

#### 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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### Jesus is King: How Jesus Provides for His Sheep

Jesus is King. Jesus reigns over his church and history, but he has chosen to work through people. God has worked, in major ways, through pagans like Cyrus, king of Persia, but he works in special ways through his people. Even though his use of Christians may not seem grand, God's people are especially blessed to be in his service.

God's people are "members of one another" (Rom 12:5; Eph 4:25). Christians, as God's royal priests, do not excuse themselves with Cain who denied being his brother's keeper. Christians reflect God's light into the world, but the church is also a funnel of God's blessings to God's people.

Christians, we need those blessings funneled to us in the church. Just today, NBC News posted a story with the headline: "The Hidden Covid-19 Health Crisis: Elderly People are Dying of Isolation in Nursing Homes." These residents are, presumably, getting all the physical care they need, but humans need emotional and spiritual nourishment which can only come from other people. God gave families to provide those needs. God has given the church to be the ultimate manifestation of family care.

Christians you need more than your physical needs. You need spiritual care. This is why God gave us worship and elders. In the worship service, you find spiritual nourishment in the sermon, songs, and Lord's Supper. In the assembly of saints, you find encouragement from others connected with Christ—the true Vine—so that you are able to live spiritually. God gave you the eldership to care, primarily, for the spiritual welfare of the flock as good under-shepherds.

Church, remember, we enjoy the greatest blessings in the church. Our physical needs (food, health, and shelter) are important, but we can't live without what God intended the church to offer. Church, remember the spiritual nourishment is primary.

### 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



D.L. DeBord



**Sick:** *Joyce Gilliam* is now at home. *Donnie DeBord* is at home dealing with the virus. Lynn Ammons had successful knee replacement surgery and now at home recovering. **Dinah Poore** is now at at home and recovering. Verlin George is at home dealing with back problems. Lovada Burklow suffered a stroke Wednesday, Oct. 28th following leg surgery. They request our prayers. Barbara Baker is at home with bronchitis and not doing well.. William McCann, the grandfather of Amy Henderson and Molly McCann, is in Maury Regional dealing with the virus. Spencer Clark who is taking cancer treatments is also dealing with the virus. Adam Clark also has the virus. Joe Garner, the grandfather of Corbin Carroll, is Williamson Medical dealing with the virus and not doing well at this time.

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 Jane West, the sister of Betty Anne Nutt, who passed away Friday, Oct. 23rd. . She was buried Monday, Oct. 26th in a private family service.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of Colleen Spears. She passed away Sunday, Oct. 25th. Her funeral was held Tuesday, Oct. 27th.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Wanda Lomax**, the aunt of Brian Hinson. Her funeral was held Wednesday, Oct. 28th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of Bernard Curry, the brother of J. W. Curry. His funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time in Texas.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of Katie Sue Lee, the great grandmother of Remington Polan passed away in Linden. No arrangements have been made at this time.

**Continue to remember:** June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Ronnie Carroll, 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, and Betty Stafford.

**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: November 5th Team 5 (Kay & Kathy)

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am



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!

### A LOOK AHEAD

Nov. 8—Friends/Family Day

*Nov. 26*—Thanksgiving

Dec. 12—Community Christmas Meal

# BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION: Complete Paul's sentence, "Whether Paul, or Apollos, or

Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come —

(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.....do not forget THAT THE GIANT IN FRONT OF YOU IS NEVER BIGGER THAN THE GOD WHO LIVES IN YOU.... The crisis of our day reminds us that some time changes may happen as necessary and we are certainly proud of our elders at Lomax and remind them to keep up the good work.

**THINK ON THIS:** The church today may have some real issues, but Jesus still refers to the church as His body, His Bride...We must love His Bride, not gripe about or leave her. ....Life is not all summer and we now rejoice to see the beauty of fall. We must remember that God is the one who never changes and he is the Captain of our Salvation. God is First.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: You may have a heart of pure gold but the same may be true of a hard boiled egg....A Smile can be the window of your face if your heart is at home.....All may want to live long but none should ever grow old......What is the weather like where you are? It is so cloudy that I can't see...History calls people Roman because they never stay long in any place....A widow and her money are soon married.

# Boo's Belyeu

Well it's here the daylight savings time change. Did we lose or gain an hour? Did we go forward or back? Did we gain or lose an hour of sleep?

Wouldn't it be great if we could save time? The bible speaks about time. Psa. 90:12 "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." We may not be able to slow time or capture it, but we can make the most of our time. Eph. 5:15-17 "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." Is there any greater use of our time than knowing God's will? Take the time to search the scriptures. Time is so precious. We think of time with loved ones. Leave nothing unsaid, no I love you skipped, no I'm sorry delayed, make use of your time. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 6:2 "For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Have you made the time for the day of salvation? While there is daylight make the time.

# NOVEMBER

### **Birthdays**

4<sup>th</sup> – Cory Pierce

6<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Hensley

8<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Edwards

9<sup>th</sup> – Lovada Burklow

12<sup>th</sup> – Darrel Reeves

13<sup>th</sup> – Verlin George

13th—Summer Henderson

13<sup>th</sup> – Tom Kilpatrick

14<sup>th</sup> – Tanner Carroll

14<sup>th</sup> – Blant Mayes

16<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Reynolds

16<sup>th</sup> – Garth Richardson

23<sup>rd</sup> – Barry Bigbie

23<sup>rd</sup> – Karen Eglinton

23<sup>rd</sup> – Karley Seiber

23<sup>rd</sup> – Danny Spears

26<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Hinson

29<sup>th</sup> – Speedy Gilliam

29th—Chris Himes

29<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Oppermann 29<sup>th</sup> – Robert Pierce



### **Anniversaries**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Speedy & Joyce Gilliam 21<sup>st</sup> – Tom & Cynthia Kilpatrick

24<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Tracie Lomax

 $27^{th}$  – Tom & LeeAnn Alford

30<sup>th</sup> – Darrel & Deena Reeves

### BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 10/25

A.M. Bible Class 115 A.M. Worship Service 148 NA P.M. Worship Service Wednesday PM NA Contribution: \$5,312.00

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

### The Blessings Never End

Sir Walter Raleigh was continually submitting requests to Queen Elizabeth on behalf of convicts. Once the Queen said to "Sir Walter, when will you stop being a beggar?" "When Your Majesty ceases to be a giver," was the wise answer.

Oh, how wonderful it is to know that God is the inexhaustible source of blessings!

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

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Last week's Know Your **Bible Answer:** "By taking heed thereto

according to thy word" **Psalms 119:9** 

### **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)



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.

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