



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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From my friend Ben Giselbach:

It's been over 3 months since the church met together for Bible study. I've grown accustomed to coming home from work, eating dinner with the family, and then relaxing in the living room watching some sort of canned Bible study on my TV (with my family). I've officially gotten out of the habit of the family getting ready for Bible class and driving to the church building on Wednesdays.

So there was a part of my heart that was actually disappointed—bummed—over the “burden” of going back to Bible study. And that scares me....I've just gotten out of the habit.... I don't like this about my heart. And in my prayers, I ask God to rid my heart of sinful desires like this (like the desire to stay home when I can assemble, which is a heart problem).

Here's another scary thought to me: What if I was 18? That time was an impressionable time for me. I look back, and I sometimes think I could have gone one way or another with my faith. I would have been vulnerable to this if this happened to me then. I NEEDED the assembly—every assembly.

What if I was 5? Or 10? Or 13? Kids that are that age are going to remember this. And we have deprived them of assembling with the saints in some major, important ways.

What if I was a new Christian? What if I was a weak Christian?...I still think the churches, collectively, did the right thing in postponing their assemblies for a number of weeks. But elders did this to better assess the situation. At first, because of the unknowns, the virus was a major concern. And it still is a concern. But over 3 months later, at what cost?....At some point, we have to ask: what's a greater threat to the church: a virus? Or the effects “scattering” is having on the church after months of isolation?....God designed His church to be an ASSEMBLING church. Online “worship,” while I've been thankful for it, will never be a substitute....Let's take safety measures. But I need “church.” I need to be in relatively close proximity to my brethren. I need the friendships. I need the encouragement. I need the congregational singing. I need the classes. I need the accountability. I need to hear YOU—in person—push me to keep going, “and all the more as we see the Day drawing near.”

Let's not give Satan one more inch.

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. **Pop Hinson** will have shoulder replacement on July 7th at Maury Regional. **Howard Spears** returns to stomach doctor this week to see if treatments are progressing. **Jan Ammons** will have colon cancer surgery on July 14th at Maury Regional. **Mike Tatum** is having some heart issues being treated with medication. He has been asked to stay at home at this time. **Dinah Poore** has a stomach infection and unable to get out. **Janice Johnston** got a good report from her heart doctor but is still confined at home. **Mann Nutt** is now home recovering from surgery. **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** got a good report from her surgery. **Richard Whitehead** has been transferred to NHC after a second heart attack.

Please keep all these in your prayers.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Roger Pennington**, the husband of Connie Pennington who previously attended here at Lomax. Graveside service was held Thursday.

Continue to remember: June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Bernard Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Charles Hensley, Gene Kilpatrick, Ann Kittrell, Lynda Bates Mercer, Barbara Meredith, Mann Nutt, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Jane West, and Charles Williams

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

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: Gene Durham, 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).

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 9th

Team 3 (Sharon & Sue)

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

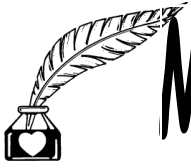
**July 26-28—Gospel Meeting with
Phil Sanders**

**Sept. 13—Friends/Family Day &
Devo. At the Park**

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Complete Paul's sentence,
"With good will doing
service—"?
(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. OUR THANKS to all the folks at Lomax who continue to go forward in the greatest work in the world. We really appreciate all of our elders, deacons, ministers, etc. and solicit the prayers of all during the present crisis in our part of the world. We continue to look on the brighter side and thanks again for your help, understanding, and concern for all the situations that surround us. Also, pass the word about our up-coming gospel meeting with Brother Phil Sanders. We continue our challenge to *Redeem The Time* and go forward in the greatest work in the world. We should Redeem the time and continue to use it to the glory of God. We need to get RID of the if's and go forward in serving our Lord.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; A boy and a girl had a date. He thought she was a peach. And he became the apple of her eye. They soon were-plum crazy about each other and in due time a happily married pair...Why cannot your nose be twelve inches long? Because then it would be a foot.

Boo's belyeu

Aging in body, but not in soul studies have shown as we get older we pray more, we read God's word more, we are concerned about religion more. Yet for all this, studies have also shown our behavior from younger years remains the same. What does this tell us? Eccl. 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Yes as we grow older we are concerned about our eternal home. The preparation we have made in living for Christ started when we made a commitment much younger. This does not mean we cannot change. As long as we draw breath we have the opportunity to come to Christ either in becoming a Christian or asking for forgiveness as an erring believer. The message, yes think about religion, but more importantly act upon it.

Romans 6:23 "23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Storms of Life

At some point in life most of us face many types of health, financial, family or other serious problem. Recently, it seems that "storm clouds" have encircled many due to lost jobs, poor health and the economic situation in our country. It would be quite easy to begin counting our problems instead of our blessings.

Life is precious. It was given each of us by God. He understands that we face difficulties in this short sojourn on earth. Yet, trials and sufferings are a part of life itself, brought on by the sin in the world since Adam and Eve.

Tragedies may come, jobs may be lost, diseases may rack our bodies, or business losses may cause financial disasters. There may be times when we feel we are all alone and overcome by life's difficulties. God did not promise to take away our troubles. But, He did promise that the Lord would never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). When trials surround us, He offers comfort and hope through His Word (Romans 15:4). He gives us peace through Christ (John 16:4; Philippians 4:7). If we are in Christ then nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:35-39).

When the storms of life comes our way, let us call to mind the words of the apostle Peter, "casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

John K. Wills
Owingsville, KY

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 6/28**

A.M. Bible Class	124
A.M. Worship Service	154
P.M. Worship Service	86
Wednesday PM	96
Contribution:	\$5,846.00
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



**Thanks to all who
had a part in the 4th
of July celebration
and birthday party
for Malcom George.
It was a great
success.**

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Church of Christ***

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School
796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
“The sparks fly
upward.”
Job 5:7**



**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
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(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)



Ladies are invited to meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Library to prepare cards and have prayer for those in need. If you know of any to whom we should send cards, please meet with the ladies on Wednesday evenings or contact Betsy or Gwen.

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