

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great day last Sunday in spite of some really cold weather. Thanks to so many of you for the encouraging words about the sermon Sunday morning. We are blessed to have a wonderful congregation with great potential for doing powerful things in the kingdom of God.

Thanks to everyone who made our 60+ banquet a success last night. Extra special thanks to *Matthew and Kara Farr* for planning and coordinating the event. We owe a great debt of gratitude to all of our “senior saints,” and we are especially thankful for the wisdom and experience they bring to the work here at Lomax. Our Primetimers are a great asset to our congregation, and I’m thankful for an opportunity like the 60+ banquet to express our gratefulness.

Next Sunday we will celebrate our first Friends and Family Day of 2008. Let’s make it an extra special one by inviting lots of guests and packing the building. We’ll have our regular morning services followed by a fellowship meal. Please bring plenty of food and drinks for that. After our meal we’ll have an afternoon service. Please plan to come and stay with us for the meal and the afternoon service. If you need to leave during the meal and plan to return for the second service, we will be starting about 12:30.

Congratulations to *Shelly Owen* who was voted Teacher of Year by her peers in the Middle School. Way to go!

Don’t forget our Scripture memory cards for this year. We’ll have another one soon. God is faithful!

-David

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 you, please let us know while you are here or call 796-5381.



To all of those who worked so hard to make the 60+ Banquet such a great success — thank you!



Friends & Family Day next
Sunday, Feb. 3

9 am—Bible Class

10 am—Worship

Potluck meal in the CSC

About 12:30—Second service



The Leadership Planning meeting has been moved to next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3, following the second service.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Carolyn Miller suffered a serious stroke Wednesday and is in Maury Regional Hospital room 578.

Naymond Graves is in Maury Regional Hospital room 101 undergoing rehab following a broken hip.

Heather Powell, daughter of *Richard and Sue Amacher*, had a cornea and lens transplant last Tuesday.

Anne Guzy, mother of *Dave Guzy*, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Harold Jones, brother-in-law of *Beryl Wynne*, has been diagnosed with cancer.

Continue to remember *Bill Rogers* (waiting for test results), *Bobby Edwards* (test results), and *Cherry Guzy* (recovering from mono).

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to *Jennie Burdett* on the death of her sister-in-law, *Jo Ruth Webb*.

Shut-ins: *Ruth Craig, Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Carma Edwards, and Jessie Mayberry.*

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion, Ersie Duncan, Lockie Sharp, Hazel Hinson, Anne White, and Michelle Huff.*

Remember our military: *Tim Baur, Justin Conkle, grandson of Ralph and Sue Conkle, Tommy Iverson, son of Tom Iverson, and Dustin Bruggmann, grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder.*



Speech Night

For: All girls in LLL Speech

When: Tomorrow Night, Jan. 28

Time: 6 pm—8 pm

Where: church basement

Bring your speech cards and \$3 for sub sandwiches.

Let Lori Hill know if you will be able to come or not.



Donations for the Boy Scouts

Day School Needs for January:
baby wipes & paper towels

Please put your donations in the basket in the foyer.

A Look Ahead

Put these dates on your calendar!



Feb. 2 — Lazer Tag-6th & up

Feb. 3 — Friends and Family Day

Feb. 3 — Make & deliver decorations for the Nursing Home

Feb. 3 — Elders, deacons, and preachers planning meeting

Feb. 6 — Teen Meal

Feb. 17 — Area Wide Devo at Kimmins

Feb. 18 — 5th and under trip to Chuck E. Cheese

Feb. 29—Mar. 1 — Youth Rally

Mar. 2 — Sunday Night Social

Mar. 5 — Teen Meal



With All My Heart—Youth Rally 2008

February 29– March 1

Please start bringing drinks to the Christian Service Center classroom.

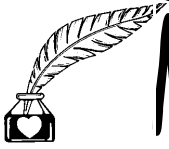
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Bible Reading and Song Leading will meet today.
- Girls' Speech Night — See the next column for more information.
- Speech will meet next Sunday at 4:30
- Scrapbook will meet this Wednesday night at 5:30
- Hotel money for convention is due March 2.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Which prophet was known for being bald?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom



A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors! We are glad that you came our way. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 and on Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM...Thanks to all that continue to make the annual 60+ Banquet a reality. We always look forward to this special event....Remember our Friends & Family Day coming up this weekend in addition to the church planning session. Be sure and give your suggestions to the elders, deacons, or ministers....Also, the FHU annual Bible lectures will be Feb. 3-8 and this is another opportunity for spiritual growth....My lesson tonight will be "A Beautiful Life" or proper clothes for 2008 (See Col. 3:12-17)...Don't forget that our Youth Rally is just around the corner—Feb. 29-March 1.

Each Day Is A New Account...One of my favorite passages for this time of the year is Eccl. 3:22-23. *"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed. Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning."* I always truly appreciate the material sent my way and the above promise reminded me of the following:

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400.00...That carried over no balance from day to day....Allowed you to keep no cash in your accounts...And every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you failed to use during the day....What would you do?

Would you draw out every cent each day, and use it to an advantage? Well, we all have such a bank and its name is **"TIME."**



Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night, It writes off as lost whatever of this we have failed to invest for a good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account for us. Each night, it burns the records of the day. If we fail to use the deposits, we lose because we failed to invest.

It is up to us to invest this precious fund of hours, minutes, and seconds in the service of mankind and to the glory of God. (Psa. 11:24).

On The Lighter Side: "When I look at my congregation," said one preacher, "I ask myself, 'Where are the poor?' And then I look at the offering plates on Sunday, and I ask myself, 'Where are the rich?'"

Also, a young minister asked the little girl what she thought of her first church service. "The singing was nice," she said, "but the commercial was a little long."

February Birthdays:

- 1st Annette Peery
- 2nd JoAnne Jackson
- 3rd Leanna Amacher
- 4th Loyce Harris
- 8th Mike Hinson
Mashaya Hinson
- 9th Louise Jones
- 12th Bobby Daniel
- 13th Eric Amacher
- 14th Brock Spears
- 16th Brooks Tiller
- 17th Mann Nutt
- 19th Hazel Hinson
- 21st Clark Carroll
- 22nd Jim Grinder
- 23rd Jimmy Morton
- 25th Tom Iverson
- 26th Nell Bunch
- 27th Gary O'Brien

February Anniversaries:

- 2nd Mann & Betty Anne Nutt
- 12th Pittman & Barbara Baker
- 14th John & Amber Venable
- 15th Jarrod & Tiffany Jordan
- 18th Gene & Faye Kilpatrick



A contribution was made to the building fund by Mary Farmer in honor of Marguerite, Jerry, Peggy, and Dustin Flowers.

BY THE NUMBERS	
For the week of 1/20	
A.M. Bible Class	142
A.M. Worship Service	238
P.M. Worship Service	137
Wednesday PM	140
Contribution:	\$4,445.80
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Pilate (Matthew 27:19)

Schedule of Services	
Sunday Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship Services	10:00 am
Evening Service	6:00 pm
Wednesday: Primetimers	10:00am
Bible Study	7:00 pm

The Last Word

“Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23-24

While he was in college in New York, Jesse Jacobs started an apology hotline that still exists today. The idea is that people can call in and apologize anonymously for anything that is on their conscience. The recording urges you to “apologize for anything. ... The idea is to make yourself feel better.” And the calls come in, too! The line averages about 50 calls a week with people apologizing for everything from embezzlement and adultery to missed opportunities at work or in love.

But here's the problem — people may be saying they're sorry, but you can't really call it an apology. The calls are anonymous and the victims never know the offender has apologized. There is no reconciliation, no confession, and one wonders if there is even true repentance. Several of the callers freely admit that, while they feel they should apologize for what they have done, they would do it again if the opportunity presented itself. And yet, they feel better now that they have said they are sorry.

Satan works hard to destroy the unity between brothers and sisters in Christ. And while there are cheap substitutes like the apology hotline out there, many just choose to say nothing about a problem. Whether the apology is anonymous or goes unsaid, the effect is often the same.

God does not offer such cheap forgiveness. There can be no real peace and reconciliation without repentance. While a caller may feel better about making an anonymous confession to an answering machine in New York, they do not receive the peace that comes from genuine repentance. And if they need to apologize, then an anonymous phone call will not restore the relationship that has been broken. God offers real peace and real restoration when we offer genuine repentance and a heartfelt desire to apologize and work to right the wrongs we have done.

-David

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Malcom George - Minister

ELDERS:

Richard Amacher

Steve Edwards

Dave Guzy

Bill Lawson

Rick Morrow

Dan Spears

Yogie Spears

DEACONS:

Greg Amacher — *Maintenance*

J.W. Churchwell — *Transportation,
Facilities*

Ralph Conkle — *Maintenance*

Jeff Dye — *Worship Assignments,
Missions*

Matthew Farr — *Missions*

Trent Hill — *Youth*

Pop Hinson — *Missions, Visitation*

Jeff Spears — *Education, Youth*

Larry Tatum — *Maintenance*

Walt Thompson — *Benevolence*

Lynn Tiller — *Facilities Usage*

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