



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Who Is To Blame?

We like to know who is responsible. The news constantly reminds us of more and more evil by more and more people. All moral evil—sin—is the result of evil desires in the heart of mankind. “Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death” (James 1:14-15). Every sin is the result of a sinful human being.

Even though the Bible tells us who is responsible for sin, the major message of the Bible is “God justifies the wicked.” God justifies the wicked. As we often cry for justice, God extends forgiveness and justifies the wicked. This isn’t what we might expect from God who is described as “Holy, Holy, Holy.” Forgiveness is almost counterintuitive to what we might expect of God. Still, as a free act of his divine grace, God justifies the ungodly. “As counterintuitive as it is simple, that claim which lies at the heart of the good news has brought immeasurable blessing—and trouble—to the church and the world. It is not the Pharisee, confident in his own righteousness, who went home to be justified, said Jesus, but the tax collector, who could not even raise his eyes to heaven but cried out ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ (Lk. 18:9-14). It was the precisely these outcasts who would be seated at the wedding feast clothed in the wedding garment, said Jesus, while those who entered in their own attire would be cast out (Mt. 22:1-14)” (Horton, *The Christian Faith*, 620). Justification is a decree of God (Rom. 5:1) for his people for his own glory.

Perhaps God’s desire to justify the wicked should re-frame our desire to know who is responsible. We are all responsible for some sin, but, in Christ, God is responsible for forgiving all. My interest in who is wrong grows smaller every day because my interest in the God who justifies the wicked grows stronger every day.

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

Congratulations!

Sarah McMillian was baptized Wednesday following services.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: **Bettye Ammons** is now at home and is being treated with medicine. Please no visitors for now. **Gene Kilpatrick** had successful knee surgery Monday at Williamson Medical.. **Howard Spears** came home from hospital and doing better. **Clovis Johns** had good news from his latest tests. **Mann Nutt** will have outpatient surgery on June 26th. **Gene Durham** is now home from the hospital. His address is on the bulletin board. **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. **Michael Gray** requests our prayers and would like any cards. His address is on the bulletin board. **Phyllis Cogdill** of the Slippery Congregation is waiting on tests results. . **Please keep all these and others that we may not know about in our prayers.**

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Earlene Russell**—the grandson of Mike Parker. Her funeral was held on Tuesday
Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Tina Spears Gaither**. Her memorial service will be held June 20th at Springer Church of Christ.

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, Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, 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 18th

Team 7 (Cynthia & Betsy)

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, June 18th.**

We are supporting 6 Families.

We would like to update our list of who are bringing items and what the items are.

**Also we would like suggestions on how we may serve our families better would be appreciated. Thanks,
Lynn & Jan Ammons**

A LOOK AHEAD

June 21—Father's Day

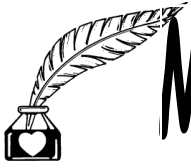
July 4—4th Party and Birthday Celebration

July 26-28— Gospel Meeting

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Of whom was it falsely said,
"This man is the great power 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.

FAST OR FAR: An African proverb says : If you want to go fast , go alone. If you want to go far, go together. This saying contains much practical wisdom. We continue to confront all kinds of problems but thanks to all that help us to go forward.

Yes, all of God's children are assisting in so many ways> Did you notice all the special events this past Sunday night and how so many joined forces in praise of graduates, etc.

Yes, we need each other . Solomon wrote:"Two are better than one' because they have a good reward for their labor, for if they fall , the one will lift up his fellow.'

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Guest: "I wish I could afford a car like that." Owner: Also, "I wish I could as well"...."My wife used to play the piano a lot before the children came." "Husband says how proud he is to have the children visit."

Boo's belyeu

Primetimers class is back. We had a great time with our first class back. Thanks to all of you who helped getting the word out with phone calls and social media.

Thanks to our refreshment lady & her helpers Evie DeBord & Drucilla Spears. Thanks to Scott Mulinicks for song leading. We are on Facebook with class this is for our Primetimers staying at home get to enjoy class.

"Aging in the Grace of God" is our discussion. We have truly been given God's grace each day. What is life without the grace of God.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are you saved through faith; and not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Be a Better Person

Don't we all wish that everyone would be a better person? Do we not hope that some bad people would turn their lives around and start doing good? Do we wish our neighbor would treat us better than before'? Do we hope that the people we meet each day would show us respect and treat us fairly? If we expect others to be nicer and fairer, should we not make the effort as well? The Golden Rule is that we should treat others the way we would want them to treat us.

Be a better person now. Do not wait until next year and make a resolution about it. Do not put it off until next week or even tomorrow. Start right now. Look at the person closest to you and show them love. Pick up the phone and call someone who would appreciate a thoughtful consideration. Help someone who needs it, and even if they do not need help, help them anyway. Perhaps they will return the favor and help someone else. If we would just try, we could turn our society around and make it a pleasant adventure each day to interact with others. Smile. Wish someone a nice day. Be courteous. Encourage others to be good. Tell people about God and His promises. Read 1 John 3:17 and meditate upon it.

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk. Show your love to others.

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

One way to turn your life around is to change your focus. When you focus upon God you become a better person. When you focus upon helping others, you become a better person. Our goal is to get people focused upon God and become people that are better. Our community would be much better if more people were better.

Carey Scott

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 6/07**

A.M. Bible Class	145
A.M. Worship Service	214
P.M. Worship Service	146
Wednesday PM	111
Contribution:	\$10,581.00
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



Tennessee Children's Home cans are in the lobby. Pick up date will be in September

**Horizons
at Freed Hardeman
University will be
online this year. The
first week of July.**

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**Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373**

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

**Paul
I Timothy 6:10**



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)

Day School

The Lomax Christian Day School is taking applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are on the table in the front lobby or you can see Jan Hill.

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