

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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Studying God in the Psalms

In the fourth century, Mecellinus asked his prominent friend and defender of the faith Athanasius how to understand the book of Psalms. Athanasius responded, "My child, all the books of Scripture, both old and new are inspired of God and useful for instruction, as it is written. But to those who really study it, the Psalter yields especial treasure."

In most every other book of Scripture, we read as though we are reading the thoughts of another, but in reading the Psalms, we feel our own thoughts to God—thoughts of praise, anger, confession, lament, and hope. In reading the Psalms, it as though God were shaping our emotions as we live before him and how we might express our emotions to him. One reformer wrote, "I have been accustomed to call this book, I think not inappropriately, "An Anatomy of all the Parts of the Soul." For there is not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror. Or rather, the Holy Spirit has presented in a living image all the griefs, sorrows, fears, doubts, hopes, cares, perplexities, in short, all the emotions with which human minds are often disturbed" (Calvin, Commentary on the Psalms, Introduction).

At the same time, we must remember that the New Testament writers and our Lord himself looked to the Psalms to find prophecies of Christ and the words of Christ himself. For example, the 22nd Psalm could not be read without thinking of Christ. "It is the profound Christian persuasion that Christ walks within the Psalms, and this is the reason that the Book of Psalms is the Old Testament book most often quoted in the New Testament. When He opened their eyes to the meaning of Holy Scripture, the risen Lord explained to His disciples the things concerning Himself "in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms" (Luke 24:44)" (Reardon, *Christ in the Psalms*).

In Acts 4:24-30 we find a record of the Psalms use in ancient worship. Over the next few days we have the opportunity to study from the Psalms. In this study we will invest ourselves in the study of Scripture so that we might better understand our God and ourselves.

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



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

<u>Sick:</u> Mike O'Brien will be moving to Minnesota. He will have treatment at Mayo clinic. Please keep Mike and Kathy in your prayers. Jim Grinder will have surgery for spinal stenosis July 20th. Jeff Dye is at home with pneumonia in his left lung. Mike Tatum will have a pacemaker put in on July 19th. Please keep Jim & Sharon in your prayers. Lynn Ammons will have surgery on July 20th. Mann Nutt is at home not doing well and requests our prayers. Jerry Yates, the brother of Thelma Johns has started chemo treatments please keep him in your prayers. Greg McCann, the brother of Molly McCann & nephew of Lynn & Betsy Tiller, had shoulder surgery and is now at home but continues to need prayers as he still suffers with seizures. Sherry Conkle, the sister-in-law of Ralph Conkle has suffered a stroke and a brain bleed and is in need of our prayers. Tommy Rasbury is now in NHC Columbia. Thomas McMillian, the husband of Sarah McMillian had successful heart surgery. Is now at home but dealing with blood pressure issues.

<u>Continue to remember:</u> Jerry Ammons, Lynn Ammons, June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, 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

<u>In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:</u> 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), and Jacob Fite (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton).



Garth, Haley & Gwyneth Richardson 1650 Wolf Creek Road Centerville, TN 37033



Sign up sheets are in the lobby for those interested in the trip to see the Nashville Sounds on July 17th. See Brice or Saul for details.



Food For Friends:

<u>July 15th</u>

Team 5 (Kay & Kathy)

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



Our monthly Food for Families distribution is <u>Thursday</u>, July 15th

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

A LOOK AHEAD

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

<u>July 15</u>—Primetimers 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

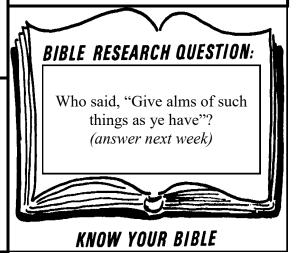
August 1—Back to School Devo.

August 4—Family Meal Night

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

<u>August 20</u>—Grinders Creek Singing

August 22—Friends & Family Day





Boo's Belyeu

This week in history 2 events occurred that are so opposite. On July 17th Disneyland opened in 1955. A nostalgia, fantasy, futurism, adventure theme park for children and adults were you could escape life for a few hours. Also this week on July 16th, 1945 just 10 years prior to Disney the Manhattan Project comes to fruition. A successful first atomic bomb was detonated. The mushroom cloud of searing light stretched 40,000 feet into the air and generated the destructive power of 15,000 to 20,000 tons of TNT. The tower on which the bomb sat was vaporized.

Two historic events completely opposite one to leave this world in a sense and be taken to a make believe world of joy and happiness; the other the wicked and terrible effects of war. We have heard the expression "war is Hell." Certainly for those who have first-hand knowledge would attest to the terribleness, the unforgettable memories of war. The Bible attests to how terrible Hell is. Matthew 13:42 "42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." While Heaven is not a fantasy, the description is so marvelous, so wonderful nothing else compares. Revelation 21:21 tells of a pearly white city with streets of gold; 21:4 "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 2nd Cor. 2:9 "But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— We see then a description of incredible value both from our physical eyes and emotional. Make the choice of Heaven today.

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:

* Sunday, August 1st, is the back to school devo make plans to attend.

On the lighter side...

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Answer: He was Ruthless.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Tree of Knowkedge



Another Quarter has passed and our students have been working hard to memorize Bible verses for the Tree of Knowledge. This program helps our students to learn God's word, and the students work hard to meet their goals for each quarter. We would like to take this time to congratulate the students who memorized particular Scriptures in

Spring Quarter March, April and May

2 & 3 year olds memorized Philippians 4:4

Rawlin Carroll
Ace Chapin
Jager Richards
Tanner Carroll
Asher Eglinton
Rex Riley
Tytus Staggs

4 & 5 year olds memorized Matthew 22:37

Charlie Carroll
Will Chapin
Kensley Kilgore
Faith Richards

Parker Carroll
Ellie Hamm
Remington Polan
Sawyer Seiber

1st & 2nd Grade memorized Mark 16:15

Evie Debord Ansley Lomax Drucilla Spears Gracie Staggs

Previous Goals Mastered
Emily Lomax—Acts of Worship
Lennox Riley—Romans 8:31

Summer Quarter Goals

(2 & 3 year olds) - John 14:15 (4 & 5 year olds) - Books of the NT (1st & 2nd Grade) - Matthew 7:12 (3rd & 4th Grade) - John 14:1-4

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 07/04

A.M. Bible Class	127
A.M. Worship Service	208
P.M. Worship Service	113
Wednesday PM	125
Contribution:	\$8,400.25
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

Primetimers

Trip to the Beacon Light
Restaurant in Bon Aqua - July 15th
@ 4:00 pm, Sign up sheets are in
the foyer.



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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:

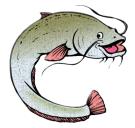
Jeff Dye — 306-8463 John Eglinton—446-5646 Rick Morrow —615-430-6663 Mike Parker—628-2961 (Please leave a message)

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)

Roses are Red and We need you.

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



MSYC 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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