



# 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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## Slow To Speak

“Know this, my beloved brethren: let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (Js. 1:19-20).

Maybe you enjoy watching people yell at and over each other on Fox News and MSNBC. I don't enjoy the yelling matches. It seems silly to me for grown people to behave that way in private or in public. What happened to dignity? What happened to maturity? The beauty of being slow to speak, slow to anger, and quick to hear is poignant in our age of quick speaking, a little listening, and rapid-fire spurts of anger. We are triggered and woke but rarely hear what is really happening around us.

Wouldn't it be great to listen to what others are saying? Try this. The next time you hear someone expressing their feelings or an argument: Take a 5-10 seconds to ponder what has been said, and kindly respond in an understanding way with wisdom from God's book which has been distilled in our hearts. The other person, or the other group, will at least know they have been heard and that you genuinely care about their feelings and that God has something to say about the topic.

Here is my challenge for you today and tomorrow---1) listen to what people are saying and 2) respond with what God would have you to say 3) in the way God would have you to say it. I believe this will help us all to be more Godly and feel better about ourselves and feel better about other people. I believe this will help our society go forward rather than implode. I believe this will help us to be truly evangelistic.

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



## **G.Y.I.D.E. BBQ**

**Due to the recent pandemic, the yearly GYIDE BBQ has been cancelled. However if you would like to donate to GYIDE, you can give your donations to Boo Spears, Marty Spears or Matthew Farr.**

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** *Jean Curry* had successful surgery and is now at home recovering. *Jana Grimes* is having some health issues and requests prayers. *Sarah Rogers* will have surgery Sept. 28th. *Blake Farr* is at home dealing with the effects of Covid 19. *Gary Whitehead* is in the hospital with Covid 19. *Jennie Martin*, a friend of Sandra Thompson, had successful open heart surgery Monday and is in need of our prayers. *Fran Mulligan*, the cousin of George Collison is in TriStar Hospital and requests our prayers. *Robin Jobbit*, the wife of Doug Jobbit who runs the Ultimate Yard Sale, has Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer and requests our prayers.

Please keep all the **patients, nurses and administration** at our nursing home during the pandemic.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **J. T. Runions**, the grandfather of Britni Sloan. His funeral was held Tuesday.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Mary Ann Carter**, the sister of our late Walt Thompson. Her funeral will be in Dickson.

**Continue to remember:** June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Ronnie Carroll, Bernard Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Donald Greene, Charles Hensley, Pop Hinson, Keith Jackson, Janice Johnston, Jane Lawson, Steve Lawson, Lynda Bates Mercer, Barbara Meredith, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Richard Whitehead and Charles Williams

**Shut-ins:** 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).

## Address of our College Students

Freed Hardeman University  
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Demetria Reeves—Box 219  
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Scott Mullinicks—Box 8096

Morgan McKissack  
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Henderson, TN 38340  
Graduate Student—FHU

Jerika Long  
Lee Univ. Box 1101  
1120 N. Ocoee St.  
Cleveland, TN 37311



**Food For Friends:**  
**September 10th**

**Team 5 (Kay & Kathy)**

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, September 17th.**

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

**Congratulations to Saul & Bethany Calderon on the birth of a girl, Carolina Rose—6lbs 15 ozs. 21 in. long.**

There will be a money tree for Saul & Bethany Calderon to welcome their new baby girl. Please give your donations to Gwen Hinson or Betsy Tiller by today.

There will be a bridal shower honoring Emmie Hamblin, bride-elect of Anthony Bunnell, on Sun., Sept. 27 from 1:30—3:00 in the Christian Service Center.



## A LOOK AHEAD

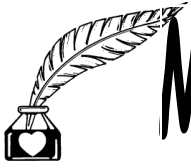
**Sept. 13—Friends/Family Day & Devo. At the Park**

**Sept. 27—Wedding Shower for Emmie Hamblin**

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Whom did Paul advise, "Let no man despise thy youth?"  
(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 And we count everyone because everyone counts. ...

## I RECENTLY HEARD ABOUT TWO GIRLS IN POOR CIRCUM-STANCES IN LIFE AND WROTE IT DOWN ON PAPER:

One wanted to drop out of school and give up her education because she could not dress as well and as nicely as the others. The other girl wrote to encourage. She said, "I cannot dress as well as the others. I do not have all the things that others have, but I associate with them and now I am the valedictorian and president of my class. "What made the difference? She realized that circumstances do not always make us inferior. She learned that all men are a little lower than the angels and are crowned with glory and honor, Don't give up go forward.

'REMEMBER TO INSPIRE BEFORE YOU EXPIRE.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Dr. "I have to report that you are now the father of triplets. The politician father looked at him and said I demand a recount." Mark Twain once said that when he was a lad his father was not very wise but when he got older he was amazed how much his father learned.

## *Boo's Belyeu*

Tomorrow we get to celebrate Labor Day. We probably would joke about celebrating "labor." Yet it is an important part of life, it is our livelihood without it how would we be able to have what we have. Prov. 14:23 "In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty." More importantly labor is a part of our work as a Christian. 1st Cor. 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." We are reminded as Christians how important our work is. Even as we grow older our labor continues all the way until we reach our heavenly home. 2nd Cor. 4:16 "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day." Gal. 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

## Doing an A+ Job By Stephen R. Bradd

What kind of grades did you earn in the classroom? Did you just pass with a lot of C's? Or, were you an honor student earning mostly A's and B's? I was fortunate enough to always be in the latter group. As I've shared before, the class I loved was mathematics. I tried to be perfect in math class. It never happened, but that didn't stop me from trying to earn an A+ on every assignment, quiz, or test. I didn't just want an A, I wanted the A+ (or 100%). I always put forth my absolute best effort in math class, and friends, this is the sort of effort that God requires of His faithful children in everyday life. He wants us to do an A+ job for Him in all the things we say and do (regardless of where we're at or who is watching)!

And, while we're talking about mathematics, let me introduce three "A+ equations" that are powerful and worth pondering. Special thanks goes to my friend and fellow gospel preacher, Edd Sterchi, for these "A+ equations."

**My Ability + My Attitude + My Aim  
= My Area of Service**

Isn't that true? Everyone has various abilities, but they will be wasted if the individual doesn't determine to have a proper attitude. Additionally, without a proper focus (or aim) upon that which is spiritual, attitude and ability will fail you. All three of these elements are needed, and they will define one's area of service in God's kingdom.

**My Aspiration + My Actions + My Abiding  
= My Achievement in Service**

This equation is also true. We must aspire in our minds to serve God and then actually follow through with our actions. However, desire and implementation are not enough. We must abide or continue to aspire and act for the Lord and His church. All three of these elements are needed, and they will determine our level of achievement in service in God's kingdom.

This equation is more complex, but it too is correct. To truly reach our fullest potential as Christians, we must analyze where we are spiritually, evaluating our strengths and weaknesses, and then ascertain where we'd like to be in the future. If we carefully reflect upon our desire and potential, and are sincere (i.e., authentic) about doing our best for the Lord, we will then work diligently--doing whatever is necessary--to acquire new skills and talents. All three of these elements are needed, and they will dictate our level of advancement for future service in God's kingdom.

As we begin a new week, think on these things, and let us endeavor to achieve an A+ in all that we do! "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not."

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 8/30**

A.M. Bible Class	121
A.M. Worship Service	206
P.M. Worship Service	97
Wednesday PM	110
Contribution:	\$7,196.25
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

**Day School**  
**Donations**

School will be starting soon so, if you can help by supplying some of these items it will be greatly appreciated:

**Toilet Paper**

Please put these items in the box in the church office in the foyer.

***Thank you!***

***Lomax***  
***Church of Christ***

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**Lomax Christian Day**  
**School**  
**796-7373**

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

**Paul**  
**Romans 5:3-4**



**Disaster Relief will be leaving at**  
**7:30 on September 9th from the**  
**Hohenwald Church of Christ.**

**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)



**The Lomax Congregation**  
**has received \$100.00 donation this past week to go**  
**to the Day School.**

**The Lomax Congregation also has received a dona-**  
**tion to the Youth Fund in memory of**  
**Glen & Bettye Ammons.**

**The Lomax Congregation received a \$100 donation**  
**in memory of Ava Provance to the cemetery fund**  
**by her daughter Cynthia Collison**

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