: 10:15:
7:30**

Mon: @ 7:00

Tues: @ 7:00

***Lomax
Church of Christ***

931-796-5381

Email:
info@lomaxchurch.com

MINISTERS:

Donnie DeBord – 628-9276
Malcom George - 796-0045
Robert Pierce—306-3109
Jeff Spears—306-1362

**Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373**

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

**Simon the sorcerer
Acts 8:10**



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.**

The Lomax Messenger
Published weekly by the
Lomax Church of Christ
320 Darbytown Road
Hohenwald, N 38462