

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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Looking for Eternity

Does every day feel the same? The same news and the same obstacles and the same problems. Does it, perhaps, feel like time is just slipping away? Does it feel like something much more important is out there and we should be in pursuit of it?

God has created us to be dissatisfied with the monotony which tends to fill our lives. Ecclesiastes 3:11, which is a difficult text, says, "He has also put eternity ("world" KJV) in their hearts, but no one can discover the work God has done from beginning to end" (CSB). The word translated "eternity" is המלכם and refers to "what is hidden; specially hidden time" (Gesenius). The NRSV translates the word "a sense of past and future." Both eternity and the passing of time are hidden to us. We know, almost intuitively, that eternity is there and that we aren't in it. We are stuck in the mundane. Yet, we know there is a greater life, purpose, and experience to be pursued.

We can't know everything, but the purpose of everything remains compelling. The CSB *Study Bible* says, "although we are creatures of time, we are not like the animals, who are fully and exclusively creatures of time. God made us as hybrids, so to speak, in that we are temporal, but we have an inner longing for eternity. We can never be fully at peace in this life because, although we are mortal, we yearn for immortality." (CSB *Study Bible*). We are here in the routine mundane days of our lives right now, but we know there is God to whom we should want to go. God is the supreme and only true joy. "And the happy life is this, —to rejoice unto Thee, in Thee, and for Thee" (*Confessions*).

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





Sick: Lovada Burklow is now at Tri-Star Skyline Medical Center for rehabilitation. She is improving daily with all aspects of therapy. Her Address is Skyline Medical Center—Stroke Rehabilitation—3441 Dickerson Pike—Nashville, TN 37207. Attn: Lovada Burklow—Room #304. Jeannette West home with pneumonia. Tiny Hinson, the mother of Gary Hinson, is in the nursing home and diagnosed with the virus. Howard Spears is now home doing better. Freida Lewis, the sister of Wilma Churchwell is improving from cancer treatments. Her address is 1202 Orlando Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37412. Skylar Everett, the granddaughter of Tom Iverson is recovering from ankle surgery Gayle Tanner, the mother of Ryan Tanner suffered a stroke and is now in rehabilitation. Her address is 1207 Concord Hunt Drive, - Brentwood, TN 37027. Ruby Hinson, the mother of Tracie Lomax will have more tests dealing with the cancer.

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 **John Eglinton, Sr.**, the father of John Eglinton. He passed away Friday, Nov. 20th. It will be a family memorial service.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Donald Greene**, the uncle of Jessie DeBord. He passed away Sunday in Mississippi.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Kolton Maze**, the great nephew of Michael Gray. He passed away in a car accident on Sunday, November 22nd.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **James "Tootsie" Anderson,** the uncle of Lisa Tatum, Trina Weaks, & Cindy Morrow. He passed away Tuesday, November 24th. His funeral was held Wednesday, November 25th..

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, Joyce Gilliam, Jana Grimes, Charles Hensley, Pop Hinson, Keith Jackson, Janice Johnston, Jane Lawson, Jennie Martin, Lynda Bates Mercer, Howard Miller, Fran Mulligan, Mike O'Brien, 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: *Tiny Hinson, Michelle Huff, Tommy Shaw, and Betty Stafford* .

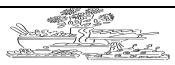
Remember our military: *Dustin Brugmann* (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), *Kerry Conkle* (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), **Jacob Fite** (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton), *Cameron Hardison* (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), *Ethan Hardison* (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), and **Brent Willis** (grandson of Harold & Janice Sublett).



We also want to congratulate Emmie and Anthony Bunnell on their marriage on Saturday, November 21st.



Tennessee Children's Home coin cans will delay pick-up until we come back to services. As you have opportunity, you can start bringing the coin cans back.



Food for Friends



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

Day School Donations

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

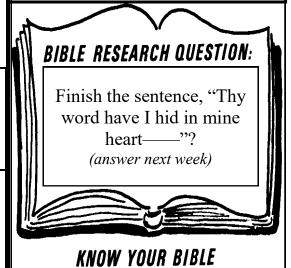
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Please put these items in the box in the church office in the foyer.

Thank you!

A LOOK AHEAD

Nov. 26—Thanksgiving
Dec. 12—Christmas Dinner
(Tentatively)



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.....

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR FILES: Remember that every day can be the best day of your life. HE IS RICH who owns the day and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Naturally some blunders will creep in forget them as soon as you can and let tomorrow be a new day. Begin the day well and sincerely, with too high a spirit to all the day to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations to waste anew day on yesterday. And, as Verlin would say: "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: Many a man can read their wives like a book, but cannot shut her up......Could you give two tramps a bite?" Wife: "No, but I will call the dogs"......John to his wife. "Don't you think I am good looking?" Yes, she says "At a distance or far away?"

Boo's Belyeu

As we enter the winter season storms come to mind. In December 1989 a winter storm left 40,000 homes around Nashville without electricity. December 8, 1917 Dover set a record snow fall of an even foot. December 18, 1916 Nashville records its greatest one day snow fall for December 6 inches. We actually find ourselves in a storm today. It is not a weather storm. It is a storm of will, a storm challenging faith. The Covid virus has put us to the test. We must as we say hunker down, until the storm passes. This means several things. 1) Stay safe, use your good judgment on where you can be and where you can't be. Remember your limitations age and health issues. 2) Weather the storm. This means you must prepare to come out on the other side. We don't give up as Christians. Therefore we continue to participate, be involved in all ways possible. Those who can come, do it. Those who can't find other means like the online service. Make sure you are active. There will be a tendency in a storm to say, "well I must stay inside, nothing to do, here I come I'm a couch potato." We can become lazy. Lazy spiritually, so exercise your mind. Find the will to see the better day ahead. 1st Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."



Birthdays

8th – Gregory Jones 9th – Hannah Beachy 9th – Rick Hamblin 10th – Marty Spears 11th – Sophie DeBord 14th – Trina Weaks 15th – Lauren Hamm 15th – Delicia Reeves 16th – Deena Reeves 19th—Kevin Hinson 21st – Mike O'Brien

26th – George Collison

26th – Joyce Hinson

28th – Saul Calderon

29th – Janice Sublett

29th – Sandra Thompson

30th – Janice Johnston

31st – Gabby Spears



Anniversaries

12th – Clovis & Thelma Johns 12th – Robert & Maegan Pierce 19th – Jim & Sharon Grinder 21st—Wayne & Janice Seaton 23rd – Yogie & Betty Spears 27th – Matthew & Kara Farr 28th – Ralph & Sue Conkle 29th – Garth & Haley Richardson 31st – Greg & Lisa Mullinicks 31st – Mike & Lisa Tatum

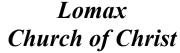
BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 11/22

A.M. Bible Class N/A A.M. Worship Service 20 N/A P.M. Worship Service 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

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Last week's Know Your **Bible Answer: Timothy** I Timothy 4:14



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)



was baptized Friday evening, Nov. 20th. Let's all encourage Emmie as she begins the Christian Life.



There has been a change in the Christmas Dinner. It will be a Drive-Thru pick-up for Lomax members. We will

deliver to Lomax shut-ins. We do need pies for the Dinner. Please have them to the CSC by noon of the meal. The tentative date is set for December 12th if the Covid virus doesn't affect it. There will be an ad placed in the newspaper stating will not be having the Community Christmas Dinner. This is related to the county wide dinner. Toy and coats may be picked up by members if you know someone in need. Please RSVP Mike Parker or Boo Spears about pies.

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