



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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JESUS HUMANITY IN GETHSEMANE

How could God, whose "thoughts are not like our thoughts and ways are not like our ways, possibly understand what it is like to be human? The short answer is that God could not understand from experience what it is like to be human. However, the incarnation allows God the Son to experience humanity just as we do. Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane revealed his humanity as well as any other event in the Gospel narratives. Jesus' soul "was very sorrowful" (Matt 26:38). He prayed that the Father's will would be done instead of his human will (Matt 26:39). He indicated the submission of his human will to the Father's will (Matt 26:42). Jesus' humanity was highlighted here. The divine mind does not change and, therefore, does not waver (Mal 3:6; Num 23:19).

This beautiful scene in Gethsemane would have been impossible if not for the incarnation. Only after the Son of God became the Son of Mary could he have experienced life as a human (Heb 2). The Son of Man endured the sufferings of life and the sufferings uniquely placed upon him on behalf of God's people and for God's glory. The incarnation of the Logos remains "a most mysterious thing, incomprehensible by men, and not to be accounted for upon the principles of natural reason; and is only to be believed and embraced upon the credit of divine revelation, to which it solely belongs" (Gill, *Body of Divinity*). Still, despite being incomprehensible, the incarnation is a reason to praise God and a source of comfort to God's people since God has entered the human plight.

The human soul of Christ suffered the weakness and pains common to humanity. John Gill noted the presence and importance of the human will. He had a human will, distinct from the divine will, though not opposite, but in subjection to it, [John 6:38](#), [Luke 22:42](#). And he had human affections, as love, [Mark 10:21](#), [John 13:23](#). And joy, [Luke 10:21](#). Yea even those infirmities, though sinless passions, prove the truth of his human soul; as sorrow, grief, anger, amazement, and consternation, [Matt. 26:38](#), [Mark 3:5](#). Besides, if he had not had a human soul, he could not have been tempted in all points like as we are, [Heb. 4:15](#); since the temptations of Satan chiefly respect the soul, the mind, and the thoughts of it, and affect and distress that: nor could he have borne the wrath of God... [Matt. 26:38](#). Nor could he have been a perfect sacrifice for their sins; which required his soul as well as his body, [Isa. 53:10](#), [Heb. 10:10](#); (Gill, *Complete Body of Divinity*).

Here, Gill has pointed out the necessity of Christ's human mind and also highlights the presence of all these emotions and struggles present at Gethsemane. The reality of the incarnation is a mystery which could not be understood, a doctrine upon which we depend, a comfort for us as we suffer, and a reality for which we praise our God.

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



Today, February 7th will be our 1st Friends & Family Day of 2021 and we will be honoring our Veterans. We will have a meal in the CSC following morning services. We will come back around 12:45 for our afternoon service.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Alice Ammons* doing well following knee surgery. *Jerry Ammons* is recovering following surgery. *Joyce Gilliam* will have surgery on Feb. 8th. *Pop Hinson* had successful heart surgery and is now at home. *Mike O'Brien* is now taking chemotherapy treatments and will have radiation treatments shortly. *Nell Bunch* is dealing with the Covid virus. *Tom Kilpatrick* is home dealing with an infection and will receive treatment on Monday, Jan. 25th. *Gentry Johnson*, the parents of Dennis Johnson was taken to hospital with blood clots in his lungs. *Josh Pierce*, the brother of Robert Pierce is improving. *Barry Anderson*, a cousin of Mike Tatum is in the ICU unit at St. Thomas Hospital dealing with Covid Virus. *Dan Winkler*, minister and teacher at FHU had successful colon cancer surgery and is recovering.

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 *Lane Woodley*, a friend of Tiffany Richards.. His funeral was held Saturday, January 30th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Joyce Keathley*, the wife of Terry Keathley. Her funeral was held Tuesday, Feb. 2nd.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Paul Bridges*. Visitation was held Monday, Feb. 1st with memorial service that day. Burial at a later date.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Wyma Kasteel*, friend of Tom Kilpatrick. He passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. No Arrangements 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, Howard Spears, Janice Sublett, Steve Waller, Richard Whitehead and Charles Williams*

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

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: *Michelle Huff, Gentry Johnson, Imogene Johnson 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), and *Ethan Hardison* (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith).

LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES NEWS:

This Sunday— No Practice

Next Sunday — Lads Song Leading/Leaderettes Song of Praise - 5:15

If you child would like to participate in Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes, please let Colby Hamm or Brice Van Hook know. Thanks.



Food For Friends:

February 11th

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, February 18th**

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



We will be live streaming the FHU Lectureships this year. February 8-11 from 9:30-11:30 then 1:30—4:30. We will also stream the chapel service on Friday, February 12th at 10:30.

A LOOK AHEAD

Feb. 7—Friends & Family Day

Feb. 7-11—FHU Lectureship will be Virtual—Finding Meaning in a Meaningless World.

fhu.edu/lectureship

Feb. 28—Bridal Shower for Morgan

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Of whom was it said, “A sword shall pierce through thy own soul also” Who said it?

(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. ...Our thanks to our elders and all the good work they are doing. Also, thanks to Boo, Donnie, etc. and all the good work they are doing. Remember God encourages you to be a blessing for you and your family so keep up the good work. Thanks to Donnie for the fine sermon he preached.....The following was sent my way: Hate has four letters , and so does love. ...Enemies has 7 letters , and so does friends....Lying has 5 letters and so does the truth....Negative has 8 letters, so does the positive....Cry has three letters and so does joy....Anger has five letters and so does Happy.. So rejoice in the Lord always.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE “My dog took first place at the cat show. How is that? He took the cat”.....”Give me a kiss darling.” No, my mother is against kissing. “..”I don’t want to kiss your mother..”

JOY IS THE FLAG THAT IS FLOWN IN THE CASTLE OF THE HEART WHEN THE KING IS IN RESIDENCE THERE....And never trouble trouble until trouble troubles you.”

Boo’s Belyeu

Well it is here the Super Bowl. The annual AFL–NFL World Championship Game began in 1967; after the merger officially began in 1970 the game was called the Super Bowl.

The Super Bowl is the second-largest day for U.S. food consumption, after Thanksgiving Day. In addition, the Super Bowl has frequently been the most-watched American television broadcast of the year; the seven most-watched broadcasts in American television history are Super Bowls.^[2] In 2015, Super Bowl XLIX became the most-watched American television program in history with an audience of 114.4 million viewers.

While I very much like the Super Bowl, wouldn’t it be incredible if the attention to church could be instilled in people like the Super Bowl. Talk about super and powerful listen to these words. 1st Cor. 2:4-5 “And my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God” Eph. 3:20-21 “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” The greatest message ever is yes super and powerful. Have a super Sunday in Christ!

Carry the Weight

It might seem Paul contradicts himself in just a few verses.

In Galatians 6:2 He tells us to “*Bear ye one another’s burdens*”, then just three verses later he tells us to “*every man shall bear his own burden*”

What gives?

Well, a bit of understanding of the original text is in order. The burden in verse 2 is a word that describes an overload, one that would drop you to your knees, a heavy load. The word in verse 5 is a responsibility, the load any person would be expected to carry in their travels. One is a carry-on bag, the other is a fully loaded down steamer trunk.

There is the difference. Christians are to help when we see those overburdened by life. We are to grab one end and help lift up the load faced by those struggling with the effort. But that doesn’t mean we are to be responsible for taking away every weight from a person. Some folks would love to offload all their responsibilities for someone else to handle. That’s not a good idea.

Help is good. Dependency is not. People unburdened of any responsibility quickly fall apart. Either the privilege goes to their head or they lose a sense of self-worth, or maybe even both.

Carry the weight but also know when that weight is too much there will be someone there to help you lift it up.

*Barry Haynes
Hope church of Christ
Hope, AR*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 01/31

A.M. Bible Class	129
A.M. Worship Service	163
P.M. Worship Service	117
Wednesday PM	133
Contribution:	\$7,327.00
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

THANK YOU

It is with great sadness and appreciation we inform you that

Dan Spears has stepped down as an Elder. He has served as an elder for the past 15 years. We also announce that **Robert Pierce** has stepped down as Youth Minister. We are extremely grateful for each of these men for their willingness and dedication in all that they have done for Lomax and the Church.

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Hosea
Hosea 14:4

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 (Young Families Ministry)
 Chris Hunter
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 (Education)
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 (Finance)



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Bridal shower honoring Morgan McKissack,
 bride-elect of Bill Lampley
 on Sunday, February 28th from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
 at the Lomax CSC. Morgan is registered at Target,
 JKEA and Amazon. Please bring a favorite recipe.
 If you can give to the money tree, see Betsy or Gwen.