



# THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

*A place to belong. A place to be loved. A place to serve God and others.*

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## **I Will Rejoice in It?**

After surviving the Holocaust, Anne Frank, in *The Diary of a Young Girl*, wrote, "I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains." Jeremiah is described as the weeping prophet because he, like Anne Frank, watched the destruction of his people and their homeland. Jeremiah and Anne Frank surely questioned the tragedies around them.

Anne Frank was right to "remember the beauty that still remains." Jeremiah looked at the evil around him and remembered the God above him. In Lamentations 3:21-24 he wrote:

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Winston Churchill said, "One always measures friendships by how they show up in bad weather." Jesus shows up in bad weather. Of all the things we fear, pain and death remains the foundation of all our fears. Before time began, before death was real, Jesus planned to join us in death to defeat death and free us from its grasp. Jesus came to fulfill the prophecy that "the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned" (Matt. 4:15-16; Is. 9:1-12). Now Christians can say, "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Cor. 15:54-55).

Look to the eternal beauty in Jesus. Life continues. Hope remains. Jesus saves. I can rejoice. In the face of economic uncertainty, coronavirus, and even death, I can rejoice. Jesus has already conquered the world and the grave.

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 are invited to a baby shower honoring Leanna Amacher Owens on Sunday, August 30th at the Lomax CSC.

The Baby's name is Ella Louise.

Leanna is registered at Target, and Amazon.

See Kara Farr to donate to the money tree.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** **Glen Ammons** is in Maury Regional Hospital. Yogie Spears is dealing with a bout of diverticulitis. **Jan Ammons** got a good report in her visit to the doctor. **Deena Reeves** is now home and taking rehab on her knee. **Charlie Carroll**, the son of Stephanie Carroll had outpatient ear surgery. **Ronnie Carroll** the husband of Donetta Carroll is now in NHC Columbia. **Anthony Turner**, the brother of Sue Amacher, has been placed on hospice. **Keith Jackson**, the cousin of Sue Amacher had additional leg amputation surgery due to diabetes. **Steve Lawson**, the uncle of Mike Parker and brother of Ted Lawson has the Covid 19 virus. Please keep all the **patients, nurses and administration** at our nursing home during the pandemic.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Janie Ellis**. Her funeral was held Wednesday.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Lynn Hinson**, the sister of Peggy Flowers.. Her funeral was held Wednesday.

**Continue to remember:** June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Bernard Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Donald Greene, Charles Hensley, Pop Hinson, Janice Johnston, Gene Kilpatrick, Jane Lawson, Lynda Bates Mercer, Barbara Meredith, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Anthony Turner, Richard Whitehead 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).



**Food For Friends:**

**August 13th**

**Team 1 (Betty & Betty)**

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, August 20th.**

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



Remember the Primetimers will meet in the auditorium on Wednesdays at 10 am. Also keep in mind that our services will also be held in the chapel. The Chapel has been set up as social distancing and masks required.

## **A LOOK AHEAD**

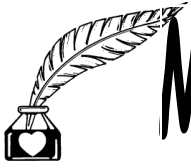
**Aug. 30**—Baby Shower for Leanna Owens.

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

## **BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said, "There shall be one fold and one shepherd"?  
(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. And remember that The Son always shines at Lomax. Back to school days are here and we wish the best to everyone. We are proud of our school system. The following came my way:

**DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN;** He has a mind and knows it. He has a will and shows it. He sees the way and goes it. He draws the line and toes it. As a true rule, he tries not to break it. If there is not time, he makes it. He loves the truth and stands by. He hears a lie and slays it. He owes a debt and pays it. He sees the path Christ trod and grips the hand of God.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** "I have good news and bad news, a man tells his wife. "What is it?" She asks. "First, I think I am losing my voice. "So" his wife says, "What is the bad news?"

A couple 60 years of age found a genie. He told them he would grant only 1 wish each. The woman said, "We've been so poor we never got to go anywhere. I would like to travel the world." Poof the tickets appeared in her hand. The husband paused then said, "I would like to be married to a woman 30 years younger." The genie waved his hand poof he was 90.

One of the kids asked the mom of the house, "how old were you when dad hired you to do all the work around the house?"

## *Boo's belyeu*

This has been week one of Donnie teaching at Freed Hardeman University. What a blessing for the church at Lomax to be able as it were to share Donnie's abilities.

We continue to hear the Gospel from him, while Freed Hardeman students have the opportunity to sit at his feet and learn his insights of scripture.

I know you join me in praying for his work to be blessed.

Col. 3:23-24 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ.

## Christians Should Be Industrious

An industrious person is attentive and active. An industrious person is committed and conscientious. An industrious person is dedicated and diligent. An industrious person is focused and faithful. An industrious person is hardworking and helpful. An industrious person is studious and steady.

A Christian is an industrious person. Paul exhorted, "not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11). He further exhorted, "But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing" (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12).

Being industrious translates down to two things: heart and effort! Paul exhorted, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Solomon exhorted, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going." We serve with all our heart because we are serving Christ. We serve with effort because in this life only we have that opportunity.

Johannes Sebastian Bach, the great German composer and musician said, "I am obligated to be industrious. Whoever is equally industrious will succeed equally well." Is that not true of Christians? Are we not obligated to be industrious? Can we as the servants of Christ be less? Solomon wrote, "Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings" (Proverbs 22:29). We just want to stand before "the King."

*Dwight Fuqua  
Findlay church of Christ  
Sparta, TN*

**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 8/02**

A.M. Bible Class	125
A.M. Worship Service	176
P.M. Worship Service	118
Wednesday PM	111
Contribution:	\$7,138.00
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



Due to the Corona Virus, Buffalo Valley must stock clothes on site. They are in need of men's clothes. If you can help in this donation, see Saul Calderon or call at 817-905-5324.

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

**Nimrod  
Genesis 10:9**



**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)  
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(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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