



# 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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## ***Gift Guide***

As of this writing, there are 23.5 days until Christmas morning. Are you ready? You have a lot of family and friends to buy for and maybe you are already making progress, but if you are like most people you are just now contemplating what someone might possibly want. If you are lucky, your family and friends may have even given you a list of gifts they might actually like instead of return or regift.

Thankfully, God has shown us what we can give to him. God said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Deut 6:5). This love is the foundation of everything. God is love. As we love him, we can live appropriately before him and with him. To truly serve God is to enjoy God and to enjoy God above everything else. Love the Lord. Obedience will follow.

God has also told us to present ourselves to him. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship" (Rom 12:1). This presentation of ourselves to him naturally follows if we believe in him and love him, but we see here that we must be actively devoted to him. We are "love in deed and truth."

God has given us life. God provides "every good and perfect gift" to us. We should love him and serve him with our whole being.

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. 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. **Stephanie Carroll** is at home dealing with the virus. **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 **Ruby Hinson**, the mother of Tracie Lomax will have more tests dealing with the cancer. **Paige Roberson**, the daughter of Josh Roberson had an appendectomy Wednesday.

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 **Patsy Ethridge**, the aunt of Tracie Lomax, who passed away. Graveside service will be December 8th at Spring Hill Cemetery in Nashville.

**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).

# THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation have received two donation to the Food for Friends Program in memory of Ramona Nicholson.



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:**  
**December 10th**

**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, December 17th**

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:

### Baby Wipes

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

**Thank you!**

### A LOOK AHEAD

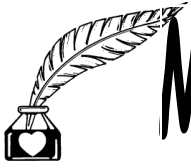
**Dec. 12—Christmas Dinner**

**Dec. 22—Primetimers Drive-Thru**

### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Finish the proverb, "Can a man take fire in his bosom——"?  
(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....

**PLEASE FILE AND KEEP...—SEVEN WAYS TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE:** 1. Write a thank you note. 2. Send an e-mail note. 2. Send a holiday card and express Appreciation. 3. Simply say "Thank you" often. 4. Send flowers or other methods. 5. Pick up the phone and give a call of appreciation. 6. Send fresh baked cookies. 7. Express publicly.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE;** "I didn't accept Henry the first time he proposed" "No. dear...You weren't there." "This must be cottage pudding." "Why?" "I thought I got a shingle in my mouth," "Police...What caused the accident?" "My wife fell asleep in the back seat to our cycle."..."Old hen to younger hen."Let me give you some advice an egg a day keeps the ax away."

## *Boo's Belyeu*

December 12<sup>th</sup> would have been our county wide Christmas dinner. Sometimes we just don't cherish something, until we don't have it. Take for instance 99.9% wipes, germ X, or toilet paper we never gave them any thought, but the pandemic sure changed our thinking. I hope each of you miss the Christmas dinner. Yes it was a lot of work for a very good cause. We continue to have calls almost like they hope it's not true. We have also lost our coming together for worship. We want to be anxious desiring to return, yet with good judgment for the safety some need. Our absence reminds me of Matthew 13:44-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." Our treasure will be when we can all come together our precious kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ the church.

### ***Growing By Going Beyond***

**Introduction.** We have all seen a toddler crawling around a room, eagerly eying furniture that can be used for leverage when the time comes for "pulling-up." We have also seen, that toddler reach the pull-up stage and move to walking "with no holds." We rightly praise and encourage such behavior. We know that growth is only achieved by going beyond present circumstances. What we sometimes forget is, that we (adults) need to grow also. That growth, though it may be imperceptible to the eye, is still real growth. Let us consider some things we need to move beyond in order for us to grow spiritually.

**Beyond Our Own Expectations.** Our achievements will only be as high as our highest goals. If we aspire to be pew-warmers only, that is all we will be. Our minds will not be engaged in the private study of the word of God and our faith will not be challenged by the word's clash with the world in our daily life. We dare not be content with "just being religious." Here is a challenge for us: "Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1). That ought to raise our goal.

**Beyond Our Hurts, Losses, and Failures.** There is no doubt about it, in this world we will have tribulation (John 16:33), or trouble. Persecution is to be expected (2 Timothy 3:12). Further, physical accidents and health failures occur regularly, as does death. Christians are not immune to any of these things. Therefore, when these occur in our lives, we must deal with them in a realistic, optimistic manner. This in no way minimizes the importance of our own health or the personhood of those we love. However, if we cannot accept the loss of something or someone that/who is truly gone from this life, we will suffer serious mental and spiritual consequences.

**Beyond the Expectations of Others.** We all have certain limitations. They may be in our physical makeup or circumstances. However we can move beyond some of those limitations. For example, we may hold a job that pays minimum wages. However, that does not mean that we, or the job, are insignificant. We can work enthusiastically at any job we may hold (Ecclesiastes 9:10). We can do the best we can with what God has given, and be satisfied in the realization that we have done so.

**Conclusion.** Growth, by its nature means moving beyond the present circumstance to even better circumstances. If we approach it in that manner, even the most disheartening of circumstances can be faced with courage and optimism. Let us go beyond...and grow.

***Lance Cordle***  
**Calvert City, Kentucky**

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 11/22**

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship Service	22
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

**PrimeTimers**

*Christmas*  
**BRUNCH**

Primetimers Class will  
have a drive-thru  
breakfast on December  
22nd at 10 AM.



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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Jeff Spears—306-1362

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School**  
**796-7373**

Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:  
"That I might not sin  
against thee."  
**Psalms 119:11**



**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  
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