

THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST **MESSENGER**

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Keep Your Eyes on the Sparrow

As news of another Coronavirus outbreak picks up again, we should find comfort in God's perfect knowledge. Before the creation of the world, God knew every detail of everything that has ever and will ever happen. God is not surprised.

God's perfect eternal knowledge of everything was described by our Lord in Matthew 10:29 when he said, "are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care." God is fully aware of everything going on in the life of sparrows, he knows what is going on in our lives as well. That is why Jesus said, "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matt 10:31).

We should find comfort, then, for three reasons: 1) God has always known what will happen in our futures; 2) God cares about what will happen to us; and 3) God has acted. It is the third point of comfort that should cause us to rejoice. God has always known, God cares, and God has acted. God acted on suffering when he entered into suffering. Our Lord, in his incarnation, was a true human (Heb 2:17). He experienced growth (Lk 2:52), pain (Jn 11), and death (Matt 27). God acted on the problem of suffering by entering the problem and destroying the problem from the inside.

Peter said, "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into and inheritance that can never perish spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's pwer until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Pet 1:3-4). 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

Primetimers

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



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



<u>Sick:</u> Lynn Ammons is now at home recovering from surgery but requests no visitors at this time. Tom Kilpatrick had a successful procedure on his leg. Jana Grimes will have heart surgery but date has not been determined as of yet. week. Mike O'Brien began his new treatment plan on August 2nd. Please keep Mike and Kathy in your prayers. Arleus Dye had back surgery on Friday, August 6th. Elliston Grace Frey, the daughter of Zach & Chelsa Frey & granddaughter of Steve & Tracie Lomax is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

<u>Sympathy to the friends and family of</u>

<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, 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.

<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).

MARRIED

We want to congratulate Jacob and Amanda Whitehead Odom on their recent wedding. They were married July 30th in Florida surrounded by their boys, Remmington, Connor & Hayden.



For those who send cards:



Tommy Rasbury NHC—Columbia Room 2506 Columbia, Tennessee 38401

For those who send cards:

Mike & Kathy O'Brien 304 Park Ave. NE P. O. Box 542 Elysian, Minnesota 56028





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Where did the summer go? Summer is gone at least for our kids and school teachers as school starts back. It used to be Labor Day was kind of the unofficial end of summer, although technically September 1 is the start of fall on the Metrological seasons. The start of school seems to be a change a change from a break to now back to work study, discipline, attendance, responsibility, etc. These things are needed not just by our children, but by us as well. We need study 2^{nd} Tim. 2:15 "¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Hebrews 12:11 discusses the reward of discipline "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." We need discipline, discipline to challenge us in how we live. Are we serving Jesus Christ in the appropriate way? Attendance is required Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." And certainly not last is responsibility 2nd Cor. 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Let us all prepare like we are back in school that we are ready to pass into heaven.

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

This week was the first week of school and it is always a wild one. One thing that happens a lot is students have no idea where they are going and get lost. I really enjoy being able to help students figure out where to go and not be lost. In Matthew 18:10-14 the parable of the lost sheep it talks about the one sheep (the lost person that gets lost) and the shepherd (Jesus) finds him and brings him back into the fold. Jesus has such joy when we are lost and come back to the fold which is the church. If you are lost Jesus wants you to be found.

* **Sunday, August 8th,Today** 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.

What a Pitcher!

Last November, Lindy McDaniel passed away. If you look him up in the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia, you will notice that he was well-known in baseball circles. His pitching career spanned 21 years (from 1955-1975). He was an amazing relief pitcher who "saved" many games.

Wikipedia makes one additional brief mention. It states: "He was a minister for the Church of Christ." What Wikipedia doesn't say is that in Lindy's professional contracts, he had written in that on Sundays, his team had to allow him to attend worship services at a local church of Christ before a ballgame. Lindy was known as "THE Christian Gentleman" among the rowdy professional sports stars. He didn't cuss, drink or run around on his wife.

During his sports career, Lindy taught and baptized many baseball players. After his last baseball game, Lindy preached full time throughout the brotherhood. When he died, at the age of 85, he was serving the Lavon, Texas church of Christ (near Dallas).

Jesus teaches us: "Seek first the

kingdom of God and his righteous-

ness" (Mark 6:33). This is something Brother

Lindy McDaniel took seriously.

Larry Fitzgerald Woodlawn church of Christ Abilene, TX

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 08/01

A.M. Bible Class	136
A.M. Worship Service	192
P.M. Worship Service	140
Wednesday PM	139
Contribution:	\$8,278.00
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



There will be a bridal shower honoring Elizabeth Ulmer, bride-elect of Tyler Hinson, on Sun. August 29 from 2:00—3:30 in the Christian Service Center. Elizabeth is registered at Knot.com. If you wish to donate to the money tree, please see Betsy Tiller.

We are excited about the birth of

Palmer Jade DePriest

(7 lbs. 10ozs. 20 inches long.)

She was born August 1st

Congratulations to Jeff & Kenley Crowell DePriest

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Lomax Christian Day School 796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer: Christ Matthew 12:30



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)

<u>Roses are Red and</u> <u>We need you.</u>

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

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