



# 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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## What You Need to Know to Teach the Bible

You can teach the Bible! God's people have many opportunities to share the gospel. God has blessed his people with many opportunities to teach the Scriptures to others. We should always be prepared, then, to explain to others what God has said. How can we teach the Bible?

1) **Know the Lord.** Before we can teach or prepare to teach, we should always pray. Prayer is the most powerful weapon we have against the powers of evil. We dare not study or teach without depending on the Lord.

2) **Know the Scripture.** Before we can ever teach a text, we must be taught by the text. Choose the passage that you will teach. Then, read the passage repeatedly. I like to read the passage I will teach repeatedly (maybe 100 times) until I can see what God communicates in the text. Reading the passage repeatedly should reveal the main idea of the text and the main points that God has revealed in the text.

3) **Know the Answers.** Ask questions of the Scripture. Once you have discovered the main message and the supporting material from the passage, then you will do well to ask questions of the text. Some of the questions I ask are: Why is that passage there? How does the passage fit with the story of Scripture? What does the passage teach about God, salvation, humanity, and Christ specifically? How does the passage lead to worship?

4) **Know your Audience.** Now that you have all this material, you will be able to find a way to share the passage in an organized and appealing way. This is where you build your outline and then your manuscript. Then you can practice delivering this lesson to your audience.

5) **Know the Application.** Each Scripture applies to each of us in some way. We want to point out that application from the Scripture to our audience so that they will be able to glorify God in their lives from the lesson learned in the Scripture you taught.

In this process, you have discovered what God has said and found an acceptable way to share it with others. You can teach the Bible. Prepare a lesson this week. You never know when you will have an opportunity to teach.

-- 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



There will be a family meal night Wednesday, January 5th at 6:00 pm in the CSC. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. We will have tacos. Please bring desserts and drinks. Please see Brice, Kara or Saul for details.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:** **Mike O'Brien** is now at home but is very weak and continues to need 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. **Connie Nolin** is now in NHC Transitional Care, Room 1209, 5010 Trotwood Ave., Columbia, TN 38401. **Tom Kilpatrick** will have knee surgery on January 26th. **Sarah Rogers** had permanent spinal cord stimulation surgery on December 31st. **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 Ritchie Brewer** who passed away Tuesday, December 28th. No arrangements have been made at this time.

**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:**

**January 6th**

**Team 7 ( Cynthia & Betsy)**

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 5**—Family Meal Night

**January 14**—Parents Night Out

**January 15**—Leadership Planning Breakfast

**January 15**—Trip to FHU Basketball Games

**January 26**—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

**BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance"?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu

Here we are in a New Year. What is on your agenda? Do you have a to-do list? There are opportunities to be of service and involved at church. First make it a priority to attend all services possible. I've noticed on Sunday nights we have a group who just love to visit each other. It is a great feeling seeing those who just can't seem to leave the building. Decide to make the commitment to attend Sunday Bible study and Wednesday Bible study. We must know what we believe and why we believe it 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 2:15 "15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Volunteer to help teach what could be greater than teaching our youth, help with bulletin boards, help with Lads to Leaders and encourage those participating. Just a kind word means so much Psa. 119:9 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word." Make a choice to participate in the visitation board, become a member of the Food for Friends, supply needs for the Food for Families program, become part of the card sending group on Wednesdays, go with the Disaster Relief group to help, become a helper with Day School supplies, participate in Youth activities, pew packers and family meal nights, participate in Friends and Family Days, participate in Primetimers, attend the Wednesday Primetimer class. Make this your best year ever by putting God, his son Jesus and his church first in your life. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,"

## LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

\* **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

- \* **Wednesday, January 5th** - Family Meal Night at 6 p.m. We will be having tacos. Bring a dessert or drinks.
- \* **Friday, January 14th** - Parents Night Out for 5th grade and below. We will begin at 5:00 & end at 8:00, & this time will include pizza, a movie, and games. We will be looking for teen helpers as well!
- \* **Saturday, January 15th** - We will be taking a trip to Freed-Hardeman University to watch a basketball game. We will be leaving by noon to get to the game at 2:00. Please bring \$6 for the game, plus money for any concessions & supper after the game. Please let Brice or Kara know that you are coming so we can make arrangements for transportation.
- \* **Friday, January 21st** - All Ages Youth Devo. If you would like to host a youth devo see Saul or Brice.

### 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. See Brice or Saul if you would like to attend.
- \* **Sunday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 22** - Lomax VBS

## What Will You Do With The New?

Toward the end of the year, we begin to focus on the "new." We enjoy giving and receiving "new" presents, and we look forward to the hope of a "new" year. A blank calendar page represents fresh opportunity, but what will we do with it?

Hezekiah was known as a man who received renewed opportunity from the Lord. A godly king, Hezekiah destroyed the idols in Judah (2 Kings 18:4) and trusted God (2 Kings 18:5-6).

When Assyria came knocking on the door threatening to destroy Jerusalem, Hezekiah prayed (2 Kings 19:15-19), and God spared Judah. When Hezekiah fell ill, and God told him that he would not survive, Hezekiah again went to the Lord in earnest prayer, and God extended his life by 15 years (2 Kings 20:1-6).

Two challenges in Hezekiah's day were overcome by going to God in prayer. The nation now had renewed hope, and Hezekiah especially should have been filled with new enthusiasm for the future after God spared his life.

However, when a third challenge presents itself, Hezekiah seems to display resignation and selfishness. Isaiah reveals to him that Babylon would soon come and take away the wealth of Judah, as well as Hezekiah's own descendants (2 Kings 20:16-18). Instead of meeting this challenge with more prayer, Hezekiah says, "The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good!" and "Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?" (2 Kings 20:19). Hezekiah was given new opportunities, but he was content to live with his personal blessings, and gave no prayer for the future generations.

As Christians, we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ, and walk in newness of life. We've had our lives extended eternally! But what about the lost around us? What about future generations? Will we be content with our own salvation, and give no thought, prayer, or action for the salvation of others? What will we do with the new?

Matt Clifton

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**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 12/26**

A.M. Bible Class	92
A.M. Worship Service	165
P.M. Worship Service	67
Wednesday PM	77
Contribution:	\$6,493.80
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)

**Lomax Christian Day  
School  
796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your  
Bible Answer:  
Christ  
Luke 12:7**



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

**BE SAFE**  
 From COVID-19



**2022  
Leadership  
Planning  
Breakfast**

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



**Parents Night Out  
January 14th  
5th Grade and Younger  
5:00pm—8:00pm  
Teenage Helpers Needed for this event.  
Pizza, a Movie & Games  
See Brice or Saul for details**

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