



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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What Matters?

What matters most to you? We have to be careful how we answer this question because we will typically answer it according to what we think should matter most. Perhaps it would be helpful to do an inventory of what we do with our time. Where does the day go? What fills our time? The activities in our day reveal what is really important to us.

Paul's life demonstrated what was important to him. He was able to say, "for to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil 1:21). When asked what life was all about, Paul could say look at the evidence and see what I have done. No one would doubt that he had an incredible zeal for God and that he had filled his life with actions that manifested that zeal. For Paul, "to live is Christ." He was truly devoted to his Lord.

Consequently, Paul was able to say that "to die is gain" (Phil 1:21). Lives devoted to Christ are followed by lives at home with Christ. Paul's devotion to the Lord was propelled by his confidence in the Lord. Paul was so confident in what Christ had done that he said, "If I am to live on in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. For my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better" (Phil 1:23-24). Paul's faith is exemplary. He knew where he was going. He knew who he was going to see. He knew the Lord and he was ready to be with the Lord.

What matters to us? What does the inventory of our time reveal? Is Christ all in all?

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



September 19—Pewpackers

September 24—RUSH @ FHU

October 6—Family Meal Night

October 16—All Age Devotional & Pumpkin Patch Trip

October 22-24—ERUPT Youth Rally

October 30—Halloween Party

October 31—Friends and Family Day

October 31—5th Sunday Building Fund

October 31—Trunk or Treat

November 6—Lomax Ladies Day

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: Sharon Grinder had hip surgery on September 16th and will stay with her daughter in Nashville for several days. Gary O'Brien will have some plastic surgery on his nose October 11th. Nadine Turnbow fell and has broken some bones and will be going to a rehabilitation facility soon. Shane Newbold, the husband of Becky Newbold is still very sick from COVID Virus. Kyle Pope, friend of Lindsey Himes is in very serious condition dealing with COVID Virus. Danny Milam, a friend of Gabby Spears is having some sight issues and in need of our prayers. Please remember all those who have been or are currently dealing with the COVID Virus.

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 Grinder, Jana Grimes, Janice Johnston, Faye Kilpatrick, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Thomas McMillian, Mike O'Brien, Chuck Oppermann, 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 Grinder), Kerry Conkle (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), and Jacob Fite (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton).



Food For Friends: September 23rd

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, October 21st**. If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.

Day School Donations

If you can help by supplying some of these items it will be greatly appreciated:

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Please put these items in the box in the church office in the foyer.

Thank you!

Flatrock Church of Christ Ladies Day

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
All Girls and Ladies Welcome

THEME:
"A Time for Everything: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8"
Guest Speaker:
Sis. Melanie Erwin Fayetteville, TN

REGISTRATION: 9 A.M.
1ST MORNING SESSION: 9:30 A.M.
2ND MORNING SESSION: 10:45 A.M.
LUNCH FOLLOWING

1124 Centerville Highway
Hohenwald, TN 38462

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Thou wilt cast all their sin into the depths of the sea"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Jana Grimes will be celebrating her 89th Birthday on September 23rd. We want to send her Birthday Cards to celebrate this special day and also as an encouragement.

Her address is 408 Park Ave. N.
Her phone number is 931-796-5868



PLEASE ADD TO YOUR COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Reagan Webb
1003 Monroe Avenue
Room 404
Memphis, TN 38104



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This week on September 21, 1780 American General Benedict Arnold betrayed us during the American Revolution. He met with a British Major offering to hand over West Point at that time a fort on the Hudson latter to be home of the US military academy. Benedict Arnold had been an American hero. He had been passed over for promotions and had over spent his income. He betrayed America for money and a hurt ego. The deal was foiled. Arnold escaped, but his name would become synonymous with being a traitor. How long does it take to lose a good name? What is a good name worth? The bible tells us Proverbs 22:1 "A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold." A good name is portable. It goes with us. It precedes you. People will hear of the kind of person you are. The reputation we take with us good or bad. A good name takes years and years of consistency to build and only a moment to tear down. You cannot buy a good name. It must be earned. Prov. 10:7 "The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot." Of course there is no name as great as us being a Christian 2nd Thess. 1:12 "so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." Take care of your name especially your name as a Christian.

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

In Nehemiah 8:5-6, it states, "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground."

Do we show that type of reverence to God's word and listen to his word? Do we worship by showing ourselves bowing low? Let's focus on the Bible today and every day. We need to give reverence to God.

Upcoming Events

- * **Today, Sunday, September 19th at 5:15** - *Lads to Leaders speech practice* for anyone interested in participating and *Pew Packers* singing & Bible time memorization for fifth graders & below.
- * **Wednesday, October 6** - *Family Meal Night* at 6:00 p.m. See Saul or Brice to help out with food.
- * **Saturday, October 16** - *Pumpkin Patch Trip & All Age Devo*. Sign up in the foyer to go on this trip with us!
- * **Friday, October 22 through Sunday, October 24** - *Erupt Youth Rally* in the Cumberland Caverns. Registration is \$35. Let Brice or Saul know if you need help paying. Sign up in the foyer.
- * **Saturday, October 30** - *Church Halloween Party* at the Hamms house.
- * **Sunday, October 31** - *Trunk-or-Treat* following our Friends & Family Day.
- * **Saturday, November 6** - *Rush at FHU*, an on-campus youth rally for 9-12th grades.
- * **Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6** - *2022 Lomax Youth Rally*. Mark your calendar now!

What Works Best for You?

Let me share an interesting way to get out of conflict. You could look the other person in the eye and ask, "What works best for you?" Okay, I get this isn't the most popular option – and that you might rather walk on hot coals than concede anything to someone who is irritating you. But, it worked for Abraham.

Abraham once looked at his nephew Lot and said – let's not fight over who gets the best land. You pick. I'll take what's left. Lot picks what looks like the best spot and leaves—conflict avoided.

But maybe you object. Why does the other person get the best spot? I should get it! But, here's the point: God can give you more. You choose love over ambition and that's the road to being blessed. Listen to what God tells Abraham after this happened: "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever." Do you see? It doesn't matter what we give away! God is a much better giver than we are.

Doug Wells

Camden Avenue church of Christ

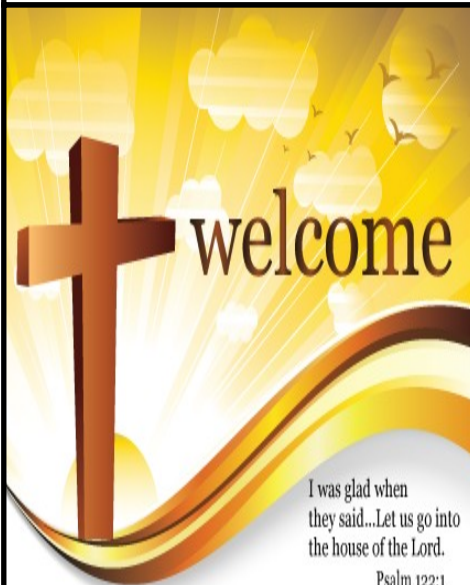
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BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 09/12

A.M. Bible Class	106
A.M. Worship Service	145
P.M. Worship Service	78
Wednesday PM	103
Contribution:	\$6,280.05
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



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Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
David
Psalms 55:6



Please continue to check out
the New Visitation Bulletin
Board in the foyer for
updated information.

ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463

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(Please leave a message)

DEACONS

Matthew Farr
(Special Events, CSC Scheduling)

Colby Hamm
(Young Families Ministry)

Chris Hunter
(Visitation)

Greg Mullinicks
(Audio/Visual, Bulletin)

Chuck Oppermann
(Missions, Correspondance Courses)

Jeff Spears
(Education)

Marty Spears
(Finance)

BE SAFE
from COVID-19

**LADS TO LEADERS/
LEADERETTES NEWS:**

This Sunday— Speech - 5:15

Next Sunday — Lads Song
Leading/Leaderettes Song of
Praise @ - 5:15

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