



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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Shouldn't We Just Focus on Practical Things?

Why should we study God? William Ames, in *The Marrow of Sacred Divinity*, said, the study of God "is the supreme, most noble, and the masterpiece, proceeding in a special manner from God, treating of God and divine matters, and tending and leading man to God." The study of God (theology) is great, but many say the study of God isn't very practical. Shouldn't we focus on things that are "practical"? Shouldn't we focus on something that we can do?

Practical things are great, but we should also focus on God. Without a healthy focus on God, we can't appreciate the practical things God teaches. We see the relationship between the knowledge of God, doctrine, and the good life in Peter's words to Jesus in John 6:68-69, where he said, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." We learn that Jesus' words are "eternal life" and that those "words of eternal life" lead to the realization that Jesus is "the Holy One of God." Following Jesus, then, is based on reading Jesus' words that lead to eternal life through knowing who Jesus is.

Is it practical to have life? Is it practical to have eternal life? There is nothing more relevant to us in this life and the next than life with God. Knowing God through Christ as he is revealed to us in the Scripture by the Spirit determines our quality of life. The eternal life Peter spoke of refers to our quality of life with God now and our quality of life with God after this life. This is why Paul said that he believed all things written in the Scripture and because of his faith in the Scriptures, he had hope in God (Acts 24:14-16).

Our quality of life isn't determined just by our income, possessions, house, cars, trucks, and health. Our quality of life is primarily determined by our knowledge of and relationship with the God of Heaven who loves us. Is there anything more practical, then, than knowing God?

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



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

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Jerry Ammons* will have surgery on March 18th to blood flow corrected in his leg. *Mike O'Brien* will get his test results on March 12th and requests our prayers. *Betty Hinson* is at home sick at this time. *Chuck Oppermann* had successful knee surgery on March 3rd. *Lovada Burklow* began radiation treatments. *Angela Riley*, the mother of Lee Riley had successful surgery and will have a 4 week recovery. *Jenny Martin*, friend of Sandra Thompson, is now in rehabilitation. *Emily Schorr* is at home after a reaction to the 2nd Covid shot. *Joyce Hinson* home and in a walking boot improving. *David Roth*, the nephew of Wilma Churchwell had open heart surgery on Wednesday, March 3rd. *Nadine Turnbow* is now in rehabilitation. *Melba Ogg*, the aunt of Gary Hinson will have surgery on March 17th. *Gentry & Imogene Johnson*, the parents of Dennis Johnson are now home from the nursing home.

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 *Terry Keathley*. His funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 27th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Barry Anderson*, the cousin of Mike Tatum. His funeral was held Thursday, March 4th.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Tom Helentjaris*. 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, 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 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



Food For Friends: March 11th

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, March 18th**

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



A LOOK AHEAD

March 12—Family Game Night @ 6:00 PM

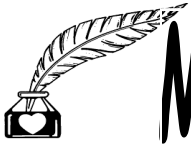
March 14—Daylight Savings Time

May 17-18—Day School Graduation

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who compared the kingdom of heaven to a “pearl of great price”?
 (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.

IT WAS GREAT to see the excellent attendance at church last Sunday? Yes, keep up the good work and invite others as well.

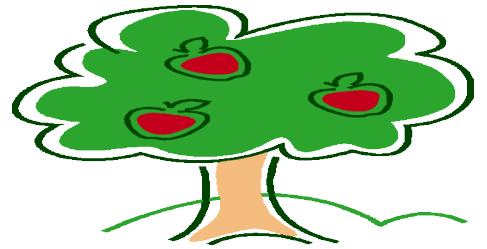
LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE so you may Love. The folks in our world are to study the truth and to share the truth with others. He that believeth and is baptized will be saved. We must obey the truth and live the truth on a daily basis. Only the truth will make us free.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; "I noticed that you got up and gave the woman on the bus your seat. "Yes, I respect a woman with a strap in her hands." Memory is a wonderful treasure chest for those who know how to pack it. There are 3 kinds of memory—good, bad, and convenient.

Boo's Belyeu

March 2020 there were 5 times more web searches about "End Times" than any other month, since Google starting tracking data 15 years ago. Of course we know the reason for this interest any time we are faced with dire events we think about the mortality of life. Be it a war, a 9-11 event, a pandemic or even a doctor visit that finds something we are drawn to what is my future. Matt. 6:34 reminds us "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." There is a saying "Don't cross that bridge, until you come to it." Its meaning is no need to ponder or worry about something that has not happened yet. Having said that there is a reason to prepare for the future, Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." You may recognize these thoughts "I care not today what the tomorrow may bring, if shadow or sunshine or rain. The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything and all of my worry is vain." Certainly this is all true when we are in Christ. Rom. 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his

Tree of Knowledge



Another Quarter has passed and our students have been working hard to memorize Bible verses for the Tree of Knowledge.

This program helps our students to learn God's word, and the students work hard to meet their goals for each quarter.

We would like to take this time to congratulate the students who memorized particular Scriptures in

Winter Quarter

December, January and February

2 & 3 year olds memorized

Genesis 1:1

Ace Chapin
Rawlin Carroll
Tanner Carroll
Asher Eglinton
Jager Richards

4 & 5 year olds memorized

John 3:16

Remington Polan
Sawyer Seiber

1st & 2nd Grade memorized

Romans 8:31

Evie Debord
Ansley Lomax
Drucilla Spears
Gracie Staggs

3rd & 4th Grade memorized

The Plan of Salvation

Timmy DeBord
Reagan Riley

Spring Quarter Goals

(2 & 3 year olds) - Philippians 4:4
(4 & 5 year olds) - Matthew 22:37
(1st & 2nd Grade) - Matthew 16:15
(3rd & 4th Grade) - 2 Timothy 2:15
& Romans 8:28

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 02/28

A.M. Bible Class	119
A.M. Worship Service	193
P.M. Worship Service	113
Wednesday PM	138
Contribution:	\$8,063.00
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

Day School Donations

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

Baby Wipes

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

Thank you!

Lomax Church of Christ

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MINISTERS:

Donnie DeBord – 628-9276
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Jeff Spears—306-1362

Lomax Christian Day School **796-7373**

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
Jeremiah
Jeremiah 17:4



The Lomax Congregation
has received a donation this past
week to go to the Food for
Friends in memory of Tiny
Hinson.

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)

Day School

The Lomax Christian Day School is
taking applications for the 2021-2022
school year. Applications are on the
table in the front lobby or you can
see Jan Hill. Applications need to be
returned by March 31st.

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