



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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What is a friend?

Someone who goes through life with you.
Someone who loves you and makes your life better.

Jesus has given us the church to supply us with great friends. The first church in Jerusalem “was together and had all things in common” (Acts 2:44). The church provided some of the most essential needs for life. The church provided a social network, the church provided physical needs like food and clothing and shelter, and the church provided spiritual nourishment. In Ephesians 4:11-13, Paul taught that the church has been given leaders so that we may all be built up. As God’s family we encourage one another and we help one another.

As we have struggled with isolation due to Covid 19, we have learned the importance of togetherness. One of the great tragedies this virus has brought about is the incredible increase of mental health problems. Anxiety, depression, and suicide rates have sky rocketed. One of the major reasons is the isolation we have experienced. Another reason is the constant fear of the unknown. The church is “the pillar and ground of truth” and a group made by Christ to further the Gospel together for God’s glory and for the encouragement of each member. We need the church and the church needs us. We need these spiritual and encouraging relationships so that we can succeed and so that we can share the Gospel with others.

We shouldn’t be surprised, then, to read we are to “provoke one another to love and good works” by the faithful attendance of church gatherings (Hebrews 10:25). We need to be together to be encouraged and we need to be together so that we can encourage our church family.

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

Friends & Family Day



Today
September 13th
Lunch immediately
following morning
service and afternoon
service will begin
around 12:45.

Devo at Memorial Park
begins at 4:30

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. The grandmother of *Jessie DeBord* has kidney failure and in need of our prayers. *Jennie Martin*, a friend of *Sandra Thompson*, had successful open heart surgery Monday and is in need of our prayers. *Spencer Broome*, who has spoken for us at youth rallies, has pancreatitis, is in serious condition at this time. *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 *Artie Collins*, the minister of Springer for many years. His funeral was held Saturday.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Jessica Naomi Wright*, the USAF Captain whose plane crashed Monday. She was the cousin of *Corbin Carroll* and granddaughter of *Jim and Billie Jo Bartholomew*. She was originally from *Hohenwald*. Her celebration of life service was held Saturday in *Murfreesboro*.

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*, *Jennie Martin*, *Lynda Bates Mercer*, *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*).



We are excited about the birth of **Carolina Rose Calderon** She was born Sept. 2nd and weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz, and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to **Saul & Bethany & big sister-Maggie Calderon** And grandparents **Chris & Angie Hunter**



Food For Friends: September 17th Team 6 (Kay & Annette)

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.



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. Emmie & Anthony are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Wal-Mart and Amazon

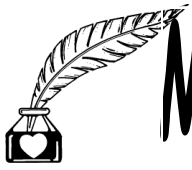
A LOOK AHEAD

Sept. 13—Friends/Family Day & Devo. At the Park
Sept. 27—Wedding Shower for **Emmie Hamblin**

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Where in the Bible is the reference to "the house of bondage"?
(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. ... Y3S and thanks to all that helped with DISASTER RELIEF last week and keep up the good work.Also, Welcome to Friends and Family Day this week and welcome to all of our special guests.

'I repeat from last week.....'ASPIRE TO INSPIRE BEFORE YOU EXPIRE.

NOTE FOUND IN UNCLAIMED PACKAGE: Dear Fred and Jane: You are now my only heirs so I am sending valuable so you can sell them to help put the children thru college or as you see fit. We may not be able to convey this message In person by the time you get here. Love, Mom.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Hiram:; "I planted a mess of turnips in my garden and what do you think came up? Answer...A group of dogs and ate them....My daughter has arranged a little piece for the piano. Good. It is about time we had a little peace.....Did you hear about the stingy scotch-man? He opened his pocket book and three moths flew out.

Boo's Belyeu

This week was my first trip as a worker to Disaster Relief. The stories from Gary Hinson and JW Curry would make anyone want to go. Thanks to Joyce Gilliam for getting in touch with the folks there to arrange our trip. We have so much going on at Lomax you don't want to miss Wednesday Primetimer Class at 10 AM and you can't miss Food for Friends on Thursday at 10:30 AM. Joyce got us scheduled for Tuesday. Due to the Covid virus only 7 could work the line. Partnering up we each took 5 boxes loading them from each side of the line. Joyce Gilliam and Katie Sublett, Gary Hinson and Kathy Oppermann, then Joe Griner and I made the teams. Chuck Oppermann was our end of the line guy taping and stacking boxes. Not sure who's the youngest, but my game had to step up to keep pace with this group. We did 6 pallets of boxes to ship to needy folks suffering from a disaster. Disaster Relief ships all over the United States from hurricane victims in Florida, Louisiana and Texas to California wild fires. What a great organization for the church to support. A bible was in every box we pray for not only relief for the folks we help physically, emotionally, but most important spiritually. 1st John 3:17 ¹⁷ But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

THANK YOU

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



What Is a "Friends and Family Day" at Church?

Friends and Family Day at a church is a day on which members of the church are encouraged to invite as many friends and relatives as possible to join them for a day of worship. The individuals who are invited for the day are not official members of the church.

Friends and Family Day can be celebrated in many ways. Some churches invite renowned speakers to deliver a sermon, whereas other churches offer an entire program designed to entertain guests. Singing, dancing and acting out Bible stories are common examples of entertainment found on Friends and Family Day. Food is often served at these events as well.

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 9/06

A.M. Bible Class	110
A.M. Worship Service	171
P.M. Worship Service	100
Wednesday PM	111
Contribution:	\$8,087.10
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!

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Church of Christ

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MINISTERS:

Donnie DeBord – 628-9276
Malcom George - 796-0045
Robert Pierce—306-3109
Jeff Spears—306-1362

Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

Timothy
I Timothy 4:12



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)



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.

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