



# 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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## The Gospel, Jesus, and Me

The Gospel refers to God's plan to glorify himself by saving sinful humanity through the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of his Son. The word "gospel" is used around 120 times in your New Testament. Mark began his narrative of Jesus' life as "the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mk 1:1). As soon as John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus went out preaching "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mk 1:15). The Lord ended his life on this earth with the commission to his disciples to preach the gospel.

The gospel was promised in the OT (Gen 3:15; PS 22; Is 52:12-53), preached by Jesus during his life (Matt 4:23), but it was at Jesus' death that the gospel was enacted. The resurrection of Christ is the proof of the gospel (1 Cor 15:12-19). Since Christ has been raised (1 Cor 15:20), Christians have life. This hope is experienced in this life and is perfected in the next. Because of the gospel, we have life (1 Cor 15:21; Rom 6:5).

But have you obeyed the gospel? Romans 10:16 sadly notes that "not all have obeyed the gospel." 1 Peter 4:17 asks what will become of those who do not obey the gospel of God. Paul, in 2 Thessalonians 1:8 said that Jesus would return with his angels "in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."

So, how do we obey the gospel? Through faith we come to Christ and obey him. This lifelong pursuit of Christ through obedient faith. In Romans 6:17-18, Paul said, "But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching to which you were handed over, and having been set free from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness." When exactly did the Romans "obey from the heart that pattern of teaching" and stop being the slaves of sin? In the context of Romans 6, it seems that Paul is looking back to their baptism (Rom 6:3-5) as when they stopped being in sin and started living in Christ because they believed—and obeyed—the gospel which God promised, preached, and enacted.

Donnie L. DeBord, M.Div, Th.M.

## Welcome to Lomax!

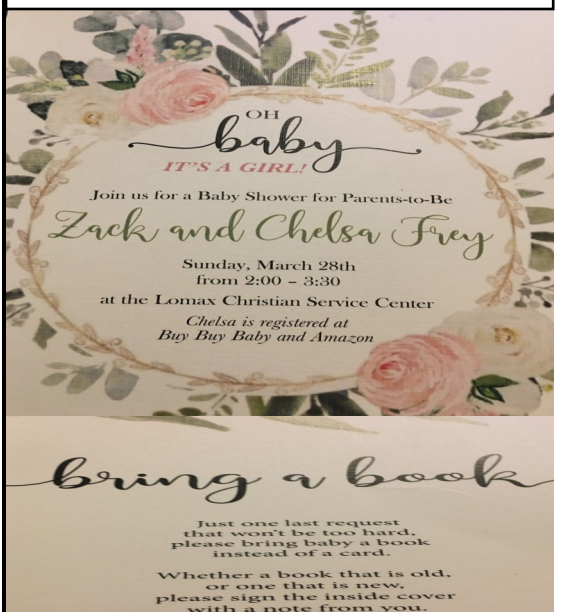
### A special welcome to our guests!

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 those who don't recognize the name, this is Chelsa Beasley—the daughter of Tracie & Steve Lomax



## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** **Jerry Ammons** had successful leg surgery and is now at home recovering. **Mike O'Brien** began radiation treatments and were effective on the cancer in his neck but additional cancer was found in his hip and is in much pain. **Lynn Ammons** is in the hospital dealing with ailments related to Cushings Disease. He has developed blood clots in his leg and lungs. **Jana Grimes** got a good report on issues with her heart but is still dealing with pulmonary issues. **Chuck Oppermann** had successful knee surgery and is now at home recovering. **Angela Riley**, the mother of Lee Riley is now home from hospital but no visitors at this time. **Elliott Hamm**, the son of Lisa Tatum and minister at Flatrock has a mild case of Covid along with his family. **David Roth**, the nephew of Wilma Churchwell is now at home. **Melba Ogg**, the aunt of Gary Hinson had successful heart surgery and is now home recovering. **Tommy Rasbury** got a good report from the doctor of no cancer. **Cindy Baxter & Neci Baker (surgery on April 12th)** are both dealing with cancer. Keep them and their families in mind as they both go through surgery and treatments.

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

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Cindi Carter Boyce**, the daughter of Rick and Kathy Carter.. Her funeral was held Wednesday, March 24th.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of **Bob Wimbush**, the grandfather of Jessie DeBord. There are no arrangements at this time. He is from Iuka, Mississippi.

**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, 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).

## Day School Applications

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.

## LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES NEWS:

This Sunday—Speech - 5:15

This Weekend—Lads to Leaders Convention @ the Opryland Hotel



## Food For Friends:

**April 1st**

**Team 4 ( Betsy & Bonnie)**

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, April 15th**

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

## A LOOK AHEAD

**March 28**—Baby Shower for Zach & Chelsa Beasley Frey

**April 1-4**—L2L Convention

**April 7**—Family Meal Night & All age Devo @5:30

**April 11**—Bridal Shower for Mashaya Hinson

**April 11**—Youth Committee & VBS Planning Session

**April 18**—Housewarming for Brice & Emily Van Hook

**April 24**—Young Mens Seminar @ East Main in Murfreesboro.

**April 25**—Friends & Family Day plus All Age Youth Cookout @ 5:00

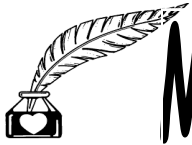
**May 17-18**—Day School Graduation

**June 6-9**—Lomax VBS

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who commanded,  
“Abstain from all  
appearance of evil?”  
(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. And thanks again to our elders for future plans and for every expression of love and kindness... Verlin and I try to thank our elders again and again for future plans and the joy of a special day in the future. Yes, thanks again and again.

The worst disability in life is a bad attitude.....We don't go through life...We grow through life...We must take a goal so big in life that we have to take God as our partner in order to survive

**On The Lighter Side:** We must learn the value of work. He is twice warmed who cuts his own wood.....Some folks brighten up a room when they walk out.....The greatest tragedy is not what we suffer but what we miss.....THANKS AGAIN AND AGAIN to our Elders.

## *Boo's Belyeu*

This week we will celebrate April 1<sup>st</sup> or as we often refer to it "April Fool's Day." Historians speculate it began in 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian calendar the New Year began on the spring equinox around April 1<sup>st</sup>. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize the New Year on January 1<sup>st</sup>, but continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1<sup>st</sup> were called "April fools." Today we pull jokes and hoaxes on folks in celebration of "April Fool's Day." Proverbs 17:22 "A joyful heart is a good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." It is a reminder to have fun be able to laugh, but not to the point another person's spirit could be crushed. I hope as your week goes you can laugh and be happy. Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Have a great April fools day!



## **Birthdays**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hershel Anderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>—Bill Lawson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tammy Bigbie
- 4<sup>th</sup>—Derick Carroll
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Andalyn Himes
- 7<sup>th</sup>—Steve DeBord
- 8<sup>th</sup> – LeeAnn Alford
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Mullinicks
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Tytus Staggs
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Tyler Hinson
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Susan Overbey
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Pierce
- 12<sup>th</sup>—Janice Seaton
- 12<sup>th</sup>—Elijah Smith
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Nadine Turnbow
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Faye Chandler
- 15<sup>th</sup>—Billy Reese
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Will Swinea
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Garrett Ammons
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Baker
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Mary Halfacre
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Chris Swinea
- 21<sup>st</sup>—Sally Mercer
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Debbie Bunch
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sue Conkle
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Joyce Gilliam
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Tracy Lomax
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Joslyn Bradley
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Will Chapin
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Cason Himes
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Crews Henderson

## **Anniversaries**

- 12<sup>th</sup> – David & Britni Sloan
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Wesley & Amy Carroll
- 17<sup>th</sup>—Dennis Reynolds & Shelly Cohen
- 20<sup>th</sup>—Crews & Summer Henderson
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Larry & Sandy Tatum
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Jerry & Alice Ammons



**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 03/21**

A.M. Bible Class	134
A.M. Worship Service	194
P.M. Worship Service	107
Wednesday PM	127
Contribution:	\$7,548.30
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

*bridal shower*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER

HONORING

*Mashaya Kinson*

Lomax Church of Christ  
320 Darbytown Road  
Hohenwald, Tennessee 38462

1:30 - 3:00 | 11th | April

Registered at Miss Millie's, Target, and Williams-Sonoma

If you like to give to the money tree, please see Betsy or Gwen.

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Saul Calderon—817-905-5324  
Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

**Lomax Christian Day**  
**School**  
**796-7373**

Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:

**Haggai**  
**Haggai 2:8**



Please continue to check out  
the New Visitation Bulletin  
Board in the foyer.

**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)

***Visitation News***

Please check out the new Visitation Board. In attempts to decrease the spread of Covid-19, we have a new board, a touchless system, replacing the Visitation Book. Find the name you want and grab a card from under the name. No need to touch anything else. It truly is very impressive how Lomax always takes care of each other. Thank you all for your participation. Please take a moment to check it out and read the note on the board.

Thanks, Chris Hunter

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