

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

What a fabulous week we've had! There are so many activities going on here that everyone has a chance to get involved in some way. Thank you all for the hard work you put in day after day and week after week. You are an encouragement to me and a great example. Lomax is a wonderful family and a great place to serve.

Today is the fifth Sunday of the month and our entire contribution will go to our Youth Fund. The Youth Fund is used throughout the year to help with the expenses of the Youth Rally, Lads to Leaders, and to help defray the costs of Horizons and Mid South youth camps. This contribution is a great opportunity for us to visibly demonstrate to our young people just how important our youth program is here at Lomax. It is a chance for us to "put our money where our mouth is." Please plan to give generously today.

Next Sunday is also going to be a special Sunday. It will be our first Friends & Family day of the new year. Please plan to bring a guest or guests with you next week. We'll enjoy a great fellowship meal and then gather back at 1:00 for an afternoon service. We'll continue our focus on spiritual growth, and it will be a great Sunday to bring someone who wants to know more about the Christian life. Let's all remember to be gracious hosts next week and help people find their Bible class or a seat in the auditorium during service. Also, as always, please bring lots of food for everyone to enjoy. Let's show the community what a wonderful place Lomax is and more importantly how great it is to be a Christian!

-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.

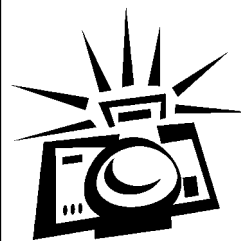
If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help you, please let us know while you are here or call 796-5381.

## 5th Sunday Contribution Today



Our contribution today  
will go to the Youth Fund.

The amount given will  
cover all youth  
expenses for  
the entire  
year. Thank  
you for giving generously.



## Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes Pictures

### This Morning!

After our morning services  
we will be taking pictures  
for our  
scrapbook of  
**ALL** young  
people  
involved in  
LLL this year.



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



## Sick:

*Marguerite Bullion* is home and improving following a stroke this past week.

*Ishmael Bunch* is scheduled to begin chemotherapy in two weeks.

*Carma Edwards* is having many health problems and requests our continued prayers.

Continue to remember *Gene Kilpatrick, Myrtle Williams, Ed Williams*, (father of *Mylie McKissack*), *Freda Lewis, Carolyn Miller, Estelle Mercer, Sharon Edwards, Dexter Beavers*, and *Cordell Hull*.

**Shut-ins:** *Bitha Bullion* and *Ruth Craig*.

**In Lewis County Manor:** *Lockie Sharp, Hazel Hinson, Louise Nichols, Eunice Starbuck, Anne White, Wilton Whitehead*, and *Michelle Huff*.

**Remember our military:** *David Sublett* (brother of *Kelly Willis*).



There will be a bridal shower for *Lindsey Alford* (daughter of *LeeAnn Alford*) on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 2:00 to 3:30 at the Christian Service Center.

Lindsey is registered at Wal-Mart and Bed Bath and Beyond.

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Speech and Bible reading will practice **today** at 4:30!
- Pictures of everyone participating in Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes will be made **today** after morning service.
- Scrapbook will meet this Monday evening from 5:30—8:00 in the CSC. Scrapbook will not meet on Wednesday because of the Wednesday Teen Meal.
- There will be no practices next week because of Friends and Family Day.
- Hotel money is due by March 6th.

## Friends and Family Day

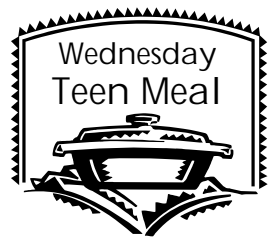
Mark your calendars! Our first Friends and Family Day of 2005 is next Sunday, February 6.

We will have Sunday school at 9 am and worship at 10 am which will be followed by a fellowship meal in the Christian Service Center. Following the meal, we will meet back together at 1:00 pm for an afternoon service.



## Wednesday Teen Meal

- ◆ Next Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 6 pm in the Christian Service Center for grades 6-12.



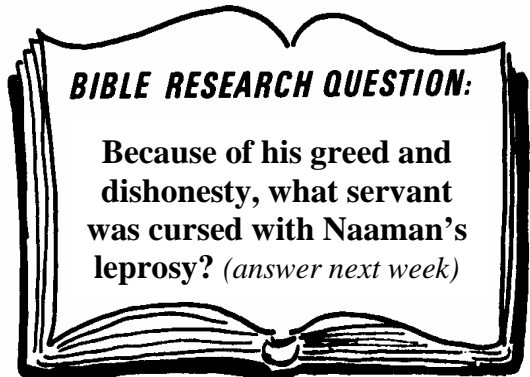
- ◆ There are new sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer for the months of February—May. See Jeff or Sherri Dye for menu details.



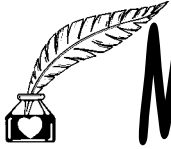
New Youth Calendars are available on the back table in the foyer.

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Because of his greed and dishonesty, what servant was cursed with Naaman's leprosy? (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 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.. Remember the FHU annual Bible lectures on Feb. 7-11....Primitimers are reminded of our trip to Shoney's this Monday 31st. Please be at the building by 8:00 a.m.

## DO WE UTILIZE OUR SURVIVAL KIT?

On June 2, 1960, an 8 year old boy, Walter Sedor, was found sitting on a rock 3/4 of a mile from Tarton Lake, 12 miles north of Flin Flon, Manitoba. He and his father had been fishing. For 15 days he had waited beside the wrecked and burned plane in which his father, Steve Sedor, was instantly killed in the crash. Hungry and afraid, the boy waited alone for his mother to come for him.

Royal Canadian Air Force and civilian planes had scanned 70,000 sq. miles of land for days but no trace had been found until on the 15th day after the crash. A commercial airline pilot sighted the boy standing on a rock and waving feebly for help. For 15 days the boy had been without food and his emaciated and weakened condition showed that starvation would shortly have overtaken him.

One of the tragic aspects of this accident was that there was no need for this boy to be hungry, for near the plane was a survival kit containing 24 day's rations. It had been thrown clear when the plane crashed but the lad was unaware of what it contained.

Many folks today are like Walter Sedor. They are lost in the wilderness, not of the north country, but of guilt, doubt, and fear and their starved souls suffer from malnutrition, hunger, and starvation while right beside them is **the** survival kit with an abundance of the Bread of Life (John 6:51) to nourish starving souls. The Bible contains the daily rations we need but so often it lies unopened and used and we remain unaware that it contains the Bread of Life for which our souls hunger (Matthew 4:4). Let us open our Bibles and feast upon the Word of God. This survival kit is God's roadmap from here to eternity!

**On The Lighter Side:** A boy refused to take a bath. His mother insisted. Still he objected. She asked, "Why?" He replied, "My Bible school teacher said we shouldn't do anything in private that we wouldn't do in public!"



**Sentence Sermon:** A yawn is at least an honest opinion. (Submitted).



## February

### B irthdays and A nniversaries

#### Birthdays

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

#### Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mann & Betty Anne Nutt
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pittman & Barbara Baker
- 14<sup>th</sup> John & Amber Venable
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jarrod & Tiffany Jordan  
Wade & Lisa Peery
- 16<sup>th</sup> J. R. & Juanita Page
- 18<sup>th</sup> Gene & Faye Kilpatrick
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pete & Loyce Harris

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 1/23	
A.M. Bible Class	172
A.M. Worship Service	254
P.M. Worship Service	184
Wednesday PM	188
Contribution:	\$5,160.25
Weekly Budget	\$5,200.00

Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
**Naaman**  
**(2 Kings 5:14)**

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in you.  
Isaiah 26:3

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David Salisbury - Minister

Malcom George - Minister

**ELDERS:**

Steve Edwards  
Bill Lawson  
Rick Morrow  
Don Owens  
Yogie Spears

**DEACONS:**

Greg Amacher	Pop Hinson
Dale Askins	Darryl Holt
J.W. Churchwell	Dan Spears
Ralph Conkle	Jeff Spears
Jeff Dye	Marty Spears
Matthew Farr	Larry Tatum
Dave Guzy	Walt Thompson
Trent Hill	Lynn Tiller
Mike Hinson	

**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

## *The Last Word*

“...And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”  
Matthew 15:14b

The story is told of a young preacher who was officiating at the funeral of a war veteran. Several of the deceased's military friends had asked to have a part in the funeral. They asked the young preacher to lead them out through a side door at the end of the funeral. This he proceeded to do, but unfortunately the effect was somewhat marred when he picked the wrong door. At the conclusion of the funeral, the preacher led the men as they marched in military precision straight into a broom closet, in full view of all the mourners. If you are going to be a leader, you must make sure you know where you're going.

Yesterday, our elders, deacons, and ministers met to discuss where we are going as a congregation. It's important that we have a focus for our future and a plan for how to get there. I am thankful that we have wise elders who are forward looking and who do plan for the future. I am also thankful that they are open to suggestions from other people. They actively involve the deacons and ministers in the discussions about our direction and focus.

I can also tell you that the future is very bright. We have accomplished many great things and we will build on those successes in the year and years to come. Last year we paid off all the debt this congregation had. That has freed us to support Dr. Landis's mission program as well as prepare for some of our future needs with regard to our facilities. Leading a congregation is not an easy job, but we are blessed at Lomax to have men who know the right way to go and are committed to helping us be a bright light for the Lord to this community and to the world. I am reminded of Paul's words to the church in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. *“And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake.”*

-David

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