



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Making a Difference in the Public Square

Our lives are driven and pulled by different agendas and movements in the public square. We can't help but be shaped by the great movements of our day. Everyone wants us to be for something or against something else. People want to make a difference.

Robert Raikes wanted to make a difference in the lives of people around him. Raikes was born in 1736 and wanted his devotion to Christ to be in the public square and to shape the public square with Christianity. How did he go about it? Raikes is credited with one of the first Sunday School movements.

Raikes saw the local children of Gloucester, England using bad language, gambling, and fighting. He asked a local woman about the sad situation and she responded, "This is nothing to what goes on on Sundays. You'd be shocked indeed if you were here then." The sinful behaviors were so wild that church services were disturbed. People couldn't even read their Bibles for the noise. Most of the people, even children, in middle and lower economic levels spent at least 12 hours a day working in factories during the week. On Sunday "they behaved in a most unrestrained way."

The first Sunday School was opened in July of 1780 at 10 a.m. with many of the poorer children being invited. They were also invited to return at 1 and 5:30 for more studies. After a few years of this dedicated study one manufacturer noted, "They have been transformed from the shape of wolves and tigers to that of men." Church historian John Mark Yeats said, "Some historians have posited that the Sunday school movement did more to empower the lower class than any other thing in the early 19th century." Raikes' school grew to more than 200,000 students across England in 20 years. By 1850 there were over 2 million.

"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). Where do you and your children need to b

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

GOSPEL MEETING

The Annual
Lomax Gospel
Meeting with
Phil Sanders has
been cancelled.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: . **Pop Hinson** had successful shoulder replacement and came home Wednesday. **Jan Ammons** will have colon cancer surgery on July 14th at Maury Regional. **Carolyn Spears** is now home after outpatient surgery. **C.R. Baker**, the grandfather of Wesley Carroll had lawnmower accident Wednesday and is in the hospital in Nashville. **Howard Miller**, the son of Cynthia Kilpatrick is in Skyline Hospital. **Angela Milam** is in Maury Regional dealing with cancer and the family requests prayers. **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 **Bettye Ammons**. Her funeral was held Friday.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Gwen Shaw**. No arrangements at this time.

Continue to remember: June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Bernard Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Charles Hensley, Janice Johnston, Gene Kilpatrick, Ann Kittrell, Jane Lawson, Lynda Bates Mercer, Barbara Meredith, Mann Nutt, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Anthony Turner, 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, Tommy Shaw, Betty Stafford and Jane West.

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).

Due to Covid-19 virus, the Liberty Church of Christ has postponed the 70th year of Malcom George's ministry at this time. It will be rescheduled for a later date.



Food For Friends:

July 16th

Team 4 (Betsy & Bonnie)

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.

Clovis Johns retires from the roses. The Elders wish to express our sincere thanks to **Clovis Johns** for his many hours of dedication caring for the roses at Lomax. Clovis voluntarily has done a magnificent job. His expertise was noticed by everyone who attended Lomax.



A LOOK AHEAD

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

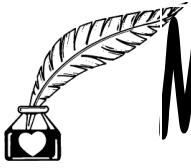
July 26-28—Gospel Meeting cancelled.

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

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is"?
(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.....AND WHAT A SPECTACULAR celebration you gave me on my 90th birthday. The food was most delicious and topped off with a beautiful birthday cake, cotton candy and a great *fireworks* show. Thank you and love to all.

OUR CHALLENGE IS TO REDEEM THE TIME, *Eph. 5:15 and 16.* it is a word used by Luke to remind us to use time wisely and with accuracy; It reminds us to live with accuracy and use such to the glory of God. May each one of us wake up and get busy redeeming the time as we have time and opportunity. Don't wait till tomorrow but as Verlin would say; "This is the day the Lord hath made and we should use. It." See Psalms 118:104.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; Two antennas got married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was good.....And old lady at the bank asked if I could check her balance? So I pushed her over.

Boo's belyeu

We continue to have a great Wednesday AM class. This past week we discussed how we continue to grow in God's grace. Part of growing is to allow God to mold us like the potter molds the clay. Isaiah 64:8 "But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." We looked at examples from the old testament and challenged ourselves to continue to bear fruit for the church.

Hope you that are unable to attend are watching online. We are averaging between 16 to 25 in class. Seating allows us to social distance, if you are able please make plans to join us. Thanks to Brice Van Hook for helping us do online & singing. Thanks to Scott Mullinicks for helping with singing.

Psalms 92:14 "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; "

The Importance of Integrity

The term integrity has been defined in various ways. Some would say it is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principals. Others would say it is doing the right thing all the time simply because it is the right thing—doing the right thing knowing no one will know whether you did it or not. I want to suggest, based upon Scripture, a life of integrity is what should characterize each Christian.

A life of integrity makes us like Jesus. "...Jesus Christ...went about doing good..." (Acts 10:38).

A life of integrity protects our reputation. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8).

A life of integrity gives us confidence to face eternity. "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain" (Phil. 2:14-16).

A life of integrity strengthens the message we share with others. "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11-12).

Doing the right thing—doing what Jesus Christ would do—will have a huge impact on our own lives and on the lives of others. Are we known as people of integrity?

Bart Warren

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 7/05**

A.M. Bible Class	111
A.M. Worship Service	167
P.M. Worship Service	113
Wednesday PM	97
Contribution:	\$6,682.00
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

**MSUC
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 by July 25.

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Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
“As to the Lord, and
not to men”
Ephesians 6:7



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

ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463
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(Please leave a message)
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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)

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to CHURCH**
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