

#### THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

## MESSENGER

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#### **I BELIEVE**

Christian, what do you believe? Why do you believe those things? The death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus are truths at the heart of Christianity. Without these things, Christianity is nothing and we have no hope. 1 Corinthians 15 helps us to see these essential truths and to know why we believe them. In short, 1 Corinthians 15 reminds us why we are Christians.

The foundation of 1 Corinthians 15—and the heart of Christianity—is recorded in the first 8 verses:

1 Corinthians 15:1–8: Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

This Scripture reminds us what we believe: Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead on the third day." The Scripture also reminds us of why we believe this great truth: the testimony of the Scriptures, the eye witness testimony, Paul's conversion and testimony, and the continued belief of early Christians.

I pray you believe in Jesus. I pray you believe in his resurrection and our future resurrection. This faith is not a leap in the dark. Our faith is built on evidence of Christ and his resurrection. Because of Christ, we can have the same confidence that Job had when he said, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God" (Job 19:25).

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



# 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 now at home dealing with ailments related to Cushings Disease. He has developed blood clots in his leg and lungs. Mike Tatum had a new stent place after finding a 95% blockage. He spent the night at St. Thomas. Jana Grimes got a good report on issues with her heart but is still dealing with pulmonary issues. Angela Riley, the mother of Lee Riley is now home from hospital but no visitors at this time. **Donna Hinson** and her father Larry were in an automobile accident but are at home now. **Ellen Green**. the mother of Jessie DeBord is dealing with Covid. Cindy Baxter had successful cancer surgery on March 31st. Neci Baker will have surgery on April 12th. Both are 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.

<u>Sympathy:</u> to the family and friends of **Bob Wimbush**, the grandfather of Jessie DeBord. Funeral was held Thursday, April 1st in 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

<u>In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:</u> 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.



## Food For Friends: <u>April 8th</u>

## Team 5 (Kay & Kathy)

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am



Our monthly Food for Families distribution is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>April 15th</u>

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

### A LOOK AHEAD

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
July 11-13—Gospel Meeting with Dr. Justin Rogers

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" To whom was he speaking? (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 greatest tragedy is not what we suffer but what we miss....If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail....We should associate with folks who travel the upward way instead of tearing down...Every pessimist in history is in an unmarked grave....Yes, all the great men of the Bible were positive thinkers.

**On The Lighter Side:** Would you like to care for a person for me ...No, I am afraid that he looks to much like you....Have you and your wife ever had a difference of opinion? What would you think about that response???

## Boo's Belyeu

What is Easter, when did it start? It is a celebration of Christ resurrection. It is uncertain when it started. There is nothing in the bible suggesting we celebrate Easter. However I'm happy the world thinks of Christ, at least sometime. 1st Cor. 15:19 "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." What was Paul saying? If Christ does not rise from the dead, there is no hope for us to rise as well to ever be with the Lord. 1st Cor. 6:14 "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power." We are through baptism being raised up to be a new person having our sins remitted. Romans 6:3-4 "3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by te glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life".

How sad it must be for the unbelievers as life draws near an end to see no future, no inheritance eternal with Jesus. What a wonderful thought for us as Christian's life is more than just this world. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 2:9 "But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—





April 25th will be our next
Friends & Family Day of
2021 and we will be
honoring Bro. Malcom
George for 70+ years of
ministry. There will not be
a meal after morning
services. We will come back
at 4:00 pm for evening
service with hamburgers and
hotdogs after this service.
Please invite friends &
families for this great day.

## BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 03/28

A.M. Bible Class	104
A.M. Worship Service	160
P.M. Worship Service	99
Wednesday PM	119
Contribution:	\$7,358.35

#### **Schedule of Services**

\$6,000.00

Weekly Budget

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



There will be a

bridal shower honoring
Mashaya Hinson, on Sun. April
11th from 1:30—3:00 in the
Christian Service Center.
Mashaya is registered at
Miss Millie's, Target and
Williams-Sonoma.
If you wish to donate to the money
tree, please see Betsy Tiller or
Gwen Hinson..

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Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
Paul
I Thessalonians 5:22



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

### **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 our and read the note on the board.

Thanks, Chris Hunter

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