



# 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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## *The Enemy of Life*

We have probably described death as to “pass on” or “to pass away.” These terms aren’t really biblical. They were popularized by Mary Baker Eddy who was the founder of the Christian Science religion. Scripture describes the end of this life, not as “passing away” but as the separation of the body from the soul. This separation of soul and body is the undoing of God’s original design through the work of sin upon God’s good creation.

To die, then, is to suffer at the hands of the enemy--sin. As one scholar said, “death is not ‘passing away,’ and it is certainly not an illusion. For believers, it is ‘the last enemy’ that must be destroyed (1 Co 15:26).” To die is to suffer the ultimate consequence of the world corrupted by sin. God, who is life (Jn 5:26), had to condemn death itself. When God’s creation dies, it has suffered at the hands of God’s enemy--God’s opposite. Jesus lived as a true human so that “through death, he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery” (Heb 2:14-15). Though Jesus died, “it was impossible that he should be held” by death (Acts 2:24). Life entered death and destroyed it from the inside.

What does it mean for a Christian to die? For a Christian death is the last experience that has been touched by sin. Death is the last pain inflicted upon God’s creation. But as Christians endure this last shame, they must remember that their Savior has entered into death as well. But the Savior has destroyed death from the inside. Now there is life. God’s enemy has been destroyed. “We might learn to know and regard our Lord as an enemy of death; his kingdom is intent on engaging death in combat, in putting him in subjection under his feet, until he has utterly destroyed him” (Luther, *Commentary on 1 Corinthians*). *God reigns. Life reigns.*

*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

For the convenience of our members, due to the recent virus outbreak, you can mail in your weekly contribution.

The address is:  
Lomax Church of Christ  
P. O. Box 33



## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

**Sick:** **Lovada Burklow** is now at Tri-Star Skyline Medical Center for rehabilitation. Please keep her in your prayers. **Howard Spears** is back in Williamson Medical with diverticulitis. **Mike O'Brien** had biopsy and found to be non-cancerous. **John Eglinton, Sr.**, the father of John Eglinton at Maury Regional following a procedure on his lungs and recovering. **Freida Lewis**, the sister of Wilma Churchwell is improving from cancer treatments. Her address is 1202 Orlando Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37412. **Patsy Ethridge**, the aunt of Tracie Lomax is doing some better at last report.

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 **Ramona Nicholson**. Private family services will be held November 15th. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Food for Friends program at Lomax.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Robin Jobbitt**. Her Memorial service will be Wednesday, November 11th.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Bessie Edwards**, who passed away Tuesday, November 10th. No arrangements have been made.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Lucas Russo**. He was a graduate of FHU and camp counselor at MSYC. His funeral was held Friday, November 13th in Iuka, Mississippi.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Allen Spears**. His funeral was held Thursday, November 12th.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **William Taylor**, the father of Ryan Taylor. His funeral will be Friday, November 13th.. Ryan is the son—in-law of Rick & Cindy Morrow.

**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, Joyce Gilliam, Charles Hensley, Pop Hinson, Keith Jackson, Janice Johnston, Jane Lawson, Jennie Martin, Lynda Bates Mercer, Howard Miller, Fran Mulligan, Dinah Poore, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Richard Whitehead and Charles Williams

**Shut-ins:** 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 Families**

*Due to the virus, both  
programs have been  
suspended. If you have  
any questions, please call  
the church office.*



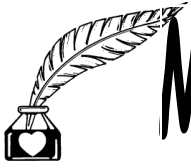
### **A LOOK AHEAD**

**Nov. 26**—Thanksgiving

### **BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

What did Christ say about  
his sheep?  
(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. ... Yes, we face difficulties in our society today but we can go forward if we hold To God's unchanging hand.... And thanks to our elders for a marvelous job at Lomax and for adjustments as needed.

## **REASONS TO REJOICE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM:**

**1. Because of the of our Father. 2. Because of the greatness of The Son. 3. Because of the presence of The Spirit. 4. Because of the assurance of Heaven for his. 5. We rejoice in the comfort of the scriptures. 6. We rejoice in answered prayer. 7. We rejoice in the family we have in Christ. 8. We rejoice when we can appropriate and appreciate good news.**

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** "You told me you would take me for a ride on Thursday. Yes, but suppose it rains." "Well, you can take me the day before," Some couples are like a team of horses separated by the tongue. A cold church is like cold butter it doesn't spread well. And never trouble trouble trouble until trouble troubles you.

## *Boo's Belyeu*

With the current status of the presidential election it reminds us of a time long ago in 1877. Rutherford B. Hayes won the electoral college, but lost the popular vote to Samuel J. Tilden. The short result was what was famously called the "Compromise of 1877." I don't expect we will see a "Compromise of 2020." Compromise is concessions given by both sides in order to reach an agreement. In the Christian life there is no compromise. We hear folks want compromise, when it comes to obeying Christ. The truth is we must submit to God's will. God will not compromise. Heb. 10:26 "For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins," James 4:17 "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." May we never think God will compromise, rather let us look to his mercy and forgiveness. Eph. 2:4-5 "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved"

## **The Missing Sponge**

A surgeon was very selective with the people he wanted to work with. It was the first day on the job for a young nurse and the surgeon decided to issue a test. As the young nurse assisted the surgeon during a procedure, she noticed a problem.

"You've only removed eleven sponges, doctor," she said to the surgeon. "We used twelve." "I removed them all," the doctor declared. "We'll close the incision now." "No," the nurse objected. "We used twelve sponges." "I'll take full responsibility," the surgeon said grimly. "Suture!" "You can't do that!" blazed the nurse. "Think of the patient."

The surgeon smiled, lifted his foot, and showed the nurse the twelfth sponge, and said, "You'll do."

It can be difficult to stand up for what is right, especially when we meet resistance. As for the young nurse, she was willing to risk disapproval and possibly even her job to stand up for what was right. Thankfully, she was working for a person who also valued integrity. It takes courage to expose ourselves and come under the heat of the spot light. In John 12:42-43, we see some people who weren't willing to stand out, "Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God."

Which do we love more, God's approval or man's? It feels really good when people like us, praise us, and agree with us. Many people are even willing to sacrifice their morals and ethics in order to lay low and run with the crowd. It can be scary to be disliked, made fun of, and disagreed with. it can be hard to stand up for honesty and integrity as Christians, especially when those around us do not.

Moses told Joshua before his death, "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

People may dislike or disagree with us, but there is only one approval that really matters anyway, God's. When we stand with God, God will stand with us. Therefore, no matter what other people may think, let's be courageous Christians and pursue God's approval above all others.

*Brett Petrillo*

*Calvert City, KY*

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 11/08**

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship Service	19
P.M. Worship Service	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A
Contribution:	N/A
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 Lomax  
Congregation  
has received two  
donation this past  
week to go to the Day  
School in memory of  
Jane West.**

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School  
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**Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:**  
“All are yours; and ye are  
Christ's, and Christ's is God's”  
**I Corinthians 3:22-23**



**ELDERS:**

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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)



We are excited about  
the birth of  
**Ella Louise Owens**  
(6 lbs. 15ozs.  
19 inches long.)  
She were born  
**November 10th**  
Congratulations to  
**Ethan & Leanna  
Owens**  
And grandparents  
**Greg & Lisa Amacher**

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