



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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Faithful in All Things

Sometimes we see Christians debate what obedience should look like. Does obedience include the “big things” or does obedience include the “details of doctrine” as well? Jesus said, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the Law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.” “Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household slaves, to give them their food at the proper time?” (Matt 23:23).

The Pharisees were stringent in their dealings with the Law and the barriers that they had put up to keep them from breaking the Law. The details were important to them. The Pharisees also seemed to struggle with what Jesus called the “weightier provisions of the Law.” Virtues are often more difficult to shape and practice than ritual.

Contemporary debates seem to emphasize a dichotomy between the importance of doctrinal details and Christian virtues. Sometimes more “liberal” leaning folks emphasize virtues while more “conservative” leaning folks emphasize the doctrinal details. Jesus was neither—he taught Christians to practice the details and the weightier matters. Christians should want God to be sovereign over every miniscule piece of their lives and fill every possible space of their hearts. When we are completely submissive to him and filled with his love, we can be faithful in all things.

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

**ALL-AGE DEVOTIONAL
&
PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP**

**WILL BE LEAVING THE CSC AT
9:00 AM
COST: \$10:00
BRING EXTRA MONEY TO EAT**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: **Mike O'Brien** began his 2nd stage of his treatments and in need of our prayers. **Jerry Paul Roberson** had a pacemaker put in on Wednesday, October 6th at the Veterans Hospital. **Gary O'Brien** will have some plastic surgery on his nose October 11th. **Ronnie Belew**, the father of Amy Lomax was taken to Maury Regional in serious condition. **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, Sharon Grinder, Jana Grimes, Janice Johnston, Faye Kilpatrick, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Thomas McMillian, Danny Milam, Howard Miller, Mike O'Brien, Chuck Oppermann, David Roth, Janice Sublett, Mike Tatum, Nadine Turnbow, 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).



Secret Sister Revel will be
Tuesday, October 26th @
6:00 pm at the CSC.

Bring finger foods, a 2 liter
drink or Tea and come
have some fun! If you
were not a Secret Sister this past year, we would
LOVE to have you join us! Masks are welcome
for the big reveal.

ATTENTION LADIES:

Ladies Day is November 6th.

If you would like to contribute to the Gifts for
Ladies Day, please give your money to Kara
Farr ASAP! Thank you!



Food For Friends:
October 14th

Team 4 (Betsy & Bonnie)

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.



October 31st
Meal following Morning Service
Afternoon Service begins around
12:45 pm



October 16—All Age Devotional
October 22-24—ERUPT Youth Rally
October 26—Secret Sister Reveal
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 said, "The Lord gave, and the
Lord hath taken away, blessed be
the name of the Lord"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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The 2nd Monday of October is noted as Columbus Day. It is a day to recognize Christopher Columbus arrival in the Americas in October 12, 1492. History is good for us to remember. Without Columbus discovery where would we be today? Yet with Columbus Day has also come controversy as Native Americans see it as a day an intruder came to their shores. A much different scenario plays out in the Bible, while some Jews see Jesus Christ is an intruder on their power John 11:48 “⁴⁸If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.”, yet we realize from scripture Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy. Micah 5:2 “²But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Luke 2:4-7 it is fulfilled vs. 11 says, “¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Isa. 7:14 “¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Luke 1:26-27 “²⁶And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.” While many other prophecies were fulfilled we next look at the testimony by Jesus John 4:25-26 “²⁵The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. ²⁶Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.” Lastly Peter in Matt. 16:16 “¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

Obi-Wan Kenobi: But Master Yoda says I should be mindful of the future.

Qui-Gon Jinn: But not at the expense of the moment.

As this Star Wars Quote shows, we need to focus on the present because this is the time we are in. It is easy to become so focused on what needs to be done next and the anxieties you have about the future that you are not in the present. Matthew 6:34 states, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." I like the way that the Kings James Version puts in the fact that it takes no thought. It is a hard thing to do, but to help us focus on today we need to be here now.

- * **Tonight, Sunday, October 10** - *Lads to Leaders Speech Practice* at 5:15.
- * **Saturday, October 16** - *Pumpkin Patch Trip & All Age Devo.* It costs \$10 to get into the pumpkin patch & the corn maze. Bring extra money for pumpkins & lunch. Sign up in the foyer to go on this trip with us!
- * **Sunday, October 17** - *Lads to Leaders Song Leading & Songs of Praise Practice* at 5:15.
- * **Saturday, October 30** - *Church Halloween Party* at the Hamm's 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.
- * **Sunday, November 14** - Area wide Youth Devo, more details to come!
- * **Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6** - *2022 Lomax Youth Rally.* Mark your calendar now
- * **Friday, February 25 through Sunday, February 27** - Challenge Youth Conference tell Saul or Brice if you plan to attend.

The Arrogant Claim to Know More than God

It's hard for us to conceive of someone standing face-to-face with God and saying, "Lord, you don't know what you're talking about. I'm smarter than you." And yet, in reality, people do that all the time, even many who claim to be Christians.

I once was studying the Bible with a man who believed in the false notion that we are saved by faith alone. I showed him the only place in the Bible where that phrase is used.

"You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:24 NASV). And instead of bowing to God's will, the man got angry and tore (ripped) James 2 out of his Bible and said, "That's not in my Bible!" He was disagreeing with God. And when we refuse to follow God's will in our lives—whether it involves morality or scriptural worship or the plan of salvation or church government—if we refuse to follow God's commands, we are disagreeing with God.

"If you love me," Jesus said, "you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

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BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 10/03

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| A.M. Bible Class | 114 |
| A.M. Worship Service | 163 |
| P.M. Worship Service | 85 |
| Wednesday PM | 93 |
| Contribution: | \$7,624.05 |
| 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



Lomax Church Halloween Party
Saturday, October 30
Time: TBA
at the Home of Colby & Lauren Hamm
4060 Buffalo Road

Come on down and enjoy a fantastic night full of fun
Hayrides, Bonfire, Costume contest and much more!
Bring chairs for your family
See Kara Farr to sign up for food.

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Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:
David, on the death of Saul and Jonathan
2 Samuel 1:19



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)

BE SAFE
from COVID-19



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 31st
Following the Friends and Family Day afternoon services.
See Brice or Saul for Details
There will be time to dress up kids after church. Teens with cars can decorate and participate.

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