



# 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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## What to Do?

Sadly, our country is turmoil. We, once again, watched unbelievable scenes unfold before our eyes. Many of us are tempted to be carried away in the distress of the moment and the politics of our day. Christian, remember your priorities. Remember your influence. Remember the evangelistic purpose God has given for your life.

In these trying days, we aren't sure what to think or what to say. Perhaps, that is a reminder to be careful what we hear, be careful what we see, and be careful what we say. Christians, remember "Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble" (Prov 21:23). Be careful with your thoughts. God said, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Phil 4:8).

Continue to focus on God. Isaiah 6:3 reminds us that God is "holy holy holy is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory." Turn away from the spectacles and focus on the Lord. Focus on his glory. The entire universe is "a theater for God's glory." Do not allow anything to rob God of your attention. Leviticus 10:3 says, "Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'"

Finally, remember you have a sacred mission to fulfill. As important as our country is, our primary allegiance and priority is the Lord. Our Lord has commanded us to "Go and make disciples." Perhaps we could set a goal to talk about God's glory ten times as much as we talk about everything else?? Be careful with your influence. Your responsibility is to preach the Gospel.

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 doing much better. **Alice Ammons** will have knee replacement on January 11th. **Mike O'Brien** is now taking chemotherapy treatments. Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers. **Steve Waller** of Macon, Georgia and is now in a private room. . Steve was supported by Lomax during his mission work in Indonesia. He is a close personal friend of Gary Hinson and the Hinson family as he preached the funeral of Tiny Hinson.

Please keep all those of our number as well as friends and family that have had to endure the Covid-19 virus.

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 **Carl Lomax**. His funeral was held last Sunday, January 3rd.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Jerry Lee Potts**, the father of Jamie Burns. Her funeral was held Wednesday, December 30th.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Tommy Shaw**. His funeral was held Wednesday, January 6th.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Lori Kolb**, the mother of Mackenzie Kolb. Her arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**Continue to remember:** *June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Jana Grimes, Janice Johnston, Jane Lawson, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Mike O'Brien, Richard Whitehead and Charles Williams*

**Shut-ins:** *Sharon Edwards, Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner*

**In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:** *Michelle Huff 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 Janice Sublett).



**Food For Friends:**

**January 14th**

**Team 1 (Betty & Betty)**

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, January 21st**

If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.



Please add these to your January List

Rachel Riley—January 8th  
Isaiah Miller—January 20th

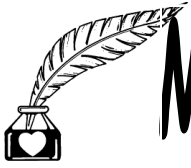
## A LOOK AHEAD

**Feb. 7-11**—FHU Lectureship will be Virtual—Finding Meaning in a Meaningless World  
[fhu.edu/lectureship](http://fhu.edu/lectureship)

## **BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said, "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"?  
*(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. ....Thanks to Donnie for his excellent lesson this past Sunday and thanks to our elders for the very special leadership.... "Study to shoe ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God'—2 Tim. 2:15''''''And thanks again for our excellent attendance this past Sunday.

And thanks that we are in the full swing of things as we go forward....And thanks to all our excellent teachers . Thanks again and again. Let us rejoice in hope, patience in tribulation and steadfast in prayer. Romans12:12.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** My dad made a scare crow so good that it frightened all the crows from the farm.: "That's not to bad since I made some so good that the crows brought back what the stole last year....AND THANKS AGAIN FOR BEING A PART OF A GROWING CHURCH FOR A COMING LORD...AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT CHURCH THIS SUNDAY..

## *Boo's Belyeu*

January 1925 one of the most remarkable feats of all time was accomplished. Nome Alaska had a diphtheria outbreak. The weather made it impossible to fly the medicine to rescue the village. There was no other choice except to dog sled it 674 miles to save the folks of Nome. The most incredible effort was made by 20 mushers and 150 sled dogs, but the greatest of them all was Leonhard Seppala with his lead dog Togo. While all the other mushers traveled between 25 to 50 miles roughly, Seppala and Togo traveled over 260 miles on their leg of the "The Great Race of Mercy." Most of the glory went to a dog named Balto who traveled the last 53 miles. He wasn't even the lead dog. A dog named Fox was the lead dog, but news reporters liked the name Balto better. Did you know there was "fake news" even back then? Ha! How much would we be willing to do to save a group of folks? We actually have the saving medicine the world needs the Gospel of Christ. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Will we travel the distance, make the effort to save the world?

## Live Now To Secure Forever

*"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow..." (Matthew 6:34).*

A person's life can be divided up into four chunks of time: the past, the present, the future and eternity. The devil draws attention to the past and the future; God draws attention to the present and eternity. Therefore, the devil wants to take our focus off of the present and eternity while God wants us to avoid investing too heavily in the past and the future.

For example, when a person is thinking about becoming a Christian, the devil attacks that thinking in at least two places. First, the past: "I have done too many bad things that God could never forgive me of," and second, the future: "Even if He could forgive me, once I was baptized, I could never live up to the high standard of the Christian life."

God, on the other hand, reinforces truthful thinking in the above scenario by coaching a person to do NOW what will secure him or her for ETERNITY. In the process, of course, God does remedy the guilt of sin (PAST) and also gears the new convert up by prayer, worship, Scripture, fellowship, hope, etc. to be faithful in living out the Christian life (FUTURE).

The plea to live in the present saturates Scripture (see for example Mt. 6:34; 2 Co. 6:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:11-12).

That does not mean we have no business with the past. There may be a mess to clean up. And it does not mean we have no business with future, because we must plan (see Jas. 4:13-16).

It does mean that we should not waste life fantasizing, "I wish I could go back to yesterday," or "I am waiting for things to be different tomorrow."

Rather, live in the moment. Do what you are supposed to be doing today. Obey God now. Take responsibility for the present. That posture is "Christian" and can secure our eternity.

*via Northridge church of Christ*

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 01/03**

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship Service	158
P.M. Worship Service	N/A
Wednesday PM	106
Contribution:	
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**  
**Wednesday Class is**  
**back in session on**  
**Wednesday, January**  
**13th @ 10:00.**

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**School**  
**796-7373**

Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:

**Christ**  
**John 18:36**

**A LOOK AHEAD**

*The Elders met and made the decision to start back with our normal Sunday Bible Study and Worship as well as our Wednesday Bible Class on January 10, 2021.*

**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)

**Day School**  
**Donations**

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

**Napkins**

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

**Thank you!**

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