



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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Can the Soul Feel its Worth?

The Secular Coalition for America states that they exist “to increase the visibility of and respect for nontheistic viewpoints in the United States and strengthen the secular character of our government.” They partner with several atheistic organizations to lobby for secular values in government in the US and abroad. They continue to advance their secular agenda today. On November 30th, they wrote, “Our partnership with the Congressional Freethought Caucus has allowed us to advance the secular agenda in ways once unimaginable. By coordinating with the Caucus and their staff, we have been able to fight back against the erosion of the wall that separates religion and government and elevate the discussion of our common secular values in Congress.”

Isn't it important to stop and think about what secular values could be? Stop and think for a moment about what determines value. We place value on diamonds, but animals do not place exuberant value on diamonds. If we discovered a two-pound diamond on our property, we wouldn't rest until we had brought it home. If a monkey ran across that same diamond, would it care? Every time we drive, we slaughter hundreds of bugs, and their corpses are in your grill every day. Why is that different than hitting a dog and that different still from hitting a person? Are these experiences based on purely social constructs or is there real value for people that isn't attached to other things?

Since the incarnation of Christ, we can see and feel the soul's worth. The Bible teaches us that Jesus, the Son of God, took on flesh and dwelt among us (Jn 1:14; Phil 2:5-11). Here we see two reasons why people have incredible worth. First, we see the value of humanity is real because there is a God in Heaven who created us in his own image to be his image-bearers on earth. Humans are created to be in a relationship with God. We have value. Furthermore, we see that humans have value because the Son of God added humanity to himself. Beyond the original dignity of God's image-bearers, the true Image of God added humanity to himself and therefore sanctified humanity as its perfect representative. You are valuable because God exists and his Son lived as a human.

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 home and continues to take her therapy. **Bob Burklow** is home recovering from the double pneumonia. **Alice Ammons** is home with knee problems. **Jeannette West** home doing some better. **Faye Kilpatrick** test results came back that she is now cancer free for the past 5 years. **Ian Carroll**, the son of Wesley & Amy Carroll will have shoulder surgery on December 16th. **Ruby Hinson**, the mother of Tracie Lomax is awaiting test results and treatment recommendations for her cancer. **Melba Ogg**, the aunt of Gary Hinson will be turning 90 on the 15th of December. If you would like to send a card, her address is 606 Buffalo Rd., Hohenwald.

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 **June Graves**, the mother of Debbie Rasbury. She passed away December 3rd in Maryville, TN.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Tiny Hinson**, the mother of Gary Hinson. She passed away Tuesday, Dec, 8th. Funeral was held Friday, December 11th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Robbie Smith**. She was a member of Hohenwald Church of Christ. Private graveside services to held later.

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, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Lynda Bates Mercer, Howard Miller, Fran Mulligan, Mike O'Brien, Dinah Poore, Tommy Rasbury, 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: 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 4 donations to the Day School in memory of Jane West.
The Lomax Congregation has also received a donation to the Youth Fund.



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 17th

Team 6 (Kay & Annette)

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.



Christmas Caroling December 22nd

See Kara Farr for details and if you would like to participate.

A LOOK AHEAD

Dec. 12—Christmas Dinner

Dec. 22—Primetimers Drive-Thru

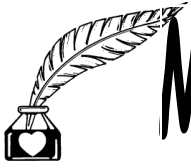
BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock"?

Where?

(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....

Count your many blessings and name them one by one....In our difficult times and in times of depression we should count our many blessings and name them one by one....Yes, we should count our many blessings on a daily basis. Yes, we need to count our joys instead of our losses....Count our joys instead of our fears....Thanks to Donnie for his excellent sermon last week as well as our excellent attendance. And we look forward to seeing you folks this Sunday

On The Lighter Side: Sorrow makes one bitter or better....I have learned that maturity has more to do with attitude than age....An old man says he was married to a beautiful wife and was asked why he was with tears. He said, "I have forgotten where I live....IT IS BETTER to offer a hand instead of point a finger....He who fails to forgive destroys the bridge over which he must cross....indifference is the enemy of love.

Boo's Belyeu

Some of you may have seen on the news the Gatlinburg Church of Christ recently was able to open their new building. It has been 4 years the church has waited to rebuild what was lost in the Gatlinburg fire. Many of you I am sure visited the congregation, when you made a trip to the Gatlinburg area. We are heading that way for Christmas. Somebody (Yogie & Betty) is celebrating their 65th anniversary. Gatlinburg church holds a special place for us as year after year we visited always attending on Sunday. It is a lesson in perseverance to stay the course and rebuild what they lost. We as well must preserve stay the course. Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Again in Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." So it is we set our mind to accomplish the Christian life to finish our trip. 1st Corinthians 9:24 "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."

In Season, Out of Season

On his second missionary journey, Paul came to the city of Philippi. There, while worshiping by the river, he met and baptized Lydia. But not all in Philippi listened to Paul and he was falsely accused of "troubling the city" (Acts 16:20). Beaten and thrown into prison, Paul and Silas did not let persecution stop their preaching. Instead they sang hymns to God. An earthquake gave Paul the opportunity to tell the jailor about the hope of eternal life through Jesus. The jailor gathered his family and they heard the precious message of Jesus Christ. He and all in his household were immediately baptized—the same hour of the night!

Paul could have griped and moped about his problems. Instead, he was devoted to serving God. He had come to a city where he knew no one. On the day of worship he went where others were worshiping God. An obstacle became an opportunity to tell others about Jesus. Falsely imprisoned, he preached Christ to the keeper of the jail.

How important is Christ to us today? Are we going where we can worship with others? Can we overcome the fear of persecution, or rejection by telling others the good news of Jesus? When our soul's salvation becomes more important than worldly favor, then we like Paul, will be "ready in season and out of season" to spread the gospel to our world.

John K. Wills
Owingsville church of Christ
Owingsville, KY

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/06

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship Service	110
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.

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**Lomax Christian Day
School**
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
“And his clothes be not
burned?”
Proverbs 6:27



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)

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been left from various meals.**



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