



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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Bearing Fruit

The harvest season is over, but it is still time for Christians to bear fruit. Our plants and trees bear fruit during the warm months, but God's people bear fruit while they are in Christ. John 15 records Jesus' doctrine about our spiritual productivity.

First, Jesus wants us to know that Christians are expected to be productive in the church. God will work on us so that we can be more productive, and if we refuse to be productive, God will send us away. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear fruit" (Jn 15:1-2).

Then, Jesus shows us how we can be productive in his church. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). The secret to productive Christian living is to remain in Christ. As Christians are connected to Christ, they will find themselves being productive because they are so connected to Christ. Just as you will be cold if you go play in the snow, if you remain in Christ, you will find yourself working for the Lord.

So how do we remain connected to Christ in such a way that we will be productive? Jesus said, "If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (Jn 15:17). Connection with the Word leads to the capability to serve God. With the capability to serve God, God will provide service opportunities.

Stay connected to Christ. Stay in the Word. Stay ready to serve.

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* is now at home. *Lynn Ammons* had successful knee replacement surgery and now at home recovering. *Gwen Hinson* is at home recovering from the virus. *Dinah Poore* is now at NHC Columbia recovering and will come home Monday. *Verlin George* is at home dealing with back problems. *Barbara Baker* is at home with bronchitis and not doing well.. *Jane West*, the sister of Betty Anne Nutt has the virus and has come home and is on hospice. *Colleen Spears* is now home and doing better. *Spencer Clark* who is taking cancer treatments is also dealing with the virus. *Adam Clark* also has the virus. *Tommy Rasbury* is home dealing with the virus. .

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

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).



Food For Friends:
October 29th

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, 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:

Goldfish Crackers

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

Thank you!



November 5th is FHU Day of Giving.. Mid-South Youth Camp can be specified. We are raising money for repairs on Seward Canteen and the Caretaker Cabin. Donations may be done online or given to Boo or Yogie Spears.



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

A LOOK AHEAD

Oct. 25—Wedding Shower for Summer & Crews Henderson

Oct. 28—Trunk or Treat

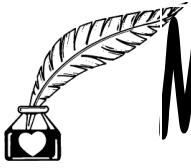
Oct. 31—Halloween Party

Nov. 8—Friends/Family Day

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What is the psalmist's answer to the question, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way"?
(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.Don't forget TRUNK OR TREAT COMING UP SOON.....AND do not forget THAT THE GIANT IN FRONT OF YOU IS NEVER BIGGER THAN THE GOD WHO LIVES IN YOU....Also.... Lomax is growing and we emphasize that The \THE CHURCH ON THE COUCH WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AS THE THURCH TOGETHER....And never forget Verlin's favorite verse; "this is the day that the lord hath made so let us rejoice and be glad in it/"Psa. 118;24.

On The Lighter Side: What was the 80 year old woman arrested for as she went before the Judge/.....Ans....a can of peaches....What do you think of two of your candidates you voted for this week? Ans. I am glad that only one can be elected....Yes, my father was a great politician in his day. {Welll.what did he run for? Answer...the border...What happened to the girl you learned to love in the hammock? Ans..."She fail out.

WORDS OF WISDOM: "A man's best boss can be a well trained conscience,, We appreciate our local airport. Yet, if you stop you may drop.

Boo's Belyeu

Halloween is upon us. My favorite beginning of Halloween is it was a celebration for three days remembering the dead saints and martyrs and all faithful departed. Today we think of it more as a time for children to go trick or treating. The idea of "trick or treat" is a suggestion if you don't give me something I will do something back to you in return. While we know this is an idle threat, we should feel a little sad when we are not prepared for the little one's trick or treating. One year I was unprepared and was about to start handing out cans of soup. The Bible talks about being prepared too. Matthew 25 tells of the story of 10 virgins attending a wedding feast. Five prepared bringing extra oil for their lamps, but 5 did not. When the bridegroom arrived the 5 prepared got to enter, the 5 unprepared could not enter. We see the bridegroom as Jesus. May we all be prepared to enter the heavenly gates to be with Jesus some day.

Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Scarier Than Halloween

One person had a dream about hell. She said,

There was nothing but desolation and hopelessness. You walk toward the gates of hell knowing that you will never again be free. I got to the gate and the keeper said, "Hold it." I stood outside hell, and I saw people whose faces were twisted and tongues were thick, eyes bulging and hands split—dropping blood. I said, "Sir, please let some air in." And he said, "No air in hell." Then I said, "Kind sir, let them have a drink of water." And he said, "No water in hell." Then I said, "If that's true, let 'em die." And he said, "No death in hell." She said, "How long will they suffer?" And he said, "Forever and ever! Hell has no exit and there is no death."

Luke, a physician (Colossians 4:14), is the only one who included Jesus' teaching on the rich man in Hades (Luke 16:19–31). As a doctor at that time of limited knowledge and anesthetics, he had seen pain. Notice these descriptions of hell, pointing to the fact that it is a place of unrelieved pain:

Gnashing of teeth. The phrase "gnashing of teeth" is used of hell more often than any other besides fire (7 times: Matthew 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28). Thayer says "gnashing" (brugmos) is "used to denote extreme anguish and utter despair of men consigned to eternal punishment in hell; snarling, growling: in the sense of biting."

Tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10; 14:10–11).

Everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46; Hebrews 10:27–29).

Tribulation and anguish (Romans 2:8–9).

No rest (Revelation 14:11).

By contrast, there will be no pain in heaven (Revelation 21:4).

via House to House,
Heart to Heart

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 10/18

A.M. Bible Class	121
A.M. Worship Service	173
P.M. Worship Service	86
Wednesday PM	117
Contribution:	\$5,910.25
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

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

**Samson
Judges 14:18**

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation
has received a donation this past
week to go to the Day School in
memory of Harold Sublett.

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)
Jeff Spears
(Education)
Marty Spears
(Finance)

**Halloween
Party**

Lomax Church Halloween Party
Saturday, October 31 from 5:30 pm—?
at the Home of Colby & Lauren Hamm
4060 Buffalo Road

Come on down and enjoy a fantastic night full of fun
Hayrides, Bonfire, Costume contest and much more!
Bring chairs for your family

See Kara Farr to sign up for food.

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