



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Judgment and Pardon

Judgment is inescapable, but a pardon is possible. Pardon is just as certain as judgment for those in Christ. The book of Hebrews exhorts us to "come boldly before the throne of grace" ([Heb 4:16](#)). The Psalmist said, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you" ([Ps 89:14](#)).

Ecclesiastes' preacher concluded, "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil." John described the final judgment as the book of Revelation closed. He wrote:

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done ([Rev. 20:11-13](#)).

As we stand in Judgment, the only confidence we may have is that the Judge is also our Savior. If our lives are dedicated to God, we need not fear. Our joy and our walk will have been centered on him. His service will have been our continual delight. The heart from God focused on God is the only hope for satisfaction and salvation.

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



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Alice Ammons* doing well following knee surgery. *Jerry Ammons* was taken Tuesday to St. Thomas in serious condition with complications of his leg surgery and heart racing. *Joyce Gilliam* had successful surgery and hopes to come home Feb. 12th. *Pop Hinson* had successful heart surgery and is now at home. *Mike O'Brien* requests prayers for the treatments to be successful. *Nell Bunch* is dealing with the Covid virus. *Tom Kilpatrick* is home and taking treatments for an infection. *Barry Anderson*, a cousin of Mike Tatum is in the ICU unit at Vanderbilt Hospital dealing with Covid Virus. *Peggy Curry*, the sister of Brenda Mash will have gall bladder surgery Thursday.

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 *Margie Willis*. Her funeral was held Wednesday.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Carleen Staggs*, the cousin of Wilma Churchwell. Her funeral was held Wednesday.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Larry & Patricia Ann Franklin*, the sister of Wanda Vineyard. They were killed in an automobile accident in Waverly on Wednesday.

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—Lads Song Leading/Leaderettes Song of Praise and Oral Bible Reading - 5:15

Next Sunday—Speech - 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 18th

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,**

February 18th

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



Brice & Emily Van Hook
112 Ashley Marie Drive
Hohenwald, TN 38462

A LOOK AHEAD

Feb. 28—Bridal Shower for Morgan McKissack.

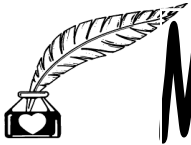
March 12—Family Game Night @ 6:00 PM

March 14—Daylight Savings Time

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who wrote, "In the name of our God, we will set up our banner"?
(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 Boo and Greg for helping with our FHU Bible lectures and thanks again and again for a working church for a coming Lord.

"I saw God write a gorgeous poem this morning. With the fresh sunbeam for a pencil, on the broadsheet of fresh fallen **snow**. The diamond letters were spelled out one by one till the whole was a flame of marvelous poetry. Yes... Abundant Living: Think Deeply, Speak Gently, Laugh Often, Work Hard, Give Freely, Pay Promptly, Pray Earnestly, Be Kind.

On the Lighter Side:" "I can see all right with my trifocals. My hearing aids work just fine. I can chew fairly well with my false teeth. But I sure do miss my mind."

Boo's Belyeu

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by **Pope Gelasius I** in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of **courtly love** flourished, apparently by association with the "**lovebirds**" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). I bet that was way more about Valentine's Day than any man wanted to hear. It is a day of "love" as we say and there is certainly nothing wrong with love. The bible speaks of love throughout its pages. The one we look at for today is Eph. 5:25: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." What a great example the Bible gives us about our own relationship with our wives. We should love her as Christ loved the church and was willing to die for it. How can we understand how much Christ loves us, if we do not express and work at our own feelings toward each other. Happy Valentine's Day.

What Great Things God's People Can Do!

The Baseball Hall of Fame is in Cooperstown, New York. A player must be voted for by 75 percent of the voters for election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. If you go to Titus, Alabama where my wife Janice grew up, you will see a sign that reads, "Welcome to Titus, Alabama, home of Joe Swell, Baseball Hall of Fame." Joseph Wheeler Sewell was born there on October 9, 1898. He was a Major League Baseball infielder for the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977. Sewell holds the record for the lowest strikeout rate in major league history, striking out on average only once every 63 at-bats, and the most consecutive games without a strikeout, at 115.

In the Bible Barak was in the Hall of Fame, not the Baseball Hall of Fame; he was in a far better Hall of Fame. He was in "God's Hall of Fame." When God spoke of the faithful He included Barak who delivered Israel from the hand of Jabin, king of Canaan. "And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets" (Hebrews 11:32). Barak, together with Deborah, took a small army of ten thousand men from Naphtali and Zebulun and gained great victory by the power of God. This great victory led Deborah and Barak to sing that great victory song (Judges 5).

This just reminds us what great things can be accomplished if we will allow God to work through us!

*Charles Box
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Greenville, AL*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 02/07

A.M. Bible Class	122
A.M. Worship Service	173
P.M. Worship Service	99
Wednesday PM	111
Contribution:	\$8,574.00
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

The Lomax
Congregation
has received a
\$1,200.00 donation
this past week to go to
the Benevolent
Program Fund.

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**Lomax Christian Day
School**
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
Simon,
of the virgin Mary
Luke 2:35

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation
has received a donation this past
week to go to the Day School in
memory of Margie Willis.

ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463
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(Please leave a message)

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)



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,
IKEA and Amazon. Please bring a favorite recipe.
If you can give to the money tree, see Betsy or Gwen.

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