



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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Freedom

We like to think we are free people. We Americans declared our independence over 200 years ago. But are we truly free? Perhaps something is still in charge of your life? What rules over you?

John 8:36 teaches us that if the son sets us free then we are free indeed so what if the son has not set us free? If we aren't free in we ever still in and Christ then bondage to something. Romans 6:17-18 described how we have been freed by Christ from sin. Until then, we are struggling with sin as our ruler. What rules your heart? Is It a secret sin? Is It some sin you refuse to acknowledge? As long as you stay in that sinful life, you will be ruled by that sin. Wouldn't it be for better to be ruled by Christ?

Look at what the Spirit wrote by Paul. He said: "Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness." In this way, we are truly free. What does it mean to be free? "Freedom is the state that emerges after God has acted to remove all hindrances—social, spiritual (sin and death), economic, and institutional—that block our creational purpose. This purpose is to know, love, worship, and enjoy God forever" (*Lexham Theological Wordbook*). We don't have to be ruled by sin. We don't have to have another day ruined by our sin problem. We don't have to live on fear of being discovered. We can be saved—set free from sin! What is keeping you in bondage to sin? What are you afraid of losing? Isn't Christ far greater than sin?

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

Gospel Meeting July 11—13

Dr. Justin Rogers—Minister
Broadstreet Church of Christ
Lexington, Tennessee

Sunday School—9:00 am
Worship—10:00 am
Lunch

Afternoon Service at 12:45 pm
Monday & Tuesday @ 7:00 pm



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Mike O'Brien* was taken to hospital last Sunday for dehydration. He was treated and released. He continues with his cancer treatments. **Jim Grinder** will have surgery for spinal stenosis July 20th. Please keep Jim & Sharon in your prayers. **Jana Grimes** had a stent put in Thursday the 24th and is now home recovering. **Mann Nutt** is at home not doing well and requests our prayers. **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. **Sherry Conkle**, the sister-in-law of Ralph Conkle has suffered a stroke and a brain bleed and is in need of our prayers. **Thomas McMillian**, the husband of Sarah McMillian had successful heart surgery and hopes to come home soon.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Jane Lawson**, the wife of Bill Lawson. Her memorial service was held Thursday, July 1st.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of **Martha Craig**. Her graveside service was held Thursday, July 1st in Linden.

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, 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

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

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

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Morgan McKissack Lampley, the daughter of Mylie McKissack on receiving her Masters of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Their new address for your records: Bill & Morgan McKissack Lampley
1031-A Woodland Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation have received a donation to the Day School Program in memory of Jane Lawson.

The Lomax Congregation has received a donation to the Food for Friends Program in memory of Pop Hinson.



Food For Friends: July 8th

Team 4 (Betsy & Bonnie)

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, July 15th**

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

A LOOK AHEAD

July 7—Family Meal Night w/Spaghetti. See Saul or Kara for food.

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

July 15—Primitimers Trip to Beacon Light @ 4:00 pm

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.

August 4—Family Meal Night

August 14—Primitimers Trip to James K. Polk Home & Catfish Campus

August 20—Grinders Creek Singing

August 22—Friends & Family Day

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Give alms of such things as ye have"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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Next week we will begin our Gospel Meeting. "Gospel Meetings" refer to assemblies of people who have come together for the purpose of hearing the gospel of Christ preached to them. In the New Testament we might think of Phillip being sent to Samaria in Acts 8 or Paul and his missionary journeys. The current "Gospel Meetings" as we have them today came from the "Restoration" period (1790-1840) where folks were seeking to follow only what the Bible taught in becoming a Christian and worship. These meetings challenged folks to study their Bible and gleam from it only what God wants you to do. We can see in history the Civil War, WW I and II had an impact on people searching for a solution to their problems caused from the anxieties of war. Today we have faced a pandemic. It is our prayer even during a trying situation good can come from it. People will think about their future life with Jesus Christ after death. The Bible holds the key to our future with Christ. We must encourage others to heed its call.

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.

We need adult volunteers to help with 2022 Lads to Leaders. We need volunteers to help coordinate different events and to judge during conventions. Make plans to help if you can. If any student wants to participate please fill out an information sheet and return it to Brice.

Upcoming Events:

- * **Wednesday, July 7th**, We will have our next family meal night. The theme is **spaghetti**. See Saul or Kara to sign up for food.
- * **Sunday, August 1st**, is the back to school devo make plans to attend.

Stay tuned for more events in the future!

On the lighter side...

How are toddlers and those who attempted to build a tower to Heaven similar? They all babble.

The Flag We Fly

As Americans, there are few sights that thrill us as much as seeing the "Stars and Stripes" billowing in the breeze over a free nation. When July 4th rolls around, many of us find ourselves rallying around our flag, thankful for the freedom we enjoy in our great country. The common purpose and unity that we feel under that flag should be something that binds us together toward causes greater than ourselves.

Likewise—but in a much more meaningful and important sense—Christians rally together under a common flag: Jesus the Christ. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when "the root of Jesse" (a term for the Messiah) would stand as a banner to the people, and the Gentiles would seek Him (Isaiah 11:10). Both Jews and Gentiles would rally to the Messiah, which means this passage was looking forward to a time when the church had been established. In the New Testament, Jesus said that if He be lifted up, He would draw all peoples to Himself (John 12:32), calling them to a true spiritual freedom through sacrificial death on the cross (John 8:32,36). Both Jews and Gentiles rallied to the banner of the Messiah, wiping out all national lines as far as the kingdom of God was concerned (Gal. 3:26-29).

What a beautiful image! Those who seek to know God in truth will come to Jesus through His gospel, and be united together in His kingdom for a common salvation and mission. There is no greater freedom! So while we celebrate our political freedom this July 4th, remember too how Christ has made us free, and rally always to His banner.

Matt Clifton

Judsonia church of Christ

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BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 06/27

A.M. Bible Class	139
A.M. Worship Service	188
P.M. Worship Service	102
Wednesday PM	115
Contribution:	\$6,792.25
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, July 7th 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:
Joseph
Genesis 40:8



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

ELDERS:

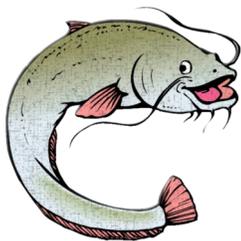
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(Please leave a message)

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)

Roses are Red and We need you.

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



MSJC Fish Fry
July 24th
4:00—6:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10—see Boo, Yogie or Mylie.

If you would like to donate pies, please see Rose or Mylie.

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