

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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Pray for Your Leaders

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). Christians, we need to pray. We pray for everyone. We pray for those who persecute us (Matt. 5:4; Lk. 6:28). We pray for people to be restored (2 Cor. 13:9). We pray for Christians in general (Col. 1:3, 9). We pray that Christians will grow (2 Thess. 1:11).

We need to pray for our leaders. Paul wrote, "Brothers, pray for us" (1 Thess. 5:25). Being a Christian is the best life, but it comes with difficulties. Leading other Christians is especially difficult because you are responsible for yourself (which is hard), you are responsible for others (which is hard), and the devil works on you specially to make more people fail at once (which is easy for him).

So, brothers and sisters, pray for your leaders. Paul wrote, "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored" (2 Thess. 3:1). Hebrews 13:18 says, "Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things."

Our leaders are human just like us. We all have weaknesses and we all have sins. Thankfully, we all have a great God upon whom we may depend. These difficult times of normal life, coronavirus, economic hardship, spiritual decline, and competing opinions for success and safety, our leaders are especially deserving and needful of our prayers. Everyone wants to do the right thing in the best way. Unfortunately, no one knows exactly what that is. Pray Pray for your church leaders. Pray for world leaders. Pray for families. Pray for yourself. We need the Lord.

D.L. DeBord

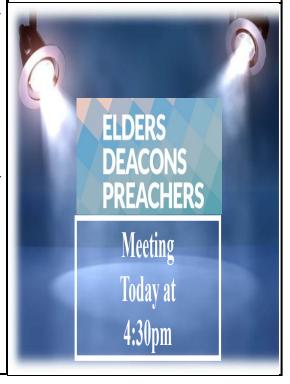
Welcome to Lomax!

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





Sick: Jan Ammons had successful surgery and hopes to come home Saturday. C.R. Baker, the grandfather of Wesley Carroll is still in Vanderbilt Hospital after a lawnmower accident but will be moved to NHC Columbia for rehabilitation. Pop Hinson is home and progressing after surgery. Howard Spears got a good report from his tests. Howard Miller, the son of Cynthia Kilpatrick is now home Angela Milam is now at home and placed on hospice care. Richard Whitehead has been transferred to NHC for rehabilitation.

Please keep all these in your prayers.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Katherine Brooks**, the aunt of Betsy Tiller. She had just passed the 100 year mark in Avilla, Arkansas.

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, 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).

If anyone has a desire in taking care of the roses, please see one of the elders.





Food For Friends: July 23rd Team 5 (Kay &)

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



Our monthly Food for Families distribution is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 20th</u>.

If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.

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The Lomax Congregation has received **a** \$50.00 donation this past week to go to the Day School Fund in the memory of Bettye Ammons.

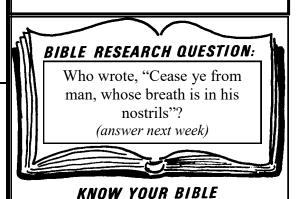
A LOOK AHEAD

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

July 26— Back to School Devo.

Sept. 13—Friends/Family Day & Devo.

At the Park



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 are grateful for the Chapel. It is now set up for you to be a part of worship, while social distancing in seating and requiring all participants in chapel to wear a mask. We have a marvelous group of elders that made this preparation for us.

DON'T BE AFRAID: If God is for us who can be against us. Let us not become weary in well doing, for the proper time we will reap if we faint not. Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another. If it is possible, as far as depends on us, let us have peace with all men. Don't forget Verlin's motto to live one day at a time (Psa. 118:24.). Remember Phil. 4:6 and go forward from day to day. Don't worry about any thing but pray about everything. Rely on the PROMISES, POWER, PROTECTION, PRESENCE, PROVIDENCE, AND PRESENCE OF THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; Mother and the baby are getting along fine and the husband will recover soon....Beneath this pile of stone lies stingy Anabella Wayatt who died just at ten and saved a dinner by it.

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Psalms 91:16 "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

As we grow older it is important more than ever for us to consider our life's direction. The legacy we leave behind. I'm not talking about money or things we leave for family. I'm talking about things that will last. Our faith, our example, our attitude toward God, our obedience to God no matter the events of life. These things will carry our friends & family as they press forward in their lives. God has made it clear how he will take care of us. Psalms 91:16 speaks of long life and God showing his salvation. We remind ourselves daily the little things matter. Our kindness, our goodness, our love exemplify Christ living in us. Make it your best week ever putting God first in every thing you do.

Remember our Wednesday Primetimers class. We had 19 this past week. Please mark your calendar, set your alarm to join us at 10AM in the Chapel. Our study is Aging in the Grace of God. Hope you can be there.

But I Don't Want to Do It!

I read about a chef that was fired. He was a good chef.
Trained at the best cooking school. Had a flair for bringing out the best taste in food. His work ethic was beyond reproach. So, why was he fired? Because he wouldn't wash his hands. Customers had noticed in the restaurant's restroom and com-plained. Many had walked out. When asked why he didn't wash his hands, his answer was truthful — "I don't want to do it."

Moses "didn't want to do it." No, it had nothing to do with proper hygiene. He couldn't imagine himself being God's spokes-man before Pharaoh. But God convinced him to take the job. The Lord would provide what-ever was needed for the task at hand. Moses just needed to understand that Jehovah wasn't requesting that he go back to save the children of Israel. God was commanding him to go (Exodus 3:1-22).

Similarly, we need to understand that the Lord didn't just ask that we help him in saving others, he commands it. If you've been saved from your sins, it is expected that you will help the Savior find others to save (Matthew 28:18-20).

Larry Fitzgerald Abilene, TX

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 7/12

A.M. Bible Class	86
A.M. Worship Service	135
P.M. Worship Service	100
Wednesday PM	115
Contribution:	\$4,839.50
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 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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Lomax Christian Day School 796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
"To the shepherds at
Bethlehem"
Luke 2:10



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)



Devotional

July 26th

after PM Services
Bring Desserts and Drinks
Please see Kara or Matthew Farr if you would like to
donate for school supplies.

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