



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Does God Know Everything?

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.—PSALM 147:5.

There is nothing which God does not know—he is omniscient or all-knowing. Psalm 139:4 helps to illustrate how God knows everything. There the Psalmist said, “Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.” This knowledge was of something before it occurred. This knowledge was complete or “altogether.” The knowledge of God displayed here is different than what is called open theism, where God is learning about the future alongside his creation.

God’s knowledge is also related to his presence. Psalm 139:7-8 asks, “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!” God is fully present everywhere, at every time, and knows everything.

Isaiah 42:9 points to another aspect of God’s knowledge. There God said, “Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.” God’s knowledge is not learned or arrived at through study. God’s knowledge is definite. He knows the future because he can already see it. We must also appreciate that God’s knowledge is comprehensive. The minutest detail of each and everything are at all times open to his sight (Heb 4:13). There is nothing unknown. This knowledge is also eternal. God does not learn by observation. He can’t grow in his knowledge of anything. He eternally knows everything perfectly (Is 46:10; Dan 2:22). Because he is God, his knowledge does not depend on anything outside of himself. Michael Horton summarized the definite nature of God’s knowledge. He wrote, “It is impossible for God *not* to know everything comprehensively. Given his eternity, he knows the end from the beginning in one simultaneous act.”

Donnie 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



Bridal shower honoring
Morgan McKissack,
bride-elect of Bill Sampley
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.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Alice Ammons* doing well following knee surgery. *Jerry Ammons* still having trouble with his legs at St. Thomas in serious condition. The heart blockage is being treated with medicine. *Joyce Gilliam* had successful surgery and hopes and is now home. *Mike O'Brien* requests prayers for the treatments to be successful. *Lovada Burklow* began radiation treatments on Tuesday, Feb. 16th. *Eddie Burklow*, the brother of Bob Burklow is having some serious health issues. *Jenny Martin*, friend of Sandra Thompson, fell this past week breaking her elbow, shoulder and suffered a blow to her head. She had surgery and is some better at Centennial Hospital. *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 doing well following gall bladder surgery.

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 *Carol Ann Slayton*, the sister of Sandy Tatum. She passed away Sunday, Feb. 14th in Meadville, Pennsylvania. No services are scheduled.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Mary Joe Harp*, the grandmother of Donnie DeBord. She passed away Sunday, Feb. 14th. Her funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 20th in Pikeville, TN.

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 25th

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, March 18th**

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

Thanks to all who came and viewed the 2021 FHU Lectureships on Ecclesiastes.

Please be with us for the 2022 FHU Lectures on February 6—10. The theme will be **“He Went About Doing Good. The Compassion of Christ in Luke”**.

A LOOK AHEAD

Feb. 28—Bridal Shower for Morgan McKissack.

March 12—Family Game Night @ 6:00 PM

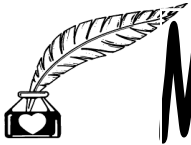
March 14—Daylight Savings Time

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said generously, “Is not the whole land before thee?” To whom did he say 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.

Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

On the Lighter Side: Little girl was praying for a bicycle. She was hollering her prayer. Mother said, "Darling you don't have to yell your prayer. God is not hard of hearing." The little girl responded, "I know he can hear, but grandmother can't. She's in the next room."

Boo's Belyeu

On February 25th 2020 the CDC said COVID-19 is heading toward pandemic status. Explaining what would signify a pandemic, Nancy Messonnier, MD, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases said COVID-19 meets 2 of the 3 requirements illness resulting in death and sustained person to person spread. At that time the 3rd requirement had not been met, which was worldwide spread.

What a horrible virus. We look back on 2020 and look forward with hope to a brighter 2021. Sin is much like a pandemic illness resulting in death James 1:15 "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." It spreads person to person Luke 17:1-2 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin." It is worldwide Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Yet we have a hope, yeah more than a hope, a promise. The pandemic of sin will be taken away 1st John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." So it is with great confidence, more than any vaccine we look to Jesus Eph. 1:7 "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace," Our prayer is for a great 2021 for each of you especially in Christ.

Snowbound

December 14, 2016, in Albany, Oregon, a homeowner went outside after a winter storm to an unwelcome surprise. Lying on his driveway, was a fellow whose description sounded a lot like me.

He was about my height and weight and age. He even had a beard like mine. He had some cash on him but no I.D.

The fellow was dead. A layer of snow and ice covered him. There were no signs of foul play. He just died...in a stranger's driveway.

There was no abandoned car nearby and no one seemed to know who he was or why he was in the neighborhood. Was he lost? Was he looking for a warm place to stay? Was he just out for a stroll and the cold over-took him?

The fact is, life is fleeting. The Bible says: "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes" (James 4:14b). None of us know when we will step into eternity. The big question is ... where will you spend that eternity?

Consider these verses from the Good News Translation of the Bible:

"Listen! This is the hour to receive God's favor; today is the day to be saved!" (2 Cor. 6:2b). "Make good use of every opportunity you have ..." (Eph. 5:16a).

"The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful to their master" (1 Cor. 4:2).

*Larry Fitzgerald
Abilene, TX*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 02/14

A.M. Bible Class	87
A.M. Worship Service	115
P.M. Worship Service	Weather
Wednesday PM	Weather
Contribution:	\$7,039.00
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



Friday, March 12th
@ 6:00 pm
Please see Kara
Farr to sign up for
food.

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Jeff Spears—306-1362

Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
David
Psalms 20:5



ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463
John Eglinton—446-5646
Rick Morrow —615-430-6663
Mike Parker—628-2961
(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)



Ladies are invited to meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Library to prepare cards and have prayer for those in need. If you know of any to whom we should send cards, please meet with the ladies on Wednesday evenings or contact Betsy or Gwen.

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