



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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It's Gift-Giving Season!

Ministry is described in the Bible as a gift that we should enjoy and share. Ephesians 4:11 speaks of God giving teachers to his church. In Ephesians 3:8 Paul described his mission ministry as a grace. Ministry is a gift from God that we should enjoy as often as possible. God has blessed us with the privilege of being involved with his own work. God's gracious purpose is the sole reason we are able to be involved in service. Paul said, "Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (2 Cor. 3:5-6).

We should make every effort to work with God as much as possible because we have been given this amazing gift of ministry as a grace. Paul said, "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18-19). Many times, our children enjoyed the boxes and wrapping paper more than the actual present we got them. Our gift from God is one that is to be used not neglected. Instead of dabbling in Christianity, God's people should concentrate on enjoying the grace he has bestowed upon them by sharing the Gospel that Jesus came to replace the corruptions of sin with the greatness of lives shaped by the Gospel. When God gives us ministry opportunities, remember to be thankful for the gift and make the most of the opportunity.

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



*Ladies'
Night
Out*

**All ladies of the
congregation are invited
to Ladies Night Out
at the home of
Verlin George— Monday,
December 6th at 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: Kara Farr
Please bring your Bible
and a favorite dish.**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: **Mike O'Brien** is back in the hospital dealing with lung problems and is in need of our prayers. **David Riley** is at home after stay in Centennial Hospital. More tests to follow. **Bill Judkins**, the son-in-law of Nadine Turnbow is dealing with pancreatic cancer. **Sara Rogers** will have spinal cord stimulator surgery on December 8th. **Connie Nolin** is having some back issues and requests our prayers. **Ronnie Riley**, father of Lee Riley had surgery on Tuesday, November 30th at Vanderbilt and is doing well.
Please remember all those who have been or are currently dealing with the COVID Virus.

Sympathy to the friends and family of Jana Grimes. She passed away Wednesday night, Dec. 1st.

Sympathy to the friends and family of Sue Bouldin, the wife of Dr. R. W. Bouldin who practiced dentistry in this community. Graveside services will be December 5th at Graves Cemetery at 2 PM.

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, Janice Johnston, Bill Judkins, Faye Kilpatrick, Freida Lewis, Jennie Martin, Becky Mears, Thomas McMillian, Danny Milam, Howard Miller, Gary O'Brien, 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, Jean Pace 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).



Deadline for Tennessee Children's Home Cans will be December 15th.



The Lomax Congregation has received a \$200.00 donation to the Food for Friends Program.

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. There will be child care available the night of the Christmas party. See Cindy Morrow to reserve a spot for your children.



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.



Food For Friends: December 9th

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, 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:

Kleenex

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

Thank you!



December 5—Secret Sister Meeting

December 6—Ladies Night Out

December 11—Christmas Dinner

December 12—Adult Christmas @ the Morrows

December 20—Primetimers Christmas

December 20— Christmas Caroling

January 8—Leadership Planning Breakfast

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"?
 (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

In the mornings I walk. The first thing is bending over to stretch and touch my toes. Don't start laughing! Yes, it has become very hard. Physically due to accidents or just in general getting older we find flexibility a challenge. As we go through the holiday season it is good to remind ourselves to be flexible. Not everything we use to do may get done now. On a Hallmark movie a woman was really struggling with her son getting older she wanted him to stay little and do all the things he use to do picture with Santa Claus, cooking with her, etc. Traditions sometimes change, family may or may not make the date we have set, places we always went may change. The point is as Christians we want to keep the right spirit. Col. 3:12-15 ¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." May we always be of this spirit flexible, forgiving, and loving to everyone. Have a great holiday season.

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

- **Saturday, December 18th** - All Age Youth Devo and Christmas party (Date might change)
- **Monday, December 20th**- Caroling and Devo

****There will be no Family Meal Night or Lads to Leaders in December. We will resume these in the new year.*

Future Dates

- **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!
- **Sunday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 22—** Lomax Vacation Bible School



Thoughts About the Grace of Giving

This time of year, many don't think twice about volunteering in a food bank, in a soup kitchen, or in taking a neighbor some extra peanut brittle made for an office party. This time of year, it doesn't take much prompting for someone to drop some pocket change into the rounded-metal canisters sitting near to those folks who ring the hand bells incessantly as you enter your favorite stores. This time of year, everyone seems eager to want to give just a little bit more to ease someone else's burden. Everyone seems a little more cheerful and wanting to make someone's day a little brighter. This time of year, one might argue that the world gets a small, albeit, misguided taste of what it is like inside the church year-round.

It is a beautiful thing to know that regardless of circumstances, the church will be there for each other. Jesus said it beautifully when He said, "and everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life" (Matt. 19:29).

When the first congregation was established in Jerusalem, they counted all things common to one another and gave sacrificially for one another when brothers and sisters needed help (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37). Later, in other cities, the early church gave to brethren they had never even met simply because they heard that they needed help (2 Cor. 8:1-2). They gave urgently and willingly (2 Cor. 8:4). They gave, the Bible says, because "they first gave themselves to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5).

Thus, Paul could hold congregations up (like Macedonia) as examples of the grace of giving.

Have you thought about how you will grow in the grace of giving this coming year? Have you made a commitment to give to the Lord more sacrificially in the work of the church? In a season of giving, why not purpose for the coming year to trust God more with your money?

Andy Baker—Rosenberg, TX

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 11/28	
A.M. Bible Class	118
A.M. Worship Service	189
P.M. Worship Service	98
Wednesday PM	125
Contribution:	\$6,860.83
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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(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)

Prime Timers
Christmas
BRUNCH

Monday, December 20th at 10:00
At the home of Boo & Rose Spears
Please sign up in the foyer.

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
David
Psalms 98:4

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

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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