



# 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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## Is God Perfect?

Most Christians would immediately answer yes! God is perfect. One of the classic descriptions of God's perfection was from Boethius who wrote that God is "That then which comprehendeth and possesseth the whole fullness of an endless life together." Bavinck said "God is the real, the true being, the fullness of being, the sum total of all reality and perfection, the totality of being, from which all other being owes its existence. He is an immeasurable and unbounded ocean of being; the absolute being who alone has being in himself."

What do we mean when we say that God is perfect? What does God's perfection mean to us? God's perfection is described in Scripture as his fullness, boundlessness, and perfection. God is perfect, and his people are expected to pursue that perfection in their lives (Matt 5:48). God is perfect life. He has "life in himself" (Jn 5:26). He is the God who simply "is" (Ex 3:14). God is "perfect in knowledge" (Jb 37:16). God's ways are "perfect" (Ps 18:30). His work is "perfect" (Deut 32:4). Jesus said that he is "the life" (Jn 14:6). All the "fullness of God" was pleased to dwell in the Son (Col 1:19). Since God is perfect, he does not and cannot change in his essence (Js 1:17), in his will (Mal 3:16) or his mind (Num 23:19-20).

God's perfection is also seen in his self-existence. There was no "before God." No one created God. God is the necessary first cause of all contingent things. God made all things and is not limited to physical habitation (Acts 17:24). God is not served by humanity because he requires service to exist (Acts 17:25). Instead, out of his infinite nature, God makes everything without losing anything (Acts 17:26). This God is perfect. Bavinck wrote said "As One who exists of and through and unto himself, he is the fullness of being, the independent and supremely perfect Being." There is, therefore, no "potential" in God as there is potential in us. He is already perfect--the fullness of life.

What does God's perfection mean to us? First, since God is perfect, we know that we can and do depend upon his perfection for our lives. Second, we know that God will always do that which is best since he is perfect and there are no weaknesses within him. Third, we understand that we should seek him as the ultimate reality. He is perfect goodness, beauty, and truth. Finally, we must adore him. Adoration of God is necessary because he alone is perfect and therefore worthy of worship.

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:** *Lynn Ammons* is now at home recovering from surgery but requests no visitors at this time. *Tom Kilpatrick* will have a second procedure on his leg this coming week. *Jana Grimes* will have heart surgery but date has not been determined as of yet. week.

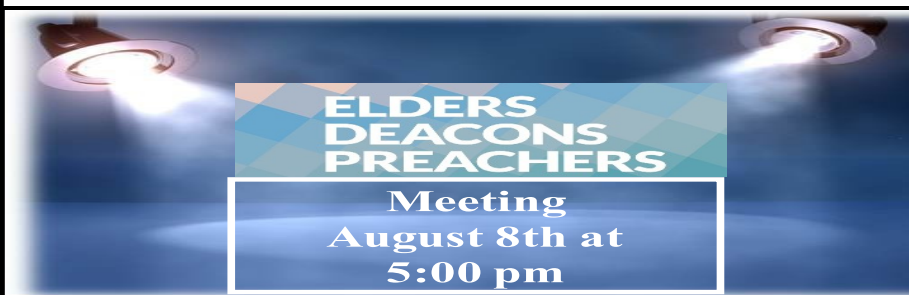
## Sympathy to the friends and family of

**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, Jim Gridner, Jana Grimes, Janice Johnston, Faye Kilpatrick, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Thomas McMillian, Mike O'Brien, Chuck Oppermann, Tommy Rasbury—NHC Columbia, David Roth, Janice Sublett, Mike Tatum, Richard Whitehead, Charles Williams and Jerry Yates.*

**Shut-ins:** *Sharon Edwards, Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner*

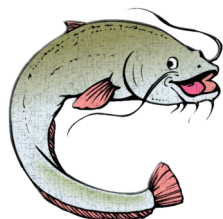
**In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:** *Michelle Huff, Melba Ogg and Betty Stafford.*

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



## Primetimers

Trip to James K. Polk Home and to Catfish Campus - August 14th @ 8:00 am, Sign up sheets are in the foyer.



## MSYC Fish Fry

**24 from Lomax worked the Fish Fry. 467 plates were served. Thanks to all who provided pies and participated at MSYC this past Saturday.**



## Food For Friends:

**August 5th**

**Team 1 (Betty & Betty)**

*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 1-3**—Springer Gospel Meeting

**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

**August 29**—Shower for Tyler Hinson and Elizabeth Ulmer.

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "He that is not with me is against me"?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu

With the Olympics in progress I began to wonder what athlete had overcome the most. When I googled it several came up, Wilma Rudolph jumped out at me. She was born prematurely 4.5 pounds in 1940 the 20<sup>th</sup> child of 22 siblings. As a young child she had measles, whooping cough, was paralyzed by polio, many doctors felt she would never walk again. She contracted both scarlet fever and double pneumonia both of which almost killed her. Rudolph was fitted with metal leg braces at age 9. By the time she was 12 she had regained her ability to walk and took up athletics. Rudolph found her calling in track and field she made her Olympic debut in 1956 Melbourne games. At the 1960 Rome Olympics she did the extraordinary. She won 3 gold medals breaking the world record in the 100 meter final, breaking the Olympic record in the 200 meter final, and breaking the world record in the 4 by 100 final. Rudolph summed it up best in her most popular quote: "My doctor told me I would never walk again, my mother told me I would. I believed my mother." The obstacles of life can wear us down physically and spiritually. Of course the most important is our spiritual life. 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:4 "4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:12 "12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

## LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

In 1 Timothy 4:12 it states, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." As we think about this verse, we often think about how many say our youth group has members who are the future of the church. However, we also need to remember that our youth have an active role in the church today!

I encourage the youth, along with everyone, to look into the Bible and follow the steps of salvation to become a present and future member of the church. If you want to learn more and study more, Saul and I implore you to ask us or any of the other members to study with you. The invitation is not just during the invitation song but is always available. If you are currently a member of the church, look for ways to be active and take part in the work of the church. The opportunities are all around you!

### Upcoming Events in August:

- \* **Today** is the *Back to School Devo* after evening services. There will be a meal & school supply giveaway after the devo.
- \* **Today** our *new young adult class* started in the chapel. Make plans to join us!
- \* **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. There is a *sign-up sheet* in the lobby. See Brice or Saul for more details.
- \* **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 have a devo 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 p.m. We will need additional adult & teenage volunteers to help watch the kids.



## Birthdays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sherrie Anderson
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Boyd West
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Parker Carroll
- 13<sup>th</sup>—Hilda Durham
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Crystal Swinea
- 16<sup>th</sup>—Lee Riley
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Donnie DeBord
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Lisa Amacher
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Alice Ammons
- 19<sup>th</sup> – David Sloan V
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Greg Amacher
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Devan Pierce
- 21<sup>st</sup>- Janet Johnson
- 21<sup>st</sup>—Ansley Lomax
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Wanda Vineyard
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Sherri Dye
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Pierce
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Gene Kilpatrick
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Tatum
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Luke Roberson
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Jared Long
- 29<sup>th</sup>—Chad Everett
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Angie Hunter



## Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Greg & Anna Jones
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jeff & Sherri Dye
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Brian & Simone Hinson
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Donnie & Jessie DeBord
- 20<sup>th</sup> – John & Karen Eglinton
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Susan Parker

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 07/25**

A.M. Bible Class	129
A.M. Worship Service	196
P.M. Worship Service	106
Wednesday PM	132
Contribution:	\$6,966.00
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

**THANK YOU**

The Lomax  
Congregation  
has received a  
**\$1,000.00** donation  
this past week to  
purchase school  
supplies for Back to  
School Devotional.

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

**Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:**  
**Nebuchadnezzar**  
**Daniel 4:3**



**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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