



# 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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## *Sweet Perseverance*

Christian, what waits for you? Our goal should be endurance—endure to the end and find your reward. Our own Malcom George has successfully and admirably completed 71 wonderful years of service to God, church, and to the mission laid upon him. What an incredible example! In the New Testament, the Apostle John is perhaps the only one who served as many years on this earth.

The Apostle Paul displayed the importance of looking forward to the sacred rewards which will be given to God's special servants. In II Timothy 4:6-8 he wrote, "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

Paul recognized and appreciated what should be the reality of every Christian life—being poured out as a drink offering. Paul was blessed with the opportunity to look back on his past and say "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Paul was also blessed to look forward and say, "henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness." Finally, Paul knew that the Lord would be the one who gives the greatest reward. He said, "the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day."

Many of God's servants are not blessed with 70 years on this earth. Very few saints are blessed with seven decades of faithful ministry. All God's servants, however, must persevere to the end (Rev 2:10).

Thankfully, none of God's servants are alone. Instead, God is at work among us. In Philippians 1:6 Paul taught his readers how he persevered when he wrote, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Paul began that verse with a word (πεποιθώς) which means "to be persuaded." The Latin translation, therefore, began with the word "confidens" from which we get the English word confidence. Christians can be confident in Christ as the one who gives the reward and the one who brings them to the reward. What a blessing to have this confidence! What a blessing it will be to enjoy that reward!

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



**Today is Friends & Family Day  
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 eve-  
ning service with barbeque after  
this service. Please invite your  
friends & families for this great  
day.**

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** *Jerry Ammons* is now at home following a stay in St. Thomas. *Mike O'Brien* will resume his cancer treatments this week. *Lynn Ammons* is at home awaiting upcoming surgery date. *Tom Kilpatrick* had successful surgery on April 19th and is now at home. *Jennette West* will have shoulder surgery on May 18th. *Faye Kilpatrick* was taken to Maury Regional today and remains overnight. *Gene Kilpatrick* is scheduled for knee surgery next week. *Chuck Oppermann* had knee surgery Wednesday April 21st after a set back on previous surgery. *Gary O'Brien* had successful ear surgery and will not have to take treatments.

**Sympathy:** to the family and friends of *Kenny Graves* who passed away April 20th. Funeral services were held Friday, April 23rd.

**Celebration of Life Service:** June 5th for *Roy Shannon* at the Centerville Church of Christ @ 2:00 pm.

**Continue to remember:** June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Neci Baker, Cindy Baxter, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Jana Grimes, Janice Johnston, Faye Kilpatrick, Jane Lawson, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Mike O'Brien, Chuck Oppermann, Angela Riley, 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)

# THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation have received a donations of \$200.00 to the Food for Families Program.

We are excited about the birth of  
**Elliston Grace Frey**  
(7 lbs. 11ozs. 21 inches long.)  
She were born April 19th  
@ 12:47 am.  
Congratulations to  
**Zach & Chelsa Frey**  
And grandparents  
**Steve & Tracie Lomax**



**Food For Friends:**

**April 29th**

**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,**

**May 20th**

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

## A LOOK AHEAD

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

**May 5**—Family Meal Night

**May 9**—Senior Night

**May 10**—All Age Devo

**May 13**—Primetimers Trip to Fish Camp

**May 16**—Youth Committee/VBS Update

**May 17-18**—Day School Graduation

**May 21**—LCHS Graduation

**June 6-9**—Lomax VBS

**June 26**—Over 60's Banquet

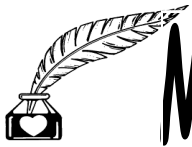
**July 3**—4th of July Celebration

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

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Behold the man!" Of 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. And thanks again to our elders for future plans and for every expression of love and kindness...

**IT WAS OUR PLEASURE TO VISIT THE ANCIENT PYRAMIDS of EGYPT.** You may have the power to visit in these Museums and they are amazing. However, nothing compares with the marvelous word of truth made possible by the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** To waiter: "My coffee is spoiled and it taste like dirt." "I am not surprised since it was ground this morning".....A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today.".....After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

## *Boo's Belyeu*

The NFL draft is this week Thursday 4-29. The 1<sup>st</sup> draft was held in 1936. In reverse order of worse to first professional football teams pick college players to join their team. The draft has gained so much fan attention the NFL moved it from New York to host cities. Attendance has boomed with Nashville TN setting the record in 2019 with 600,000 fans attending. A lot of excitement can be seen as these young men hear their name called as the team selects them.

Oh to hear our name called 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." We are chosen by God as it were as we move from darkness/sin into his light/Christianity. We rejoice in knowing we are his. Rev. 3:5 "He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels." Greater than any earthly draft is our selection to be with the Lord God almighty.



### Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> – Faith James  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jaxon Long  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – David Sloan IV  
 4<sup>th</sup>—Molly Reasons  
 4<sup>th</sup>—Rex Riley  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Derrick Staggs  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Carroll  
 7<sup>th</sup>—Liam Reese  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Wilma Churchwell  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Ted Lawson  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Yogie Spears  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Vickie Halfacre  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Ralph Conkle  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Darren Henderson  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Brice Van Hook  
 20<sup>th</sup> – John Eglinton  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Pittman Baker  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Tony Seiber  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ethan Hamblin  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Ace Chapin  
 27<sup>th</sup>—Tiffany Richards  
 30<sup>th</sup>—Amy Lomax



### Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> – Greg & Theresa Whitehead  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Rick & Cindy Morrow  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Boo & Rose Spears  
 14<sup>th</sup>—Jerry Lee & Erin Harris  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Lynn & Jan Ammons  
 30<sup>th</sup> – Chip & Kelly Kilgore  
 31<sup>st</sup> – Lynn & Betsy Tiller



**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 04/18**

A.M. Bible Class	127
A.M. Worship Service	186
P.M. Worship Service	101
Wednesday PM	130
Contribution:	\$6,909.00
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

**FAMILY MEAL NIGHT**



There will be a family meal night Wednesday, **May 5th** at 5:30 pm in the CSC. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. See Brice or Kara or Saul for details.

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

Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:

**James**  
**James 5:11**



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)

**SENIOR**  
**NIGHT**

**May 9—honoring our 2021 Seniors**

**Ian Carroll   Brooklyn Carroll   Skylar Everett**  
**Aaron Hunter   Zach Holder   Makenzie Kolb**  
**Faith James   Molly Reasons   Reagan Webb**

Please bring finger foods and refreshments for the reception following services in the CSC. If you would like to donate for the Senior Gifts, please see Kara Farr..

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