



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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Be Nice and Stay Off the Naughty List

Who is the nicest person you know? Wouldn't it be great if there were more people like that? Wouldn't the world be a better place?

Paul said, "Love one another with brotherly affection Outdo one another in showing honor" (Rom. 12:10-11). It is easy for us to slip into trying to outdo the people around us. We want to feel important, be liked, and enjoy the attention of others. This is not the way.

The Greek word translated "outdo one another" in Romans 12:11 is usually translated as "to go first" or "to lead." So, we could read Romans 12:11 as "take the lead in showing honor." The more you exemplify niceness, the more you will lead others to be nice as well. If you exemplify anger, laziness, crankiness, or bitterness, then you will lead others to exemplify those behaviors and attitudes. We want the world—our world—to be a better and nicer place. Be nice. Your life will be better. Be nice because people around you need some nice things in their life. We don't know all the bad things people are struggling with, but you can imagine how important it is for you to have a little encouragement every day. Be that nice person in someone's life every day. Be nice because "there is no poison more effective in alienating the minds of men than the thought, that one is despised...; so the best foment of love is humility, when every one honours others" (Calvin, *Romans*).

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

AREA WIDE SINGING
LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST
320 Darbytown Rd. - Hohenwald, TN
William Tankersley - Emcee
Join Us!
NOVEMBER 26TH
7:00 - 9:00
Finger Foods to follow the singing

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: **Mike O'Brien** is in the Mayo Clinic Hospital and in need of our prayers. **Gary O'Brien** healing well, radiation starts in December. **Nadine Turnbow** had surgery this past week and will not be able to move it for 3 weeks. She is now at home. **Bill Judkins**, the son-in-law of Nadine Turnbow is dealing with pancreatic cancer. **Grayson Morton**, the 11 year old great-grandson of Nell Bunch had heart surgery in Memphis on November 18th. **Becky Mears**, the wife of the Spanish Teacher Richard Mears at the LCHS has leukemia. **Janie Spears Brewer** had open heart surgery this past week.

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, 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.

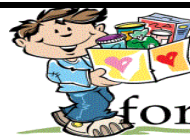
Remember our military: **Dustin Brugmann** (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), **Kerry Conkle** (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), and **Jacob Fite** (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton).

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 12th after the evening worship services at the home of Rick & Cindy Morrow
Please bring finger foods and a gift to exchange.



Food For Friends:
Will not deliver this week—Will resume delivery on December 2nd
Team 3 (Sharon & Sue)



Food for Families

Our monthly Food for Families distribution is **Thursday, December 16th**
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:

Paper Towels

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

Thank you!



November 21—L2L Practice
December 5—Secret Sister Meeting
December 6—Ladies Night Out
November 26—Lomax Area Singing
December 11—Christmas Dinner
December 12—Adult Christmas @ the Morrors
December 20—Primetimers Christmas
December 20—Christmas Caroling



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who wrote, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34. We many times forget how good God is to us. Not just in this life, but especially in the life to come. 2nd Corinthians 9:11 "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." Our life brings thanksgiving to God. We are his arms, hands, and legs to do God's goodness. May we not only enjoy the Thanksgiving season with family, also let us look to be the goodness of the Lord toward our fellowman. This week will be an opportunity for us to sing our thanksgiving to God as well. Friday night we host the area wide singing 7PM to 9PM. "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Psalm 95:1-3. "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30. Have a great Thanksgiving week!

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" - Colossians 3:17

- **Sunday, November 21st - Lads to Leaders** Speech practice at 5:15 pm

No Family Meal Night in December

- * **Saturday, December 18th** - All Age Youth Devo and Christmas party
- * **Monday, December 20th**- Caroling and Devo

Look Ahead:

- ***Friday, February 4th through Saturday, February 5th- 2022 Lomax Youth Rally.** Mark your calendar now
- ***Friday, February 25 through Sunday, February 27- Challenge Youth Conference,** a huge youth rally in Gatlinburg. Sign up sheet is in the foyer now!



Where Did the Holiday of Thanksgiving Come from?

The present-day American practice of Thanksgiving descended from the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621, 399 years ago. It is a unique holiday because it doesn't commemorate a special event such as a battle or a birthday. It is simply a day set aside to tell God thanks for his many gifts.

Many people misunderstand what motivated the pilgrims of Plymouth to declare their thanksgiving feast. The Pilgrim Fathers were not celebrating their abundant harvest, they were celebrating the God who gave them that harvest.

They were not taking that time to thank the Native Americans nor were they thanking their other friends. It was a day to thank God for all who helped them!

And that is the first American Thanksgiving. It was more than being grateful for all our stuff, such as our abundance of food, the presence of our family or our enjoyment of football games. The spirit of thanksgiving that we need to recover is that of the pilgrims who were grateful that God had blessed them.

The Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift is from God (James 1:17).

Larry Fitzgerald
Woodlawn church of Christ
Abilene, TX

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 11/14

A.M. Bible Class	125
A.M. Worship Service	201
P.M. Worship Service	100
Wednesday PM	111
Contribution:	\$7,703.00
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



Calling all Secret Sisters (and those that would like to be one), it's not too late to participate in the 2022 Secret Sisters. Please give your name to Kara Farr. Drawing will take place Sunday, December 5th after the AM worship services.

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Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
Christ
Matthew 12:34



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

Toy & Coat Giveaway

It is the time of the year when we start thinking about Christmas and the thoughts of giving. On December 11th, the Annual Community Christmas Meal will be here. We always want to pray for the success of this effort. In that, we must get the word out about the coat giveaway and toy drive. John & Karen Eglinton along with Tom & Cynthia Kilpatrick and Jim Grinder are heading this up this year. This has always been a time to have those of the community come in and receive a good meal and a opportunity to receive a new or lightly used coat. You can begin now bringing in these items to the Christian Service Center.

This year, our needs at this time include:

Men's—All Sizes, Women—XL, and

Boys & Girls—3 month—10/12,

If anyone has clothes racks, please bring those to the CSC so we can hang up the items. And as always, thank you for your help and generosity.

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