



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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Since God Has Spoken

God is not silent. He has spoken. Jesus promised the apostles that “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come” (Jn 16:13). The Holy Spirit then inspired or breathed out God’s words through them (2 Tim. 3:16). This process, although the human mind and thought was present, was continually guided and guarded by the Holy Spirit. These “spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” The Bible records God’s words.

Since God has spoken and still speaks through the Scriptures, Christians should seek to submit to the Scriptures to the best of their ability. Perfection will never be attained by even the most devoted Christian (Rom. 7:21-24). Still, the zealous Christian’s incapability of perfection does not excuse the pursuit of perfection (Matt. 5:48). Salvation is made possible through Christ and is received as a gift (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 8:1-4), but that does not excuse a saved person from the pursuit of holiness in precision obedience.

This pursuit of precise obedience is shaped by the Scripture. Paul said, “If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized” (1 Cor. 14:37-38). Since the things written in Scripture are the commands of God, Christians should want to do precisely as God has directed. Paul warned, “If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother” (2 Thess. 3:14-15).

Obviously, no Christian will ever achieve perfection. However, that inability does not diminish the Christian responsibility to pursue holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). This holiness is the result of sanctification (Heb. 10:14), but the Christian’s holiness is also related to the Christian’s behavior (1 Pet. 1:15). Since God has spoken, Christians strive to render precision obedience to the Lord. This precision obedience is required by those who have been the recipients of grace.

-- 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

**Due to Health Concerns,
Ladies Night Out
on Monday,
January 17th
and
The Over 60’s Banquet
on Saturday
January 29th
has been
Cancelled
and will be
Rescheduled.**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: **Gary O'Brien** continues his radiation treatments. **Verlin George** will have a outpatient procedure for skin cancer on Tuesday, January 18th. **Tom Kilpatrick** will have knee surgery on January 26th. **David Roth**, the nephew of Wilma Churchwell, had open surgery is now in a regular room at Centennial Hospital with rehabilitation to follow. **Mike Bunch**, the son of Nell Bunch, is not doing well at home and having issues of falling. **Allen Wayne "Porky" Dye**, the uncle of Jeff Dye is now at home from hospital on hospice care. **Please remember all those who have been or are currently dealing with the COVID Virus.**

Sympathy to the friends and family of Jenny Page McKay, the sister to Bobby Page and daughter of J.R. & Juanita Page. She passed away Monday, January 10th.

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, , Scott Phillips, 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).



January 21st @
All Ages Youth Devo.
If you would like to
host a youth devo see
Saul or Brice.



Congratulations to
Brooklyn Carroll & Jaylon Howard
on the birth of their son,
Grayson Hayes Howard
Born January 11th
He was 8lbs - 1 oz—21 long
Proud grandparents are
Wesley & Amt Carroll



Food For Friends:

January 20th

Team 1 (Betty & Betty)

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at
the CSC at 10:30 am



**Food
for Families**

Our monthly Food for Families distribu-
tion is **Thursday, January 20th**
If you have not brought your grocery
items in, please do so by Wed. morning
if possible.

For those who send cards:



Kathy O'Brien
P. O. Box 543
Elysian,
Minnesota 56028



January 17—Ladies Night Out
January 29—Over 60's Banquet
CANCELLED

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 wrote, "The lines are fallen
unto me in pleasant places; yea, I
have a goodly heritage"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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By the time you read this the Leadership Planning Day will have occurred. While the Elders meet monthly, this is an opportunity to discuss plans with the deacons and ministers. Heb. 13:17 "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." We all have ideas and opinions of things we want or think should be done. Maybe that is why God through the Holy Spirit said the qualifications for Elders and said they should be set up in every Church. Titus 1:5 "This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— " God knew we needed godly men who would to the best of their ability guide us that we may reach heaven. It doesn't mean they will always make us happy nor do everything we want. However I know from being around them they want to know what the congregation thinks, even if they are unable to grant every wish or implement every idea. May we all with prayerful consideration consider our Elders and the work they ask us to do.

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 21st** - All-ages youth devo, time & location TBD. If you would like to host a youth devo, see Saul or Brice.

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

*** Friday, February 18th** - 6th-12th grade devo. Time and Location TBD

*** Saturday, February 19th** - Cooks in the kitchen for kids of all ages. Come learn how to cook and help us make goodies for members of the church

*** Friday, February 25 - Sunday, February 27** - Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg.

Future Events

*** Sunday, June 19 through**

Wednesday, June 22 - Lomax VBS



Are You a Part of the 5G Network?

With a title like that, it sounds like I'm asking if you are a part of the latest cell phone technology, doesn't it? The latest 5G cell phone network promises many things. In the church, we have a network that is designed by God Himself for the betterment of the kingdom and for each member of it. It consists of several elements that we could easily break down into five categories. So, take a look at God's 5G network and see how strong of a signal you have in each:

Gather. God wants us to gather together as His people so that we can strengthen our bond and relationship through the love and encouragement we express (1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 10:24-25). We weaken the network when we don't gather with the saints – we strengthen it every time we come.

Grow. God wants us to teach and learn from each other to develop and mature our knowledge and faith in Him (2 Tim. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18). We hinder the network when we do not grow as a Christian – we help it when we develop properly and consistently.

Give. God wants us to give of our lives, talents, and resources in offerings and service so that the church can function and bless many (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-7). We limit the church's network influence when we do not give as we should – we assist in expanding it when we contribute as much as we are able.

Go. God wants us to be messengers of the good news about His Son so that many others can come to salvation and share in this incredible network of believers (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Thess. 1:8). We cripple the church's expansion of the network when we do not do our part to tell others about Jesus – we fortify it when we live in and mention Him at every opportunity.

Glow. God wants us to express joyful, optimistic, and hopeful lives (Phil. 4:4; 2 John 12). We limit the church's encouraging atmosphere when we possess a bad, worldly attitude – we expand it when we manifest joy and the love of Jesus.

Maybe the best way to look at it is that the purpose of the church as God's network is to "to know God better and make God better known." This is best carried out utilizing every part of God's 5G network. How is your connection and usage in it?

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*Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 1/09

A.M. Bible Class	136
A.M. Worship Service	188
P.M. Worship Service	110
Wednesday PM	107
Contribution:	\$6,123.00
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 fill out your form and give it to Kara Farr. Drawing will take place very soon so keep looking for updates.

Lomax
Church of Christ

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Jeff Spears—306-1362
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Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

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

Lomax 2022 Youth Rally

Location:
Lomax church
of Christ
320 Darbytown Rd
Hohenwald
TN 38462

For more information and
to Pre-register: Register at
Lomaxchurch.com/youthrally

Any questions or comments
please contact
Brice Van Hook (636-639-0153)
or
Saul Calderon (817-905-5324)

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HOME

Nehemiah 1:9

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