



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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Why Do We Sing?

You may not sing very often, but you know people who do. Just listen to the radio and you will hear common themes in the singing—usually, the songs are about love. We sing because of love. Christians praise God in several ways, but we also sing praises to God because this is the way in which we can best express our emotions to him.

Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 describe praise Christians offer to God in song. These Scriptures includes the commands to sing and limit what can be done. The instrument for singing praises to God was specified to be the heart. Ephesians 5:19 specifies that this singing is “to one another.” So, for us to fulfill this command, we must be together as God’s people in the worship assembly. In this gathered assembly, just as in our more private devotional times, we are able to express our love for God and thankfulness for his many blessings.

While the Scriptures do command us to sing praises to God, if our heart is as it should be, we will be excited to worship our God at every possible opportunity. God blesses and blesses his people. There will never be a shortage of reasons to praise our God. This heart of thankfulness and love is an essential element to our worship. The sound quality may not always be what we might hope it to be, but we should always know that our praises are treasured by the God whom we treasure.

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



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.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Jerry Ammons* is now at home recovering. *Mike O'Brien* will resume his cancer treatments soon. *Lynn Ammons* is at home awaiting upcoming surgery date. *Tom Kilpatrick* had successful surgery is now at home but will go back for further tests. *Jennette West* will have shoulder surgery on May 18th. *Faye Kilpatrick* is now at home and recovering. *Gene Kilpatrick* is scheduled for knee surgery Monday, May 3rd at Williamson Medical.. *Chuck Oppermann* had successful knee surgery but will not be able to be out for several months. *Kenneth Carroll*, the father of Wesley Carroll, fell from ladder and broke his pelvis and ribs.. He had surgery Tuesday on his pelvis and is now home & the outlook is good for a full recovery. *Jerry Yates*, the brother of Thelma Johns had back surgery last. Week.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Jimmy Hurt*. His funeral was held last Sunday.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Dennis Reynolds* on the death of his sister *Bonnie* in Vermont last week.

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)



Food For Friends:

May 6th

Team 2 (Alice & Wilma)

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

May 3—Ladies Night Out

May 5—Family Meal Night

May 9—Mother's Day

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

July 3—4th of July Celebration

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

We are excited about the birth of
Elliston Grace Frey
(7 lbs. 11ozs. 21 inches long.)
She were born April 19th
@ 12:47 am.

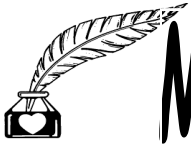
Congratulations to
Zach & Chelsa Frey
And grandparents
Steve & Tracie Lomax



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What prophet said,
“Cursed be the day
wherein I was born”?
(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.

THANKS beyond words to our elders, host of visitors, and numerous local members that came our way on our 71 year of ministry. Thanks again and again.....Words are inadequate to really express our love.

Mother's Day is coming up soon and usually has our largest crowd.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. (Don't forget to bring your husbands!)....Nothing improves the memory more than trying to forget.....He who is not very strong in memory should not meddle with lying.

Boo's Belyeu

The month of May summer seems to be upon us. I believe we will have 1 more cool snap in mid-May called Blackberry winter. At least according to a Fokelore winter site for TN we have 5 litter winters Redbud in late March or early April, Dogwood in late April, Locust in early May, Blackberry in mid-May, and one I had not heard of Whippoorwill or britches winter in late May. All of them are pretty self-explanatory it relates to the time they bloom, but the britches winter has a funnier reason. It supposedly relates to when long-johns were finally packed away. We used these identifications of cold snaps to help us prepare for planting gardens in the old days and staying warm. Ha! It is good to be prepared Matthew 24:44 "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." We look at the forecast thinking we see what the next day brings, the week, even 10 days. Alas in life we know not what the morrow may bring James 4:14 "yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." The weather is unpredictable at times. Life is very unpredictable. You may think you have many days ahead only to find a cold snap come unexpectedly. Please make preparation in your life.

Stoke the Folk!

Have you ever just sat around a fire? It is incredibly therapeutic. A fire seems to bring out wonderful moments of reflection and conversation. Fires are beneficial in many ways with the heat, light, and mood it produces.

God's word is compared to a fire in Jeremiah 23:39. Like a fire it enlightens and penetrates. I believe that the gospel also a fire, and the church needs to be on fire to spread it properly. I also believe that the church that is on fire for the Lord shines brightly in many ways and glorifies Him (cf. Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 3:21). How I wish more brethren would take advantage of the times we burn brightly for the Lord in work and worship.

Have you ever been sitting around a fire that was beginning to dwindle, took a stick and stoked the coals, and the fire would burn brightly again? It is amazing that just moving the burning coals around a little makes such a big difference in the fire.

There's a lesson for all of us in this. It is important to keep moving about serving, working, fellowshiping, and encouraging one another in the church. Doing this breathes needed oxygen into the church and helps the gospel fire to burn in our hearts and lives. The more of us "burning coals" who move around, the brighter we will burn together for the Lord!

So, stoke the fire – stoke the folk! *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"* (Hebrews 10:14-25).

"...and your zeal has stirred up the majority" (2 Cor. 9:2).

*Edd Sterchi
Campbellsville, KY*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 04/25

A.M. Bible Class	119
A.M. Worship Service	170
P.M. Worship Service	187
Wednesday PM	126
Contribution:	\$7,725.00
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



*Ladies'
Night
Out*

**All ladies of the
congregation are invited
to Ladies Night Out
at the home of
Verlin George Monday,
May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
Please bring your Bible
and a favorite dish.**

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**Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
Pilate, of Christ
Acts 9:5**



**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

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(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

***Brooklyn Carroll Ian Carroll Skylar Everett
Zach Holder Aaron Hunter 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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