

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

Happy New Year and welcome to the first the Sunday of 2008! During our gospel meeting in August of this year we will celebrate the 90th anniversary of this congregation, but all year long we plan to focus on a simple theme: God is faithful. You will have the opportunity to learn a handful of Bible verses that will help us remember God's faithfulness every day. It is my prayer that as we remember all the ways God has been faithful to us, it will motivate us to be faithful to Him and to each other. I also hope that we will be driven to trust God even more as we reflect on all the ways He has provided for us individually and as a church family. 2008 is going to be a great year — a year of remembrance, a year of celebration, and a year of preparation for the blessings God has in store for us in the future! God is faithful and He will both hear us and bless us when we commit ourselves to Him. Make this a year of personal spiritual growth. If we all grow individually, the church will grow, too!

Our Youth Rally is just around the corner! Remember we have changed the date this year to February 29– March 1 because Easter weekend and the Lads to Leaders convention fall on our regular date. Eight weeks from today we will be talking about what a great success this year's Youth Rally was, but until then, there is a lot of work to do! Stay tuned for more ways you can help. Our theme is "With All My Heart" and is taken from Jeremiah 29:11-14. Please keep our Youth Rally and the rest of the events of the church year in your prayers.

-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.



All the ladies of the congregation who are interested in being a part of the Secret Sister program need to pick up a form from Kara Farr and return it as soon as possible. For more information, please see Kara.

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WEDNESDAY
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TEEN
MEAL

The monthly Teen Meal will be this Wednesday, January 9, at 6 pm in the Christian Service Center. If you can help cook or serve, please see Kim Bryant.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Bill Millsbaugh has will have heart surgery to install a defibrillator this Thursday.

Bill Rogers is in Room 555 at Maury Regional Hospital.

Barbara Baker is home from the hospital following gall bladder surgery.

Marcy Hayes, cousin of *Kim Bryant*, has cancer and has begun hospice care. Please remember her and her family.

Dexter Beavers, grandfather of *David Salisbury*, is in the hospital in Chattanooga with pneumonia.

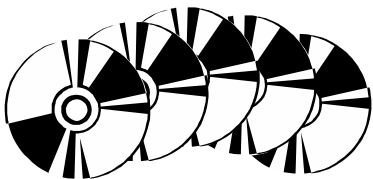
Heather Powell, daughter of *Richard and Sue Amacher*, will have a corneal transplant on January 22.

Continue to remember *Robena Gunter* (recovering from pneumonia), *Cherry Guzy* (recovering from mono), *Dorothy Turnbo* (foot problems), and *James Blackwood* (father of *Cynthia Collison*, has several health problems).

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.*



Our Worship Services on DVD

If you would like to get a copy of our worship service on DVD, please fill out a request form in the box on the table in

the lobby. Each DVD contains the auditorium class on Sunday morning and both Sunday services.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- All speech and Bible reading participants will begin practice **today** at 4:30.
- Song Leading will meet next Sunday, Jan. 13.

With All My Heart



Lomax Youth Rally 2008 February 29– March 1

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Lonnie Jones, speaker

Make plans now to be with us for another fantastic Youth Rally. More info soon!

A Look Ahead

Put these dates on your calendar!



Jan. 9 — Teen Meal

Jan. 19 — Game Night (5th and under)

Jan. 20 — All Age Devotional

Jan. 26 — Sixty Plus Banquet

Feb. 2 — Lazer Tag (6th and up)

Feb. 3 — Friends and Family Day

Feb. 3 — Make decorations for the Nursing Home

Feb. 6 — Deliver decorations

Feb. 6 — Teen Meal

Feb. 17 — Area Wide Devo at Kimmins

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

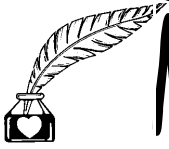
Feb. 29—Mar. 1 — Youth Rally

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What are the names of the brothers of Jesus?

(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...We trust that everyone will have a great 2008 and will continue to grow as Christ grew (Lk. 2:52)...The Wed. AM Bible class braved the 20 degree weather last week and we are really proud of this group. Carol Canady from Nashville sent me the following in praise of this group:

Getting Older Outwardly But Inwardly Renewed Everyday.....



those who may resent the passing years and are always looking for the fountain of youth, an interesting possibility has been suggested by Charles A. Allen. He writes, "Just suppose the process was reversed. You would start living at an old age and every day be a little younger. Now that would be terrible. Every day you would know a little less than you knew the day before. You would start off with your grandchildren but in a few years they would all be gone. Your family, instead of growing, would constantly be diminishing. You would eventually get to the age where you start to college. You would start off a senior and end up in the first grade. Now, little first graders are cute with their short pants or pink dresses but would you want to go there again? Old age certainly has its drawbacks but what about being a tiny baby again? If you were getting younger, you would lose everything and be helpless again. Babies do not have a previous existence, so complete oblivion would be the end."



When we look at life from that perspective, we can see the advantages of growing older. No wonder Browning said, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be. The end of life for which the first was made." Yes, God wants us to grow stronger and stronger and be changed into His likeness from glory to Glory (2 Cor. 3:18—4:16-18).

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

On The Lighter Side: Hearing Junior crying, Mother asked, "What's the matter, dear?" He whimpered, "Daddy hit his thumb with a hammer." "You shouldn't cry over that; you should laugh," said Mother. "That's the trouble," replied Junior, "I did laugh."

Sentence Sermons for 2008: Nothing will happen to us that is bigger than we are...(See Phil. 4:13)...Ten rules for getting rid of the blues: Go out and do something for someone else and repeat it nine times...A smile is a gently curved line that sets a lot of things straight.

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/30**

A.M. Bible Class	161
A.M. Worship Service	278
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	147
Contribution:	\$5,062.60
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Moses

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 know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” Deuteronomy 7:9

This verse will be our theme verse all year long. It will also serve as the first of our memory verses. You don't have to sit down and study it like you would study for a test in school. If that works for you, then do it, but if it doesn't, don't worry. Pick up one of the cards with this verse on it and put the card in your pocket. Then, every time you reach in your pocket, pull out the card and read it. Don't read it to try and memorize it; just read it. Let the words soak in. Think of a way that God has been faithful and give Him thanks. Try to read the verse at least 5 times a day. One day, without ever having to sit down and try to cram the verse into your brain, you will reach for the card and you'll realize you already know what it says. Pull it out anyway and read it again. What you will discover is that you have quite unintentionally memorized this verse. And you have memorized it because you have hidden it in your heart, not because you have crammed it into your short term memory long enough to quote it back to yourself before you forget it. And when Scripture is hidden in your heart, it begins to work in your life.

We serve a God who is faithful to every promise and every Christian. He has never fails; He never forgets. And that one awesome truth — God is faithful — can powerfully change your life and supercharge your faith. This year, why not commit yourself to growing in your understanding of God's unfailing love and mercy. If you will do that, you will find that you will grow in your ability to love and show mercy to others. You will find it easier to trust God's plan in every aspect of your life. You don't have to understand every piece of it to trust Him and follow Him. And when you are trusting God more and walking with Him more closely, then you can say that your faith has grown this year. If each and every one of us grows in our faith, imagine how much stronger our congregation will be! Let's do it this year!

-David

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Trent Hill — *Youth*

Mike Hinson — *Cemetery, Education, Youth*

Pop Hinson — *Missions, Visitation*

Jeff Spears — *Education, Youth*

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