



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Have You Returned the Gift Already?

Gift giving is hard and sometimes gift receiving is hard as well. You were probably given a gift you didn't really want. It happens. Are you looking for a nice way to return the gift? Regift the gift? Or maybe just keep it in storage a few years and give it away later.

Surprisingly, the word "gift" is only used around 60 times in the Bible. Jesus promised to give "living water" to the woman in John 4:10-14. This "living water" was identified as the Holy Spirit in John 7:38-39. In Matthew 7 and Luke 11, Jesus taught that the Father knows how to give good gifts to those who love him. In Matthew 7:11, Jesus taught that God would "give good things to those who ask of him." In Luke 11:13, Jesus expanded on that and taught that the Father would "give the Holy Spirit to those who ask of him." Peter promised "the gift of the Holy Spirit" to those who repented and were baptized (Acts 2:38; 5:32).

How could we reject the Holy Spirit as a gift from God? It seems that this divine Gift is rejected when we refuse our God or refuse his will for our lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 teaches us to not "quench the Spirit." Ephesians 4:30 teaches us to not "grieve the Holy Spirit of God." We should be careful to not reject the Holy Spirit. Instead we should be eager to maintain this relationship. We should be like David who begged, "take not your Holy Spirit from me" (Ps. 51:11).

-- Donnie L. DeBord, M.Div, Th.M

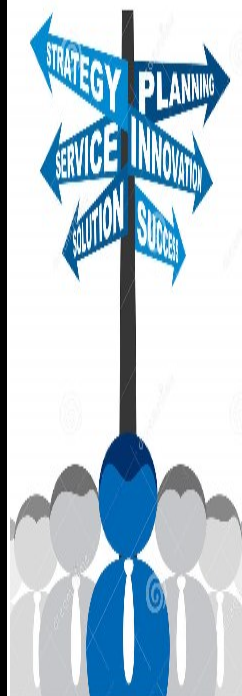
Welcome to Lomax!

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



2022 Leadership Planning Breakfast

Saturday
January 15th
@ 8:00 am
in the
Christian
Service
Center

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: **Mike O'Brien** is back in the hospital dealing with lung problems and is in need of our prayers. **Gary O'Brien** started his 35 rounds of radiation on Monday, December 20th. **Karen Eglinton** back surgery has been rescheduled for January 3rd. **Dinah Poore** had inspire surgery to deal with sleep apnea. She is now at home. **Connie Nolin** is now in NHC Transitional Care, Room 1209, 5010 Trotwood Ave., Columbia, TN 38401. **George Collison** had dental surgery on December 20th. **Mike Bunch**, the son of Nell Bunch, is not doing well at home and having issues of falling. **Rex Riley**, the son of Lee & Rachel Riley had some tests run at Vanderbilt and awaiting results. **Matthew Jones**, the grandson of Rick & Ann Jones is in need of our prayers. He is now at home and on hospice care. **Scott Phillips**, the father-in-law of Dylan Chambers, grandson of Jerry & Alice Ammons will begin chemotherapy & radiation treatments for cancer and in need of our prayers. **Bob Cummins**, the father of Ashley Heath is in St. Thomas Hospital in ICU and is need of our prayers. **Luke and Chad Beachy's sister Julie** and her family home was hit by the tornado that came through Paris this past weekend. Please keep this family in your prayers.
Please remember all those who have been or are currently dealing with the COVID Virus.

Sympathy to the friends and family of Richard Whitehead, the father-in-law of Theresa Whitehead and grandfather of Crystal Swinea & Andrew Rogers. His funeral was held Monday, Dec. 20th.

Continue to remember: Jerry Ammons, Lynn Ammons, Danny Bates, June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, 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, Nadine Turnbow, 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).



Food For Friends: December 30th

Team 6 (Kay & Annette)

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, January 20th**. If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.



The Over 60's Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th.

More details will follow later. Mark your calendars.



January 15—Leadership Planning Breakfast

January 29—Over 60's Banquet

January 30—5th Sun. Cont.—Youth Fund

February 4 - 5—Youth Rally

February 6—10—FHU Lectureships

February 13—Friends/Family Day

February 25-27—CYC

April 14-17—L2L Convention

June 19-22—Lomax VBS

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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It's here! Right upon us are you ready? There is something special about a New Year. Kind of like getting a do-over let's wipe the slate clean a new beginning. It is why we do New Year goals to make ourselves better be it weight, exercise, listening, being more considerate. I think I just made a list for myself. It is great to be able to start over. Of course nothing fits this like being a Christian Heb. 10:12 " ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, " Skipping to verse 17 " ¹⁷ then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." What could be more wonderful than for all your sins to be remembered no more? This is what it means to become a Christian Acts 22:16 "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.' Do you enjoy having a car washed getting it nice and clean? All the dirt grim and filth washed away. Well Paul was told to do that spiritually in Acts 22:16. All the filth, dirt, grim of sin would be taken away and Paul had a bunch. He opposed Christ. He was a non-believer. Yet for all his sins Christ could take them away. "Eph. 4:22-24 " ²² to put off your old self which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." Make it the best year possible by being a Christian.

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

* **Challenge Youth Conference note:** We plan on registering for CYC this week, so if you are planning on going please sign up. If you have any questions or concerns, come talk to Saul or Brice.

* **Lads to Leaders Note:** There is a sign up in the lobby for anyone interested in going, either as a participant, observer, or judge. We have to register anyone who plans on attending, so please be sure to add your name to the list if you will be there! If you have any questions on this, see Colby or Brice.

Upcoming Events

- * **January 5th** - Family Meal Night at 6 p.m. We will be having tacos.
- * **January 14th** - Parents Night Out for 5th grade and below. We will be looking for teen helpers as well.
- * **January 15th** - Trip to Freed-Hardeman to watch a basketball game
- * **January 21st** - All Ages Youth Devo

Future Events

- * **Friday, February 4th through Saturday, February 5th** - 2022 Lomax Youth Rally
- * **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 VBS



Birthdays

- 2nd—Faye Kilpatrick
- 5th—Jerry Roberson
- 7th—Ivy Sloan
- 8th—Rachel Riley
- 10th—Mia Hinson
- 11th—J. W. Curry
- 12th—Jean Curry
- 13th—Patrick Halfacre
- 14th—Sharon Grinder
- 14th—Boo Spears
- 15th—Amy Carroll
- 17th—Brian Hinson
- 18th—Mylic McKissack
- 19th—Ethan Owens
- 20th—Isaiah Miller
- 21st—Lisa Tatum
- 26th—Elli Carroll
- 27th—Wesley Everett
- 27th—Kara Farr
- 30th—Jaxon Cagle



Anniversaries

- 1st—Patrick & Vickie Halfacre
- 1st—Jerry & Cathey Roberson

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/19**

A.M. Bible Class	95
A.M. Worship Service	162
P.M. Worship Service	92
Wednesday PM	83
Contribution:	\$7,238.00
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



The Lomax Congregation has received a donation this past week to go to the Food for Families Program in the memory of Wanda Vineyard from the Sunday School Ladies in Macon, Georgia where Amy Rawls, the sister-in-law of Wanda attends.

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School
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Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
David
Psalms 55:22



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

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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)

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