



# 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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## *Essentials*

Around 14 years ago a lady called the church house and asked me what we believed. I wasn't sure just what to tell her in a brief phone call, but that brief and awkward conversation helped me to realize how important it is to be able to know what you believe and share it with others quickly.

1 Peter 3:15 commands us to "sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always be ready to make a defense to all who ask you a reason concerning the hope in you." Biblical doctrine is essential. It is also essential for us to be able to know and be able to locate the relevant passages which teach particular biblical doctrines so that we might responsibly share them with others.

Beginning this Sunday morning, our sermons will focus on familiarizing ourselves with one main passage for the main doctrines of Christianity. Here is our tentative schedule: 1) What is the Bible? 2 Tim 3:15-16; 2) Is There a God? Heb 3:4; 3) Who Is Jesus? Heb 1:1-4; 4) Who Is the Spirit? Jn 14; 5) What is Sin? 1 Jn 3:1-10; 6) How Can I Be Saved? Acts 2; 7) What is the Christian Life About? Rom 12; 8) How Do We Sing? Eph 5:19; 9) How Do We Have the Lord's Supper? 1 Cor 11; 10) How Do We Pray? 1 Tim 2; 11) How Do We Give? 1 Cor 16; 12) How Do We Preach? 2 Tim 4; 13) What Happens at the End? 2 Pet 3.

I hope this new sermon series will help us all to be familiar with important Bible doctrines and then also to be able to share reasons for our faith as we have opportunities to talk with others.

Donnie L. DeBord, M.Div, Th.M

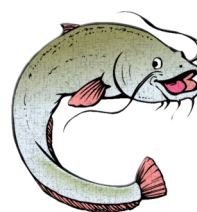
## *Welcome to Lomax!*

### **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



## **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.**

**Bus will run to MSJC—  
Leaving at 3:00**

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** **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. Please keep Jim & Sharon in your prayers. **Mike Tatum** will have a pacemaker put in on July 19th. **Lynn Ammons** will have surgery on July 20th. **Tom Kilpatrick** will have a procedure on his leg on Friday, July 23th. **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 rehabilitation. **Tommy Rasbury** is now in NHC Columbia. **Thomas McMillian**, the husband of Sarah McMillian had successful heart surgery. Is now at home with an infection and being treated with antibiotics. **Rose Lynn James**, the wife of Tom James and cousin of Greg Mullinicks had surgery to have a watchman device installed to help with blood clots. She is now at home. **Tony Staggs**, the cousin of Crystal Swinea had a heart transplant and requests our prayers as he recovers.

**Sympathy to the friends and family of** Sherry Conkle, the sister-in-law of Ralph and Sue Conkle. Her funeral was held Wednesday Evening, July 14th in Bristol, TN.

**Sympathy to the friends and family of** Billy Townsend, former judge of Lewis County. No arrangements at this time.

**Continue to remember:** 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

**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).



**Food For Friends:**

**July 22nd**

**Team 5 (Kay & Annette)**

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, August 19th**

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

### A LOOK AHEAD

**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

**August 20**—Grinders Creek Singing

**August 22**—Friends & Family Day



Thanks to all who participated in the Coin Cans for the Tennessee Children's Home. This effort raised \$539.20



**We Welcome to the Lomax Family**  
**Connie Nolin**  
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**931-796-5344**



**Garth, Haley & Gwyneth Richardson**  
**1650 Wolf Creek Road**  
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### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who named a stone Eben-ezer, meaning, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu

July 18<sup>th</sup> is National Listening Day. We certainly need to listen James 1:19 says, "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;" Think of how many times had we listened we could have avoided controversy. As the old saying is we have 2 ears and 1 mouth that should tell us which to use the most. Proverbs 12:15 "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice." Many times we are more interested in expressing our own thoughts, rather than listening to advice. Luke 11:28 "But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" While it is good to listen, we must put into practice what we have heard. Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Can there be anything more important than to hear God's word? John 6:68 "Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,"

## 2021 Gospel Meeting Numbers

Sunday School—143	Sunday Worship—225
Sunday Evening—113	Monday Evening—133
Tuesday—148	

## 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.

Stay tuned for more events in the future!

## Choose to 'Do Well'

While watching a movie entitled *An Old Fashioned Christmas* on the Hallmark Channel, I scribbled down an outstanding observation a character made about choosing a path in this world.

In this movie, which is based on a story set in the 1880's by Louisa May Alcott, one young man took a house guest out to a pub and got him drunk. Later at the dinner table, with the entire family gathered around, his behavior was brought to light. The young instigator played the event off by saying, "It's all part of becoming a man!" His mother profoundly said, "It depends on what kind of man one wishes to become."

The lesson in this simple statement is powerful. What we become depends a lot upon the choices we make. As God told Cain in Gen. 4:7, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. Its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

Cain didn't amount to much, because he didn't rule over his desire to sin. Like the young man in the movie, if we accept sin as a "rite of passage," we are quite literally choosing sin, and a path that leads away from God and toward destruction.

If you want to become the kind of person God wants you to be, choose to "do well." Refuse sin and live for Jesus!

*Matt Clifton*

*BulletinDigest.com*

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 07/11**

A.M. Bible Class	143
A.M. Worship Service	225
P.M. Worship Service	113
Wednesday PM	119
Contribution:	\$7,759.50
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



Wesley Carroll has resigned as a deacon of the Lomax Congregation. The Elders have accepted his resignation with great appreciation for his work with the Day School and with the Church Bus.

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**Lomax Christian Day**  
**School**  
**796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your**  
**Bible Answer:**  
**Christ**  
**Luke 11:41**



**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**

**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.



**Devotional**  
**August 1st**

**after PM Services.**

**Bring Desserts & Drinks**

**Please see Kara or Matthew Farr**  
**if you would like to donate for**  
**school supplies.**

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