



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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Falling Into Place

The Apostle John began his Gospel with a description of this Logos or Word. John said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it." Athanasius, in the fourth century after Christ, would preach this same idea. He wrote in his book *Against the Heathen*,

He made all things by His own eternal Word, and gave substantive existence to Creation, and moreover did not leave it to be tossed in a tempest in the course of its own nature, lest it should run the risk of once more dropping out of existence⁵; but, because He is good He guides and settles the whole Creation by His own Word, Who is Himself also God, that by the governance and providence and ordering action of the Word, Creation may have light, and be enabled to abide always securely.

In other words, God didn't leave us. God the Son actively governs and provides for his creation. Jesus is the glue that holds everything together.

Jesus has always been and will always be the glue that holds creation together. "Here is something marvelous: the Son of God descended from heaven in such a way that, without leaving heaven, he willed to be borne in the virgin's womb, to go about the earth, and to hang upon the cross; yet he continuously filled the world even as he had done from the beginning!" Even as the nails held his body to the cross, Jesus held the universe together (Heb. 1:3).

"What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" If the same God who holds the universe together is your Savior, what is there to fear? Maybe when our life seems to be falling apart, it is really just falling into place?

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 cordially invited to a
Drive-Thru
Wedding Shower honoring
Summer & Crews
Henderson

Sunday, October 25th
from 1:30 – 3:00 in the
Christian Service Center.
They are registered at Wal-
Mart & Bed, Bath & Beyond.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: **Joyce Gilliam** had successful surgery Tuesday. She remains in Maury Regional Hospital. With hopes of coming home Monday. **Dinah Poore** is now at NHC Columbia recovering. **Colleen Spears** was taken to Maury Regional with heart problems. **Selina Young**, the daughter of Dorothy Warf, will have surgery for blockage October 16th.

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

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Harold Sublett**, who passed away Tuesday morning. His funeral will be held next Thursday, October 15th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Moosie Skelton**. His funeral was held Tuesday, October 13th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Barbara Clayton**, the mother of Tommy Clayton. Her funeral was held Wednesday, October 14th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Bert Moore**. His funeral was held Friday.

Continue to remember: June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Ronnie Carroll, Bernard Curry, Jean Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Donald Greene, Charles Hensley, Pop Hinson, Keith Jackson, Robin Jobbitt, Janice Johnston, Jane Lawson, Jennie Martin, Lynda Bates Mercer, Howard Miller, Fran Mulligan, 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), **Cameron Hardison** (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), **Ethan Hardison** (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), and **Brent Willis** (grandson of Harold & Janice Sublett).



Trunk or Treat
October 28th following
Wednesday Evening Services
See Robert & Maegan for details



Food For Friends:
October 22nd

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, November 19th.**

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

Day School Donations

If you can help by supplying some of these items it will be greatly appreciated:

Colored Sidewalk Chalk

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

Thank you!

A LOOK AHEAD

Oct. 25—Wedding Shower for Summer & Crews Henderson

Oct. 28—Trunk or Treat

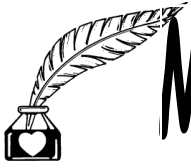
Oct. 31—Halloween Party

Nov. 8—Friends/Family Day

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle"?
(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. Remember The Son always shines at Lomax and we count everyone because everyone counts.

Thanks to Donnie for his two fine lessons last Sunday and thanks to all that help us to have excellent attendance to all our services. We truly appreciate all our elders that continue to lead us in the right direction.

‘Joy is the flag that is flown in the castle of the heart when the King is in residence there.

The best vitamin for the Christian is Bl.....Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.....Prevent tooth decay; Brush up on your Bible...Preach the gospel at all times. Use words when necessary....Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; *NOT* very amusing isn't he. No. He couldn't entertain a doubt.....Dr. "How often does the pain come on?" Patient_ Every few minutes. Dr. How long does it last? Quarter of an hour." In some states one is only allowed one Deer. "What about a marriage license?"

Boo's Belyeu

October has some memorable days titled by the word black. "Black Thursday" 10-24-1929 New York Stock Exchange had a panic sale of 13 million shares. Five days latter "Black Tuesday" happened with a sale of 16 million shares ushering in The Great Depression. "Black Monday" occurred in 10-19-1987 when the market plunged 508 points a record drop. Black has been associated with bad, evil, and generally speaking not good things. The Roman Empire designated the color black as mourning. The bible has some designation of black too. After mentioning examples of sinners of the past Jude 13 says, "Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever." Black may be your favorite color. Black may have gotten a bad rap on the October stock market days, but one thing is for sure we do not want to be associated in the darkness/blackness that comes from sin. 1st John 1:5 "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." May we all seek to live in the light.

Easy Come, Easy Go

Most of us are astonished at the amounts of money earned by professional athletes. Despite making millions of dollars, many of these famous athletes end up declaring bankruptcy. A 2009 *Sports Illustrated* documentary concluded that as many as 78 percent of NFL players face financial difficulty within two years of retirement. NBA statistics were as high as 60 percent.

While every case was different, bad investments certainly played a part. Besides his dog-fighting conviction, Michael Vick lost six million dollars in car rental, real estate, and wine shop investments. John Elway had his agent illegally invest 15 million dollars in a Ponzi scheme. Sheryl Swoopes, great women's basketball player, blew through her 50 million dollars through bad investments. Mike Tyson lost 400 million through a divorce and extravagant spending (two Las Vegas mansions, \$173,000 necklace, etc.).

Jesus warned His audience one day (Lk. 12), "For not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." He illustrated that truth with a prosperous farmer whose bountiful harvest demanded the building of new storage barns. However, that man's death deprived him of ever using or enjoying what he had. Jesus called anyone who is rich in stuff but poor in their relationship with God "a fool."

Yet today, people will sacrifice their health, family and integrity to get ahead. We do this knowing full well that our wealth will be lost through poor investment, national crisis, natural disaster, or death. Let's focus on what is really important — treasures laid up in heaven!

*Don Loftis
Calvert City, KY*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 10/11

A.M. Bible Class	125
A.M. Worship Service	188
P.M. Worship Service	101
Wednesday PM	112
Contribution:	\$6,124.00
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

**Friends
&
Family Day**



November 8th will be our next Friends & Family Day and honoring our Veterans. Please give a picture or send in a picture of our Lomax Veterans to Kara or Matthew Farr by November 1st. Pictures will be returned.

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School
796-7373**

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

**Naaman
II Kings 5:18**

THANK YOU

**The Lomax Congregation
has received \$200.00
donation this past week to go
to Food for Friends.**

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)
Jeff Spears
(Education)
Marty Spears
(Finance)



**Lomax Church
Halloween Party
Saturday, October 31
at the Home of
Colby & Lauren Hamm.
More details to come.**

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