



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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Continue in Prayer

Colossians 4:2 commands us to “continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.” There we are told to do three things: 1) to continue, 2) to watch, and 3) to give thanks. Similarly, Jesus taught that his disciples “ought always to pray and not loose heart” (Lk. 18:1). Romans 12:12 teaches us to “be constant in prayer,” and 1 Thessalonians 5:17 teaches us to “pray without ceasing.”

What is it that we are to be praying for? If we love the Lord with all our hearts, then surely our prayers will be filled with his praise as much or more than our penance and petitions. Still yet, we are commanded to “make our wants and petitions known before him.” So, what should we ask for when we pray?

Prayers should voice our desire for protection against the evil one and from our sinful selves (Matt. 6:13). We cast our cares on the one who cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). Prayers should also voice our desire for progress in holiness. We should not only pray for our protection; we should also pray for our spiritual progress. Are your prayers stuck in defensive mode? Shouldn't we venture out on the attack against evil in our prayer life?

Only when our prayers become bold shall we see the greatest blessings of God displayed in our lives. When we have received great answers to great prayers, we will truly be thankful for God's greatest blessings. So what is it that you will be praying for? What spiritual battles will God win for your? What spiritual blessings will God give you? Ultimately, we must pray because God will answer and the world will be blessed. “The Church does not know how near her victory is, we do not believe how much God is doing, but let the Holy Spirit for once give us a little more faith, and in confidence that we are nearing the victory, we shall continue in prayer” (Spurgeon, “A Sermon for the Week of Prayer”).

-- 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: Gary O'Brien started his 35 rounds of radiation on Monday, December 20th. Karen Eglinton is now home and doing well following back surgery. Tom Kilpatrick will have knee surgery on January 26th. David Roth, the nephew of Wilma Churchwell, had open surgery January 4th at Centennial. Mike Bunch, the son of Nell Bunch, is not doing well at home and having issues of falling. 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.

Please remember all those who have been or are currently dealing with the COVID Virus.

Sympathy to the friends and family of Mike O'Brien, the husband of Kathy O'Brien and son of Gary & Bonnie O'Brien. He passed away Tuesday, Jan. 4th. No arrangements have been made. Plans for a Celebration of Life and spreading of his ashes will be planned later in Minnesota. A service may be planned here at Lomax at a later date.

Sympathy to the friends and family of Matthew Jones, the son of Johnathan & Michelle Jones and the grandson of Rick and Ann Jones. He passed away Tuesday, Jan. 4th. Funeral services will be held at Hohenwald Church of Christ at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 6th. Visitation is from 5:00—6:30 pm on Thursday.

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, Connie Nolin, Gary O'Brien, Rex Riley, 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).

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation has received a donation this past week in the memory of Wanda Vineyard by her sister-in-law Amy Rawls.



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.



Food For Friends:

January 13th

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 29th.

More details will follow later. Mark your calendars.



January 10—Ladies Night Out

January 14—Parents Night Out

January 15—Leadership Planning Breakfast

January 15—Trip to FHU Basketball Games

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

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

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

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

I was researching this day in history and ran across a report that was released on January 11th 1964. It was from the United States Surgeon General Luther Terry. In a nut shell the report showed smoking lead to cancer. He held up releasing the bombshell report until Saturday for fear of the effect on the stock market.

Still we could say many years ago in Romans 6:23 it says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Still how many sin? How many accept Jesus Christ as their Lord? 1st John 1:8 "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Everyone has sin Rom. 3:23 "23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," We have the opportunity to do something about it to get rid of it. 2nd Cor. 5:21 "21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Just prior to this verse we read in verse 17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." Gal. 3:27 "27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." I hope no one gets cancer and we have made many medical break troughs to cure it. More than this I don't want anyone to not get rid of sin nothing gets rid of sin like being in Christ. Want you make that decision?

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

* **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

* **Sunday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 22** - Lomax VBS



Ladies' Night Out

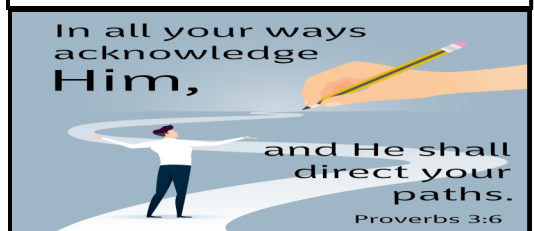
All ladies of the congregation are Invited to Ladies Night Out at the home of Betty Hinson— Monday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your Bible and a favorite dish.

With All Your Mind

Jesus said, "The great and first commandment:" "you shall love the Lord your God with all your... mind" (Matthew 22:37). The current spiritual battle is not fought with carnal weapons (swords, guns, bombs), but with ideas from the word of God. "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

The war against the lies of secular humanism will be won by truth. The battles fought with evil and wickedness will be won by righteousness and peace. The battles fought by stirring up hatred will be won by love.

*Cecil May Jr.
Preacher Talk*



BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 1/02

A.M. Bible Class	118
A.M. Worship Service	174
P.M. Worship Service	67
Wednesday PM	118
Contribution:	\$9,252.00
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



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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Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
John the Baptist
Matthew 3:8



Please continue to check out
the Visitation Notebook 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

VISITATION UPDATE!

First, let me begin by saying Happy New Year. I can not be more happy with the calls, cards and visits that you made in 2021. Lomax continues to impress me with the love you show to each other and the community. You are the best. We have transitioned back to the Visitation Book which works just like it did before. If you're looking for something new to be involved with in the new year, get involved with making someone's day or encouraging them with a call, card or visit. As Covid and the flu are in full force right now, please ckeck with the person you plan to visit to be sure they are ok with it. Again, thank you so much and if you know of someone that needs to be added, just let me know.

Chris Hunter

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