



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Why Be Baptized?

Most everyone familiar with Christian teaching understands that baptism is an important Christian practice. "Baptism is the initiatory sign by which we are admitted to the fellowship of the Church, that being ingrafted into Christ we may be accounted children of God" (ICR IV xv, 1). But why? Why should someone be baptized?

Be baptized because God brings new creation out of water. In Genesis 1 Moses recorded how the dry land appeared after the waters receded. After the children of Israel were led out of Egypt, they crossed the Red Sea and their problems were washed away in their wake. When the Israelites were ready to enter the Promised Land, they crossed the Jordan with Joshua and the ark of presence. When Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to be born again of water and Spirit (Jn 3:1-5), it seems that he was alluding to this Old Testament theme.

Be baptized because Jesus commanded baptism. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commanded that those who would be his disciples must be baptized. Baptism is necessary because it is a command of God. Be baptized to be a disciple.

Be baptized because of God's promises. When Peter preached Jesus, he also commanded baptism. When Peter first preached baptism, he attached two promises to the act. He said, "repent and be baptized so that your sins are forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Be baptized to receive God's blessings

Be baptized to be "in Christ." For Paul, to be a Christian is to be "in Christ." In Galatians 3:26-27 and Romans 6:3, the Spirit moved Paul to write that we are "baptized into Christ." All spiritual blessings are available "in Christ." Be baptized to be in Christ.

Be baptized to be in the church. Just as Paul said that we are baptized into Christ, we are also said to be baptized into the church. 1 Corinthians 12:13 says, "we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body."

Be baptized as an appeal for a clean conscience. Our consciences keep us up at night because we can't forgive ourselves for all we have done. Peter said, "Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 3:21). Wouldn't it be great to live with a clear conscience?

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

FAMILY MEAL NIGHT



There will be a family meal night Wednesday, **October 6th** 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.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Sharon Grinder* is now home recovering from hip surgery and doing well. *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. *Jean Curry* will visit heart doctor next week to view heart monitor results. *Howard Miller*, the son of Cynthia Kilpatrick has an infection and will be in Creekside Rehabilitation for 6 weeks. *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 *Shane Newbold*, the husband of Becky Newbold. He passed away Wednesday. No arrangements have been made 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, 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).

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation has received a donation to the Food for Friends Program.



The coin boxes for the Tennessee Children's Home are in the lobby. Please pick one up. They will not be picked up until right before Christmas.



Food For Friends: September 30th

Team 2 (Alice & Wilma)

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.

Waverly Relief Efforts

We will be making another trip to feed the workers in Waverly on October 1st. If you can help, please see Betsy Tiller or Betty Hinson.



October 6—Family Meal Night

October 16—All Age Devotional

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 3—Family Meal Night

November 6—Lomax Ladies Day

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who wrote, "Christ came into the world to save sinners, of who I am chief?"

(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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Did you know September 27th is the National Day of Forgiveness? I had no idea there was a National Day of Forgiveness. Forgiveness is described as a potent tool of spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical health. That is powerful. The bible speaks of forgiving each other. Luke 17:3-4 "Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." You may wonder about the 7 times in a day. It is an expression we might think of hyperbole. Actually it is meant to show the seriousness of giving forgiveness no matter how often we are asked. It is our demeanor as a Christian and certainly not a one time a year remembrance. Eph. 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Matt. 6:15 "But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." These verses add additional depth to our understanding. Forgiveness to others is a reflection of how we hope God will be toward us. So remember the national day of forgiveness September 27th, but be sure to practice it every day 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

- * **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!



Birthdays

- 2nd – Emily Van Hook
- 3rd—Emily Rasbury
- 4th – Morgan McKissack Lampley
- 5th – Paige Roberson
- 7th – Colby Hamm
- 8th – Charlie Carroll
- 8th – Caleb Pierce
- 9th – Danny Goodman
- 9th—Calvin Harris
- 10th – Betty Spears
- 11th – Bethany Calderon
- 12th – Jessie DeBord
- 13th – Kelly Kilgore
- 14th – Jan Mayes
- 15th – Skylar Everett
- 17th – Jane Spears
- 18th – Kay Parrish
- 19th – Nychelle McKissack
- 19th – Linda Riley
- 20th – Gary Hinson
- 21st—Birdie Collins
- 21st—Jacob Odom
- 22nd – Jerika Long
- 23rd—Krislyn Hinson
- 23rd – Aaron Hunter
- 25th – Austin Pierce
- 26th – Betsy Tiller
- 27th – Jeanette West
- 28th – Chip Kilgore
- 28th—Remington Polan
- 31st – Stephanie Carrol

Anniversaries

- 3rd – Brock & Kayla Spears
- 5th – Hershel & Sherrie Anderson
- 6th – Louie & Jasmine Chapin
- 6th—John & Tiffany Richards
- 15th – Jared & Alaina Long
- 20th – Andrew & Sarah Rogers
- 20th – Derrick & Heather Staggs
- 24th – Barry & Tammy Bigbie
- 26th – Chris & Angie Hunter
- 26th—Thomas & Sarah McMillian

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 09/19

A.M. Bible Class	126
A.M. Worship Service	176
P.M. Worship Service	86
Wednesday PM	119
Contribution:	\$7,089.00
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

Tree of Knowledge

Another Quarter has passed and our students have been working hard to memorize Bible verses for the Tree of Knowledge. This program helps our students to learn God's word, and the students work hard to meet their goals for each quarter. We would like to take this time to congratulate the students who memorized particular
Scriptures in **June, July and August**

4 & 5 year olds memorized
Books of the New Testament

Parker Carroll	Will Chapin
Wynter Halfacre	Ellie Hamm
Ava Jones	Kensley Kilgore
Remington Polan	Faith Richards
Anna Rogers	Sawyer Seiber

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade memorized

John 14:1-4

Timmy DeBord
Emily Lomax

Fall Quarter Goals

September, October and November

(2 & 3 year olds) - John 14:15
(4 & 5 year olds) - Ephesians 6:1-2
(1st & 2nd Grade) - Matthew 6:9-13
(3rd, 4th & 5th Grade) - 12 Sons of Jacob

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School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
Micah
Micah 7:19



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, 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)

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