

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

Welcome to Friends and Family Day at Lomax! We're glad you are here with us. Please join us for our meal after our morning services. We will have an afternoon service immediately following the meal (about 12:30) and conclude for the day. We encourage all of you to get together with friends and family and enjoy the rest of this day in a time of fellowship. Our elders, deacons, and ministers will have our annual leadership planning meeting this afternoon, so please keep that in your prayers. Also, our young people will be making Valentine's Day decorations and delivering them to the local nursing home this afternoon. I know the decoration will brighten the rooms and hearts of the residents.

Today we begin a new series of sermons called Facing our Fears. All of us have to deal with fear and the Bible has a great deal to say about how we, as Christians, should face our fears. As part of our year long theme of God's faithfulness, this series will help you find victory and peace in your spiritual life.

In connection with the new series, there is a new scripture memory card available. As we spend the year focusing on God's faithfulness, this verse will help us all to remember that we do not need to fear because we serve a faithful God. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 says, "*But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.*" We don't have to be afraid because we serve an awesome and all powerful God. Join us as we examine our fears and learn how to overcome them in Christ. *-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.

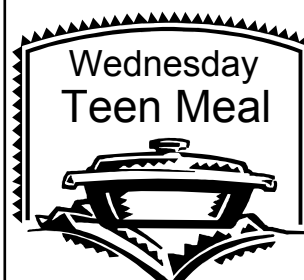
If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help you, please let us know while you are here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



## Welcome to Friends & Family Day!



All young people kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to make Valentine's Day decorations this afternoon after our second service. When we are finished making them, we will deliver them to the nursing home.



This Wednesday at 6:00 in the Christian Service Center for all 7th-12th graders.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



## Sick:

*Bobby Edwards* will have surgery on Tuesday at St. Thomas Hospital to remove a brain tumor. He will remain in ICU for 2-3 days before starting rehab.

*Derick Carroll* had surgery on his wrist last Thursday.

*Matthew Farr* is waiting for results from tests.

*Carolyn Miller* is recovering at home.

*Clenna Clifton*, mother of *Gwen Hinson*, had quadruple bypass surgery last Wednesday. She is in Maury Regional Hospital.

*Gertha Mae Duncan*, mother of *Carolyn Spears*, is in rehab at Maury Regional Hospital following surgery for a broken hip.

*Hilory Holt* has been diagnosed with lupus.

*Ann Guzy*, mother of *Dave Guzy*, has been in the hospital in Florida. She has cancer.

*Billy Morris*, nephew of *Dianna Owens*, had heart surgery Wednesday in Virginia.

Continue to remember *Naymond Graves* (rehab following a broken hip), *Heather Powell* (cornea and lens transplant), *Cherry Guzy* (recovering from mono) and *Harold Jones* (brother-in-law of *Beryl Wynne*, has cancer).

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to *Matt Swinea* on the death of his stepmother, *Sherry Swinea*.

We also extend our sympathy to *Tracie Lomax* on the death of her grandfather, *Leon Hinson*.

**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*.



Donations for  
the Key School

Day School Needs  
for February:  
Apple juice

Please put your donations  
in the basket in the foyer.



**With All My Heart—**

**Youth Rally 2008**

**Feb. 29– March 1**

- Please sign the lists in the lobby to help with the Youth Rally.
- Please bring canned drinks and put them in the CSC classroom.

## A Look Ahead

Put these dates on your calendar!



**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

**Mar. 8** — Easter Egg Hunt (5th and  
under)

**Mar. 21-23** — Lads to Leaders  
Convention

**Mar. 30** — 5th Sunday contribution

**Mar. 30** — Singing service PM

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

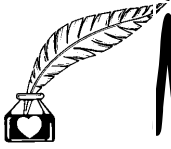
- There is no practice for any Lads to Leaders events today.
- Speech will meet next Sunday at 4:30
- Scrapbook will meet this Wednesday night at 5:30
- Hotel money for Convention is due March 2.

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

This New Testament  
prophet predicted a  
world wide famine?

(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**

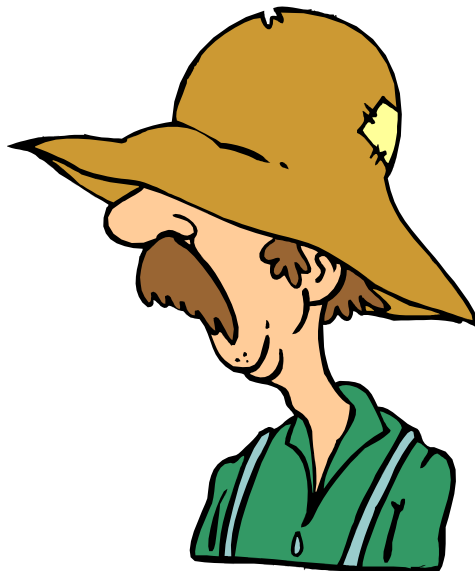


# Meditations with Malcom

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to all our visitors! We are glad that you came our way. We are thrilled that you are here for our Friends & Family Day. Be sure and stay for lunch and for our afternoon service. We also thank our elders and deacons for spending most of the afternoon in planning the work at Lomax and around the world....The Primetimers are reminded of our birthday pizza on the 13th. We will be honoring Earl Von Dollen who has a birthday on the 29th. Another special birthday in this month is Hazel Hinson who will be 99 on the 19th....Don't forget that our Youth Rally is early this year and begins on Earl's birthday...The annual FHU Bible lectures are in progress this week and I am scheduled to be at an Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday. Be sure and attend some of the lectures if you get an opportunity....The following came my way:

## **Old Farmers' Advice (Part 1):**

- ☼ Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- ☼ Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- ☼ It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- ☼ You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- ☼ Every path has a few puddles.
- ☼ When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- ☼ The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- ☼ Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- ☼ Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- ☼ Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.



**On The Lighter Side:** Election year reminds us of what Sam Rayburn told his friend Harry Truman when he was thrust into the presidency. "From here on you will have a lot of people around you and many will tell you what a great man you are, but you and I know you ain't."

"I enjoy waking up and not having to go to work, so I do it three or four times a day." —Submitted...

**Sermon Briefs:** People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges....Don't give until it hurts. Give until it feels good....Most of the stuff people worry about never happens (Cf. Matt. 6:25-34).

<b>BY THE NUMBERS</b>	
<b>For the week of 1/27</b>	
A.M. Bible Class	141
A.M. Worship Service	241
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	162
Contribution:	\$4,602.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Elisha (2 Kings 2:23)

<b>Schedule of Services</b>	
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

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David Salisbury - Minister  
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

## *The Last Word*

“No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:12

*This article was written by a friend of mine who preaches in Chicago. It is one of the best articles I've read and I wanted to share it. This is part one of two.*

### **When does love die? — Part 1**

“I just don't love her anymore,” says the husband who not so many years before had pledged his undying love to that beautiful girl in the white dress. She nags at him too much, he says. She isn't supportive of him. Or, maybe, she's cheated. He feels angry, or hurt, or resentful. Or maybe he feels nothing. In any case, he's on his way out the door in spite of her tears and pleading. After all, when love dies, what's left? *But when does love die?*

“Why can't he at least call?” says the father quietly as he paces the living room floor. He stares out the window into the early morning darkness waiting for his son to get home. He knows he'll be nearly unrecognizable from hours of partying. He doesn't want to see his son like that, but he knows what the alternative will be. And so he paces and prays that it's the scrape of his son's key in the lock that he hears, and not the purposeful knock of a highway patrolman. And when his son does come home at last, the angry words the father has prepared step into the background to wait patiently until morning. When his son finally does open the door, it's his father's loving embrace that welcomes him home. Again. And again. And ever again. *When does love die?*

“That church doesn't appreciate us,” the couple says on the way home. Their ideas have been put on the back burner by the church's leaders. The worship is too old-fashioned to appeal to new people. There aren't enough activities for their kids. By the time they get home, they've made their decision. Next Sunday, they'll begin the process of finding a new church. One that appreciates them. *When does love die?*

The husband holds his wife's soft, limp hand in his own gnarled, arthritic one. “Aren't we a pair,” he chuckles to her. The laughter has to force its way, though, through the lump in his throat. The only response is the hiss of the oxygen. Their kids say he should put her in the bright, clean nursing home they all visited a few weeks ago. They say he's going to work himself to death trying to take care of her. They're right, of course. After fifty-two years, though, what has he got left if she's gone? Work himself to death, caring for the woman he loves? “Really,” he thinks, “not a bad way to go.” He kisses her forehead, and she stirs a little in her sleep. He wonders if she'll recognize him when she wakes up. *When does love die?* (continued next week)

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