

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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Will To God?

Perhaps our will is like a horse waiting for a rider. Our will is to be led by ourselves, Satan, or God. Only when our will is led by God can we find the right path. Unless our hearts are steered by God, we are "blinded" and "cannot see the light of the gospel" (2 Cor 4:4).

God graciously points us to himself. He works through the Scriptures to point out our sinfulness and need for salvation which we cannot earn for ourselves. Romans 3:20 teaches us that "through the law comes knowledge of sin." Romans 5:20 clarifies that "the Law came in so that the offense would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that as sin reigned in death, so also grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The Scriptures—especially the Law—highlight sinfulness and our need for the Savior.

Even without the Law, humanity has a conscience that inflicts guilt for wrongdoing and induces righteous living. The Gentiles, who did not have the Law, had a law—the conscience—written on their hearts. Paul said, "They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them" (Rom 2:15).

With a sense of guilt, we begin to seek out how to find comfort for our conscience. We may choose to ignore our guilt. We may choose to convince everyone our sin is acceptable, but our sin will still be sin and we will still need saving. Ultimately, we must follow the prophet who said, "Seek good and not evil, and you will live" (Amos 5:14).

How do we seek good? We must seek God. Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone" (Lk 18:19). To find the good then, we must seek God. In this way, our "wills" are brought into subjection to God so that God may lead us home.

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



Celebration
Saturday, July 3rd
Eating at 6:30
Fireworks and Games to
follow. See Kara for food.
If you would like to donate
to the fireworks, please see
Matthew Farr or Donnie
DeBord.



<u>Sick:</u> *Mike O'Brien* was taken to hospital last Sunday for dehydration. He was treated and released. He continues with his cancer treatments. **Jim Grinder** has spinal stenosis. Please keep Jim & Sharon in your prayers. **Jana Grimes** had a stent put in Thursday the 24th and recovering. **Jeannette West** is recovering from shoulder surgery but now has a pinched nerve in her back. **Jerry Yates**, the brother of Thelma Johns has started chemo treatments please keep him in your prayers.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Tommy Cagle**. His funeral was held Wednesday, June 23rd.

Continue to remember: 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, 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, Melba Ogg 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)

To our Youth

Financial Assistance is available for any Church of Christ Christian Camp. Please send an e-mail or a letter to the Lomax Church of Christ.

Lomax Church of Christ

320 Darbytown Road

Hohenwald, TN 38462

E-Mail—youthcamp@lomaxchurch.com



Food For Friends: <u>July 1st</u>

Team 3 (Sharon & Sue)

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



Our monthly Food for Families distribution is <u>Thursday</u>, June 17th

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

A LOOK AHEAD

June 27—L2L Information Mtg.

June 28—Primetimers trip to Aetna Gospel

Meeting. Sign up in foyer.

<u>July 3</u>—4th of July Celebration **July 7**—Family Meal Night w/Spaghetti.

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<u>July 11-13</u>—Gospel Meeting with Dr. Justin Rogers

July 15—Primetimers Trip to Beacon Light

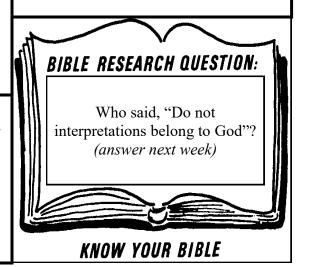
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July 16—Singing at Springer

July 17—Sign up sheet in lobby for trip to

Nashville Sounds.

July 24—MSYC Fish Fry August 1—Back to School Devo.



Boo's Belyeu

Independence Day will be next weekend July the 4th. We sometimes forget it is not celebrated everywhere. I imagine Great Britain especially doesn't celebrate the 4th. Ha! Our independence is special to us alone. Other countries/people wish they had the freedom we experience. It certainly should be celebrated and not forgotten or taken for granted. Likewise our freedom from sin should not be taken lightly, nor should we neglect to remember and cherish this freedom. Gal. 5:1 "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." If we forget the sacrifice made for our independence, we can lose it. In the same manner we must remember the sacrifice made for our independence from sin. It is the reason we take the Lord's Supper each Sunday lest we forget. Just as we discussed at the start not everyone celebrates the independence of the United States, also not everyone celebrates freedom from sin in Christ. Let us encourage them to be a part of this freedom from sin by becoming a Christian.

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

We are excited about our future events and growing closer towards the Lord! Remember the Son always shines at Lomax! We count everyone because everyone counts.

Upcoming Events:

- * **Today**, we will be having another Lads to Leaders planning meeting at 5:15. We are going to start working on our events and participation for next year's convention. If you want to have input or want to participate in any way please come to the meeting.
- * Wednesday, July 7th, We will have our next family meal night. The theme is **spaghetti**. See Saul or Kara to sign up for food
- * Saturday, July 17th, We are going to the Nashville Sounds game, sign up in the foyer if you would like to go so we can get a number for tickets.

On the lighter side...

Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angle pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door?

They're hushers."



Birthdays

7th – Henry Sloan 8th – Asher Webb 10th – Malcom George 11th – Cynthia Kilpatrick 11th – Josh Roberson 12th – Liza Amacher 12th – Michael Grav 12th – Keali Sloan 13th – Andolyn Carroll 15th – Jane Lawson 16th – Barbara Tatum 18th – Cole Farr 22nd – Jeff Dye 23rd—Breena Carroll 24th – Elgie Parrish 26th – Sandra Clayton 27th—Jerry Ammons 29th – Britni Sloan



Anniversaries

1st – Danny & Carolyn Spears 2nd – Tommy & Sandra Clayton 5th—Billy & Lauren Reese 6th – Colby & Lauren Hamm 13th—Ethan & Leanna Owens 23rd – Boyd & Jeannette West 26th – Malcom & Verlin George 28th – J.W. & Jean Curry 30th – Greg & Lisa Amacher

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 06/20

A.M. Bible Class 131
A.M. Worship Service 206
P.M. Worship Service 83
Wednesday PM 99
Contribution: \$7,896.00
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

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There will be a family meal night Wednesday, <u>July 7th</u> at 5:30 pm in the CSC. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. We will be having spaghetti tonight, so see Kara or Saul for details.

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Last week's Know Your Bible Answer: Balaam Numbers 23:8



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)

DEACONSWesley 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)

Roses are Red and We need you.

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



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