

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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Calling on the Name of the Lord: Continue In Holiness

"Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness" (2 Tim. 2:19). It is only right that we should pursue holiness if we want to call on the name of the Lord. If we are going to pursue God, we must pursue holiness because God is holy. God said, "Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44). In Leviticus 19:2 God said, "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." In the next chapter God said, "You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine" (Lev. 20:26). Their holiness pertained not only to their relationship to God and their daily lives, but also to their worship as the penultimate expression of life with God. So Moses wrote, "They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God. For they offer the LORD's food offerings, the bread of their God; therefore, they shall be holy" (Lev. 21:6). He also said, "You shall sanctify him, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for I, the LORD, who sanctify you, am holy" (Lev. 21:8). We depend on our holy God and, as his holy people, call on his name for every blessing.

In Hebrews 12:14, we are told, "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." We are to pursue God in holiness. When we call on the name of our Lord, we call on the name of the holy God and must do so in holiness. Since our call to God must be done in holiness, we must live according to the Word. Hebrews 4:12-13 helps us to understand what this means.

First, there is the exhortation to live in holiness through the written word. "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). Then there is the exhortation to live in holiness before the eternal Word—Jesus. Hebrews 4:13 says, "And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." It is important to notice the switch from the impersonal pronoun to the personal pronoun. The author, in verse 12, spoke about the written word—the Scriptures. In verse 13, the author spoke about the eternal Word—the Savior. This transition from the impersonal word to the second member of the Trinity, who is described as the Word, is possible because God is inseparable from his word. The Son is the Father's Word. The Scripture are the breathed out words of God through the Spirit. If we are to obey God, we must obey his written word. If we are to obey Christ, we must obey the written word. If we are to call on the name of the Lord in holiness, we must do so through the Word in accordance with the

word. 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 you, please let us know



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

Congratulation to the Lewis County High School Class of 2020

Liza Amacher Ethan Hamblin Blant Mayes Zach McKnight Tommy McMillian Scott Mullinicks

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Bettye Ammons* is in Vanderbilt Hospital for defibrillator surgery. **Spencer Clark**, son of Adam & Maranda Clark continues with his cancer treatments. Carolyn Spears is now home after having gall bladder surgery. **Gene Kilpatrick** has knee surgery on Monday. Howard Spears is back in Williamson Medical. Mann Nutt will have outpatient surgery on June 26th. Gene Durham is now home from the hospital after suffering a seizure. His address is on the bulletin board. Tom Helenjartis has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Freida Lewis, the sister of Wilma Churchwell, had tests run Monday. Katherin Brooks, Betsy Tiller's aunt requests prayers on her behalf. Glenda Atkinson, the grandmother of Heather Staggs is now home after a stay in the hospital. Anthony Turner, the brother of Sue Amacher has late stage spine cancer. Keith Jackson, the cousin of Sue Amacher had a leg amputated due to diabetes. Please keep all these and others that we may not know about in our prayers.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of Ronnie James. His funeral was held on Saturday

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, Earlene Russell, 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



June 7th after the PM service, we will honor our Seniors in the CSC. Please bring money cards in leiu of a money tree. A box will be on each senior table. More details are on Lomax Youth group Facebook Page



Food For Friends: June 18th Team 7 (Cynthia & Betsy)

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



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.

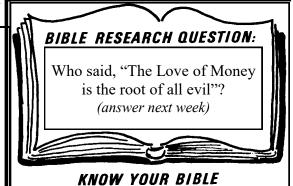
Also we would like suggestions on how we may serve our families better would be appreciated. Thanks, **Lynn & Jan Ammons**

A LOOK AHEAD

June 7—Seniors Night after PM service.

July 4—4th Party and Birthday Celebration

July 26-28—Gospel Meeting



Meditations with Malcom

A special welcome to all our visitors. We are glad you have come our way. Great to see our excellent number back at church Sunday and to hear two fine lessons by Donnie and Boo. Also congratulations to our seniors., we wish you the very best.

Lost at Home: We rejoice in the lives of faithful Christians. We rejoice in the lives of our children as faithful Christians. Luke 15 reminds us of the son who left home. Many of our seniors will now leave home. The son of Luke 15 was lost, but he saw the error of his ways and came back home. It tells a different story of his bother who stayed home, yet was actually lost in his inability to forgive. May we continue to seek and save the lost and continue to examine our lives by God's word that we are the disciples God wants.

On The Lighter Side: A wife attended her husband to the doctor. The doctor pulled the wife aside saying, "your husband is suffering from stress you should satisfy his every whim for him to regain his health." On the way home the husband asked his wife what the doctor had said to her. She responded, "your not going to make it."

Boo's belyeu

Primetimers class is back. We had a great time with our fist class back. Thanks to all of you who helped getting the word our 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.

Graduation DaysBy Jimmie Z. Gribble

Tis the season! No, not that season. It is the season for graduations. Most colleges and universities have already had their graduation ceremonies. High schools are in the process of graduating seniors. Our grandson graduated from fifth grade, and is going into sixth grad. He said that he is no longer an elementary student, he is now a middle school student. For most graduates it is a happy day, and rightly so. They have completed the necessary subjects and assignments, so they are able to either move out of school, or move up in grades. Do you remember your graduations days?

Beloved, there is a "graduation day" coming for all of us. It is a day, the day, when we will move out of this physical life and move into that spiritual realm. God's word says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die..." (Hebrews 9:27a). Either we will die, as this scripture says, or we will be changed as the scripture says. Paul wrote, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). This graduation day, whether we are ready or not, whether we have completed "everything" that we want to accomplish, this graduation day is coming.

There is also another "graduation day" for all of us. It is the day, the day of judgment, when all of us will stand before the great Judge. Jesus said, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats" (Matthew 25:31-32). It is a "graduation day" because we will move on that day, move to either come or depart. Jesus said, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ve blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:34, 41).

Beloved, just as a student has to complete his assigned subjects and work, we have to do what the Lord instructs us to do. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). This has been written to say this, "Are you ready for graduation day?" Both of these "days" will come whether we are ready or not. They will come whether we are prepared or not. Since these statements are true – if you are not ready – get ready now!

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 5/31

A.M. Bible Class 133
A.M. Worship Service 172
P.M. Worship Service 103
Wednesday PM 96
Contribution: \$7,065.00
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

MSYC News

Mid-South Youth Camp made the announcement that camp will be cancelled for the rest of the summer

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

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Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:

> Locust Mark 1:6



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

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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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