



# 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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## ***How Are You Special?***

You are a person. You are special. Have you ever wondered why? Why are you a special person? Are you special because of what you can do or are you special because of what you have to offer or are you special just because you are?

You are valuable because you exist. God created humanity in his own image (Gen 1:27). All of humanity—this includes you—are image bearers. Humans reflect God's glory—or at least that is their purpose. We struggle with hiding God's glory with our own selfishness—that is what the Bible describes as sin. To fall short of God's glory or identity (Rom 3:23).

Human identity as image bearers does not depend on personal capabilities or functionality. Every person is an image bearer despite what he or she may be capable of—good or bad. As God's image bearers, every person has value. This value is not to be attacked or diminished by oneself or by someone else. Every person has the right to life. This value is we can say that every person has been "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable." This value is why you are valuable.

Your identity is also determined by God. God did not make you to be a catfish or a gorilla. God made you to be his image bearer—a human person that is either male or female. Gender identity and the creation of humanity is linked closely in Scripture's record of creation. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." If God created you as a man, you can glorify God as a man. If God created you as a woman, you can glorify God as a woman. The two genders complement one another for God's glory and their own good.

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



## **Devotional August 1st**

**after PM Services.**

**Bring Desserts & Drinks**

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

## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

**Sick:** **Mike O'Brien** will have a consultation at the Mayo clinic on July 23rd. Please keep Mike and Kathy in your prayers. **Jim Grinder** had successful surgery for spinal stenosis and now at home. **Mike Tatum** had a pacemaker put in on July 19th and is now home recovering. **Lynn Ammons** had successful surgery and is now home recovering. **Tom Kilpatrick** will have a procedure on his leg on Friday, July 23th. **Joe Griner**, minister of the Salem congregation has been in the hospital with pneumonia. **Arleus Dye** is to have tests run. **Jerry Yates**, the brother of Thelma Johns has started chemo treatments please keep him in your prayers. **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. **David Roth**, the nephew of Wilma Churchwell had a stint put in last Monday and is at home recovering. **Tony Staggs**, the cousin of Crystal Swinea had a heart transplant and requests our prayers as he recovers. **Barbara Massey**, friend of John & Karen Eglinton has been diagnosed with breast cancer and requests our prayers.

**Sympathy to the friends and family of** Billy Townsend, former judge of Lewis County. Funeral was held Saturday, July 17th..

**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 29th**

### **Team 7 (Cynthia & Betsy)**

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**

**August 1**—Back to School Devo.

**August 4**—Family Meal Night

**August 7**—Canoe Trip to Crazy Horse

**August 8**—Youth Committee Meeting

**August 14**—Primetimers Trip to James

K. Polk Home & Catfish Campus

**August 15**—L2L Meeting @5:30

**August 20**—Grinder's Creek Singing

**August 20**—5th Quarter Devo.

**August 22**—Friends & Family Day

**August 28**—Parents Night Out



## **BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said of God, "His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom"?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu

Yesterday we had the MSYC fish fry. Mid-South Youth Camp has been around for a long time. 1963 was the first year. MSYC means so much to many of us. In our Primetimer class this week Brice lead "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." I looked over at Scott Mullinicks and said what's for lunch? He knew immediately what I was thinking. This song was always sung every time before we ate at camp. It is great to have memories of good places that drew us closer to Christ. Over the years so many young people have come to Christ at camp. We have a special fund now that makes sure any child wanting to go to camp can. The reason we have this is because of how much camp meant to some folks. It is a wonderful thing when we can influence our young people for Christ. Appreciate all of you who have helped raise funds for MSYC. Pie makers, workers who went for fish fry, donations, and of course prayers were greatly appreciated. Come to think of it we are all making memories of what we did for Christ.

## LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

The youth group had a great time last weekend at the Nashville Sounds game. It's always great to get together and enjoy one another's company. As we look to the future and the back-to-school season, 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 in August:

- \* **Sunday, August 1st** is the *Back to School Devo*. Make plans to attend!
- \* **Sunday, August 1st** will begin a *new young adult class* in the chapel. This will be a great time for growing closer to the Lord and one another.
- \* **Wednesday, August 4th** will be our next *Family Meal Night* at 5:30pm. Bring a crockpot dish for a potluck!
- \* **Saturday, August 7th** will be a *canoeing trip* from Crazy Horse Kayaking. See Brice or Saul for more details & to sign up.
- \* **Sunday, August 8th** will be our next *Youth Committee meeting* after morning service. Plan to attend if you or your child plans on attending any events as we will be going over what is expected on events and outings as a youth group, & we will have a list of upcoming events.
- \* **Sunday, August 15th** will be our next *Lads to Leaders* meeting at 5:15p.m.
- \* **Friday, August 20th** will be our *5th Quarter Devo*. We will plan to have a group that sits together at the game, then we will head back to the CSC after the game. Bring desserts and drinks.
- \* **Sunday, August 22nd** will be a *Friends and Family Day*. We will have a *Pewpackers singing* between services.
- \* **Saturday, August 28th** will be a *Parents' Night Out* for students 5th grade and below. We will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. to eat dinner and watch a movie, & we will be done by 8:00 pm.. We will need additional adult & teenage volunteers to help watch the kids.

## Back To School? Please Pray For Our Children!

As school begins, we must monitor our kids each day. Brad Harrub identified reasons we are losing our children along with solutions to ensure our kids will remain steadfast in their walk with Christ.

### Reasons We Are Losing Our Kids:

1. Lack of Knowledge (Hosea 4:6, 1 Peter 3:15).
2. Lack of Combat Preparation (Eph. 6:13-17).
3. Lack of Protection of our Children's Hearts, Minds (Matt. 22:37-38).
4. Lack of Proper Training in the Lord (Deut. 6:5-9).
5. Lack of Proper Teaching (Isaiah 59:2).
6. Lack of Proper Priorities (Matt. 6:24).
7. Lack of Interest (Romans 16:1-2).

### How do we respond as parents?

1. Fill our kids with Bible knowledge!
  2. Prepare our children for combat/challenges!
  3. Protect their hearts & minds!
  4. Train our kids up in the nurture & admonition of the Lord.
  5. Teach our children the proper portrait of God!
  6. Model proper priorities of life!
  7. Be consistent with words & actions!
- We must understand the challenges our children are facing. Our children need us to respond so they can remain resilient!

Allen Jones  
Glasgow, KY

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 07/18**

A.M. Bible Class	113
A.M. Worship Service	184
P.M. Worship Service	104
Wednesday PM	108
Contribution:	\$8,085.00
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



*Ladies'  
Night  
Out*

**All ladies of the  
congregation are invited  
to Ladies Night Out  
at the home of  
Lauren Hamm Monday,  
July 26th at 6:00 p.m.  
Please bring your Bible  
and a favorite dish.**

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**Lomax Christian Day  
School  
796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:  
Samuel  
I Samuel 7:12**



**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.



There will be a family meal night  
**Wednesday, August 4th** at 5:30 pm in  
the CSC. Everyone is invited to come  
and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship.  
Please see Brice, Kara or Saul for  
details.

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