Welcome to Lomax!

Welcome to Friends and Family Day!! We are glad to have you with us today as we celebrate the families God has given us and our Christian family. I hope you will plan to stay with us for our meal after services this morning and then our afternoon service at 1:00. What a great day to be together for worship!

This Sunday is also the day we announce the names of the men who have been nominated to serve as deacons. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers. Pray for the men who are selected, as well as the deacons currently serving. It is wonderful to be part of an active and growing church! God is blessing us richly here at Lomax!

We certainly want to celebrate with Jarrod Jordan over his decision to be baptized and lay claim to the promise of God’s salvation (Acts 2:39). We also rejoice with Nicole Hensley who rededicated her life to the Lord on Sunday night.

Don’t forget our Leadership Planning day on Saturday, February 8!

I don’t know about you, but I think I have filled my “snow quota” for this winter, and that always makes me start to think about spring. As we look ahead, we are making preparations for our Youth Rally, Lads to Leaders Convention, and Vacation Bible School. Be thinking now about how you can help with those events. Spring is coming soon and we will be ready! - David

A special welcome to our guests!

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest. Thank you for choosing to be with us as we worship God. The Lomax church of Christ is trying to be the church for which Jesus died — nothing more, nothing less. To that end, we follow the Bible as our only rule. We call ourselves Christians and nothing else. All we ask is that you obey the Word of God as revealed in the Bible.

Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. These will be collected after the first song during our morning worship. During our evening worship you may just leave them on the pew. Restrooms are located to your right as you exit the back of the auditorium. Should you need a nursery, it is located down the hall to the right as you exit the auditorium. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know while you are here or by calling 796-5381.

GOOD NEWS!

Jarrod Jordan (shown in the picture with his wife Tiffany) was baptized this past Tuesday, Jan. 21. We rejoice with Jarrod in this great decision he has made!
The Sick and Shut-ins

Myrtle Williams has not been feeling well and requests our prayers.

Zebedee Skelton had tests done this past Wednesday.

Gene Bunch had shoulder surgery last Friday; Nell is having back trouble.

Michelle Huff remains in very serious condition. The family has requested our prayers.

Angie Titus, friend of Nikohl Alsup, has cancer and is in very serious condition.

Edna Daniel, mother of Bobby Daniel, is home now.

Continue to remember Don Meredith, Ilo Miller, Ron Graves, and Sherry Brewer.

Shut-ins: Bitha Bullion, Ruth Craig, and Austin Rasbury.

Remember those in the nursing home: Hazel Hinson, Jessie Lawson, Pauline Bates (mother of Barbara Meredith) and Anne White.

A donation has been made to the church by David and Jane Talley and Glenn and Lou Talley in memory of Arzell Willis. David and Glenn are nephews of Sister Arzell.

Ladies’ Night Out

Tomorrow night, 6:30 pm
At the home of Verlin George
Please sign the sheet in the back of the foyer to indicate whether you are bringing soup, sandwiches, or dessert.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to Chad Moorehead and his family on the death of his grandmother, Ruby Moorehead who passed away this past Thursday.

All-Age Devotional

Next Sunday, Feb. 2
7:15 pm in the CSC
Theme: “Love”

Attention All 7-12 Graders!

We need pictures of your parents for the Parent Appreciation Banquet Feb. 20. We need one older picture and one recent picture (snapshots or formal pictures). Please put your parents’ names on the back of each picture and give them to Trent or Lori Hill. The pictures will be returned.

In what city in Greece did a group of Jews whip up a company of thugs in an anti-Paul riot? (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS. We are glad that you came our way. You are always welcome at Lomax. Also, everyone is urged to stay with us for lunch today and remain for our 1:00 afternoon service. You are special to us and thanks for being a part of our Family & Friends Day….Thanks to Bill Rogers for driving the bus for the Wed. AM class last week. We only have room for four more for our trip on May 19-22.

THINGS I WISH I HAD KNOWN BEFORE I WAS TWENTY– ONE:

Several years ago H. Leo Boles gave a chapel talk at FHU by the above title. His speech included: (1) The need of vision as a career of life and as long as we live, (2) Our health to a large degree depends on what we eat and what eats us, (3) The ability to live within our income, (4) The commercial asset of going neatly and sensibly dressed, (5) That habits are hard to change after twenty-one years, (6) A harvest depends upon the seed sown {Gal. 6:7}, (7) That things worthwhile require patience, time, and hard work, (8) That a good education is necessary to accomplish the most, (9) That honesty pays, (10) The folly of not taking the advice of older people, (11) More of the Bible, (12) The value and opportunity of serving my fellowman, (13) That God’s relationship to His people can be compared to a shepherd with his sheep {Ps. 23; John 10:10}, (14) And the value of truth in everything {John 8:32}.

Yes, it is true that we should learn as we live. Something is wrong if growth is not continued (Lk. 2:52). We never grow old—we just stop growing. School is never out for the Christian. In fact, we emphasized in our class last Wed. morning that there is no retirement in the Lord’s work. A truly educated person is never bored. Some folks learn from their experiences. Others never recover from them. We are still in the beginning of a new year so we need to learn from our past and go forward (Phil. 3:13-14). Also, I cannot live long enough to make all the mistakes of life so I should learn from the mistakes of others. It is true that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Other things we need to learn sooner instead of later include: (1) The greatness of the love and grace of God. Salvation is made possible by His grace and made actual by my obedient faith. (2) People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care (Gal. 6:1ff.). (3). The ability to encourage and praise what we want to raise (Eph. 4:29-32). (4) What really matters is what happens in us, not to us (Phil. 4:12-13). (5) We cannot make people do right, (6) We should always try to see the good in others and emphasize the positive (1 Cor. L3:7). (7) There is always the need for diplomacy even with the truth. We should never try to kill a fly on someone’s head with a hammer. (8) Finally, we have learned that a better church, community, and world begins with us.
The Last Word

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

I read an article recently that said we needed to be careful about using the word “family” in church because it might be offensive to some. With the dramatic increase in the divorce rate, a sky-rocketing percentage of young people living together without getting married, and the rise in the number of unwed mothers, we are faced with a unique situation. A family has typically been understood to be a mother, a father, and their children. In today’s world of single parents, step-parents, and sometimes no parents, the traditional family is actually a minority. If we are using the term “family” in a traditional way, we may appear to be excluding many of the parents who are listening to us. The article I read proposed that we begin to use the biblical term “household” instead of family.

Now I’m not opposed to changing the language we use, but I believe that it might be easier to modify our definition of what makes a family. There are many indications in Scripture that Jesus Himself was raised in a single parent home (e.g. Mark 3:31-35). It is wonderful to see so many single parents today who have determined that their children will be raised in a Christian home. God will bless them! These single moms or dads work twice as hard to get their kids to church services and Bible classes and youth events, but they do it to raise their children in a home focused and centered on God. When Moses encouraged the Israelites to teach their children about the Lord, he focused on the kids. God’s design for a family is to bring those children to faith. You may be a single mom, a single dad, a step-parent, a grand-parent, an aunt, uncle, brother or sister, but if you help bring your family to faith then you are accomplishing God’s plan for the “family.” - David

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 1/19

A.M. Bible Class
241
A.M. Worship Service
188
P.M. Worship Service
189
Wednesday Bible Class

Contribution: $5,348.75
Weekly Budget $4,150.00

Last week’s Know Your Bible answer:

Peter and John
(Acts 4:3)

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Jeff Dye
Bobby Page
Dan Spears
Larry Tatum
Walt Thompson
Lynn Tiller

Schedule of Services
Sunday Bible Study 9:00 am
Worship Services 10:00 am
Evening Service 6:00 pm
Wednesday: Primetimers 10:00 am
Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 pm
WMLR Radio Sunday 11:30 am