

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST **MESSENGER**

A place to <u>belong</u>. A place to be <u>loved</u>. A place to <u>serve</u> God and others.

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Church Workers

The work of the local church is an essential element in the salvation of souls. God chose "the foolishness of the message preached to save mankind." That preaching occurs through God's people. "For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Rom 10:13-14). When God adds people to the church, they become servants of the Gospel.

These Christians are nurtured by leaders who are known as elders/bishops/pastors. These three terms, and their related terms, are all used in Acts 20 to describe the same office. In Acts 20:17, Paul summoned the elders of the church. He then described the same group as overseers or bishops and told them to "pastor" or "shepherd" the church in Acts 20:28. All these titles describe the functions this group has. They are elders/presbyters. This is how we know that they function as respected group guides. They are pastors/ shepherds. This is how we know they are responsible for nurturing the flock. They are overseers/bishops. This is how we know they are to look out over the congregation and make sure the sheep are living for God's glory.

Every member of Christ's church is a priest (Rev 1:6). Each of these royal priests is commissioned to work (Eph 2:10; 1 Cor 12:12-25). Each member will, of course, have a different emphasis, but the work must always be focused on glorifying God through worship and preaching of the word (Col 3:16-17; 2 Tim 4:1-5). Paul described various workers in the church in Ephesians 4:11-12. Each of these areas of service focus on preaching the word. Each member should be focused on bringing lost souls to Christ and training others to do the Lord's work so that God would be glorified in their salvation.

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

LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST VBS

JUNE 6TH-9TH JUNE 6TH 6:00 PM JUNE 7TH-9TH 7:00 PM CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, CRAFTS, AND SINGING. 320 DARBYTOWN RD, HOHENWALD, TN, 38462



<u>Sick:</u> *Mike O'Brien* continues his cancer treatments. Tom Kilpatrick went June 4th for check up on previous cancer treatments. George Collison will find out results of tests in a few weeks. Jerry Yates, the brother of Thelma Johns is dealing with cancer and is in need of our prayers as treatment options are determined. Matthew Jones, the son of Jonathan & Michelle Jones is now home and recovering.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Pop Hinson*. His Funeral was held Saturday, May 29th.

<u>Sympathy</u>: to the family and friends of Howard Spears, the son of Jane Spears and brother of Marty Spears. His memorial service will be held June 11th. Visitation from 9:00—11:00 with service at 11:00.

<u>Continue to remember:</u> Jerry Ammons, Lynn Ammons, June Bates— Life Care of Centerville, Neci Baker, Cindy Baxter, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Kenneth Carroll, 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, Janice Sublett, Richard Whitehead and Charles Williams

<u>Shut-ins:</u> Sharon Edwards, Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: Michelle Huff, Melba Ogg and Betty Stafford.

<u>Remember our military:</u> *Dustin Brugmann (*grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), *Kerry Conkle* (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), Jacob Fite (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton)

Roses are Red and We need you.

If you are interested in taking care of the church building roses, please let John Eglinton know.

Youth News

On **June 9th** for VBS we will be providing ice cream after classes. Please bring ice cream. If you have any questions see Saul or Brice. **June 14th**- Linden VBS tell Saul or Brice if you plan to go



The yearly Diana Singing for June 11-12 has been cancelled this year. We are planning to have our own Singing on <u>June 11th</u> to coincide with other congregations. If you have interest in this, please let Boo or Matthew know.



dealt with the dead, and with

me"? To whom did she 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. ...

Plan now for our upcoming gospel meeting on July 11-13....A TRUE GOLD DIGGER IS ONE WHO FORGETS THE PAST AND GOES FORWARD IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING,,,,And remember that God gave us memory so that we could have roses in December.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE; What happens when you take a bath with a toaster? The answer will shook you....Amal and Juan are identical twins. Their mom only carries one baby photo. Because if you've seen Juan you've see Amal.....Teacher to Johnny. Would you like to go to Heaven? No...Mom told me to come straight home.

Boo's Belyeu

By June 6th, 1942 the Battle of Midway had practically come to an end. Only six months after Pearl Harbor the United States took a decisive victory from Japan. Many mark it as turning the tide in the Pacific during World War II. World War II had many battles, but some were major in changing the outcome. Likewise in life we have many battles and some are more significant than others. Some even may mark a turning point in our lives. What direction will you choose? How will you respond to the battle? James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." While this may sound easy, the truth is giving ourselves to the Lord requires commitment. It requires a mindset of victory. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." 1st Cor. 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Whatever the battle we face our assurance of victory is in Jesus. Make the choice to follow him no matter the opponent.

Sign Me Up!

Have you ever received an offer that seemed too good to refuse? Perhaps at a department store the clerk entices with 25 percent off your purchase if you sign up for a credit card. Or, you watch a demonstration of a fantastic new product but the catch is you must buy it right away if you want the best value. Maybe you have even been lured into one of those "free kitten" or "free puppy" deals in the dollar store parking lot. Sometimes we are quick to say, "Sign me up" and don't think about living with our decision on a daily basis—whether it is good or bad.

Not only does this happen in worldly decisions, but also in spiritual decisions. When Peter, Andrew, James, and John were all called to follow Jesus, they "straightway" and "immediately" followed him (Mat. 4:18-22). Did they realize the kind of commitment they were making? Did they understand the sufferings they would have to endure? Jesus would later speak of the great commitment and sacrifice in following Him. He said that He had no place to lay His head (Mat. 8:20) and a man must forsake all that he has to be His disciple (Luke 14:33). Furthermore, Jesus would speak of the suffering that His followers must endure by being persecuted (Mat. 5:11) and hated because of Him (Mark 13:13).

We are not much different today. Following after Christ is a big decision and there are persecutions and sacrifices involved (2 Tim. 3:12). Yet, it is wonderful when people make that decision very quickly and show themselves to be dedicated every step of the way—no matter what. Such was the case with Peter, Andrew, James, and John. In spite of human weaknesses, they proved to be valuable servants of the Lord until the end of their lives. They said, "Sign me up" and they meant it! There were no gimmicks, presents, or accolades; but, there was they promise of something greater to come. We have the same promise of an eternal inheritance (Col. 3:23,24). So, what do you say? "Sign me up!"

> Derrick Coble West Sparta church of Christ Sparta, TN

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 05/30

A.M. Bible Class	118
A.M. Worship Service	195
P.M. Worship Service	88
Wednesday PM	141
Contribution:	\$23,306.00
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

Please check in the Christian Service Center for Dishes that have been left from various meals.



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Lomax Christian Day School 796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer: Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:47

DON'T

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



Lomax Family 4th of July Night Saturday, July 3rd Eating at 6:00 Fireworks and Games to follow

If you would like to donate to the fireworks, please see Matthew Farr

ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463 John Eglinton—446-5646 Rick Morrow —615-430-6663 Mike Parker—628-2961 (Please leave a message)

DEACONS

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)



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