

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We've had a great week this week! God is gracious and merciful. Many of you have remembered *George Collison* in your prayers as he responded two weeks ago asking for prayers to help him find a job. George called me to tell me that just this week he has a great new job! God has answered our prayers! We serve an awesome and powerful God and when we pray, He always listens. Praise God for a great answer in George's life.

Last Sunday at the elders' meeting, plans were finalized for our special 90th anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 6. Our theme for this year is *God is Faithful* and He has certainly blessed this congregation. On April 6 we will celebrate that in a special way. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Don't forget that coming up in just two weeks (March 30th) our 5th Sunday contribution will be for our Youth Fund. Our Youth Fund budget for the year is made up entirely of what you contribute on this Sunday. Please plan to give generously.

This afternoon and evening we get a special opportunity to hear the work several of our young people have been doing the last several months as they prepare for the Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes Convention this weekend. The young ladies will have a program for all the women this afternoon at 4:00 in the CSC and the young men will have a program following our services tonight. Plan to stay and hear these future leaders. The future of the church is bright indeed and you will be encouraged!

-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!



Peggy Feichtinger

We mentioned Peggy Feichtinger last week and her desire to place her membership here at Lomax. This week we have her picture and contact information. If you would like to welcome Peggy, you may get in touch with her at:

5th Sunday Contribution



Our contribution on March 30th will go to the Youth Fund. The amount given will cover all youth expenses for the entire year. Please plan to give generously.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Jeff Dye is home from the hospital and doing better.

RoyeAnn Weeks will be having oral surgery including a skin grafting procedure tomorrow.

Clovis Johns is in Maury Regional Hospital room 166 recovering from quadruple bypass surgery performed last Monday.

Bobby Edwards is back in Lewis County Manor following a stay in the hospital for pneumonia.

Van and Jo Ann Rasbury have both been very sick.

Kenney Morton is home from the hospital.

Ray Connor is waiting for test results.

Jackie Williams, daughter-in-law of *Myrtle Williams* and sister of *Bonnie O'Brien*, remains in Horizon Medical Center.

Loretta Ferguson, grandmother of *Heather Turner*, has been diagnosed with a very rapid lung cancer and asks for our prayers.

Melanie Webb is undergoing cancer treatments for lung cancer.

Continue to remember *Bill Rogers*, *Debbie Rooker* and *Melanie Webb* who are all undergoing cancer treatments or will be soon.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to *Sue Amacher* on the death of her brother, *Dexter Turner*, last Saturday.

We also extend our sympathy to *Mary Lou Morton* on the death of her brother-in-law, *Albert Morton*. His funeral was Thursday.

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

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion*, *Ruth Craig*, *Ersie Duncan*, *Bobbie Edwards*, *Lockie Sharp*, *Anne White*, and *Michelle Huff*.

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

Anniversary Celebration!

Celebrating 90 years of God's Faithfulness
April 6, 2008

Please plan to join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness at Lomax in the last 90 years. This very special day will be a time to remember all that God has done and to look ahead to His future blessings on this great congregation. Plan to be here!



If you can prepare food to take to Brushy this Tuesday to help feed the tornado victims or if you can help on Tuesday, please sign up in the foyer.

A Look Ahead

Put these dates on your calendar!



Mar. 21-23 — Lads to

Leaders Convention

Mar. 30 — 5th Sunday contribution goes to Youth Fund

Mar. 30 — Singing service PM

Apr. 2 — Teen Meal

Apr. 6 — 90th Anniversary celebration

Apr. 6 — Glow Golf Trip

Apr. 12 — Let's Go Camping (5th and under)

Apr. 20 — All-Age Devo

Apr. 26 — Game Night

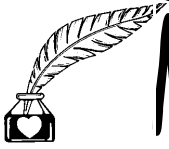
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- The girls will have a program for the women of the congregation today at 4:00 in the CSC.
- There is a very important meeting tonight after services for everyone attending convention.
- All Art Says It projects are due today to Lori Hill or Donya Wade.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Whose vineyard was taken by King Ahab?
(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...The Primetimers are reminded of our Senior Day at Henderson on March 29 and our trip to Pigeon Forge on May 12-14....Congratulations to the Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes for all the great work they continue to do....Remember our 90th anniversary of Lomax on April 6....Thanks to all for the excellent material sent my way and the following came this week:

The Refiner's Fire..... *"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver"*

Malachi 3:3. This verse puzzled some folks in a Bible study so one lady made an appointment with a silversmith. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all impurities.



The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse in Malachi 3. She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit in front of the fire the whole time. The man answered yes; he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time so the flames would not destroy it.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy—when I see my image in it."

Even so today when we go through the valley of the refiner's fire or climb the mountains of life, we should never forget that the Lord is watching us and wants others to see His image in us. "...where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as the spirit of the lord." (2 Cor. 3:17,18).

On The Lighter Side: He (at football game)- "That fellow out there playing center will be our best man before the season is over."
She- "Oh, Jack, this is so sudden."

Exciting News: To be named to the president's list at Freed-Hardeman University, a full time student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average for that semester. Lewis county ranks among the highest to achieve these honors and some of these students are from Lomax. See the local newspaper for a complete listing. The motto of FHU is "Teaching how to live and how to make a living." Congratulations to all our students!

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 3/9**

A.M. Bible Class	159
A.M. Worship Service	224
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	188
Contribution:	\$4,550.60
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
The Eagle
(Psalms 103:5)

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

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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

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” Romans 15:4

I was reading a fellow preacher’s website the other day and he introduced himself this way: *“I’m a father, but also a son; a teacher, but also a learner; a leader, but also a follower; a preacher, but also a hearer. There’s as much older brother in me as prodigal, and as much tax collector as Pharisee. I’ve been a priest, and a good Samaritan, and a man who fell among thieves. And I never get tired of the way Jesus calls me down and invites himself to my table.”*

Isn’t that what’s so great about the Scriptures? I can see both my strengths and weaknesses in the pages of God’s Word. There are always characters in the Bible that teach lessons I need to learn. Everything I need to live a life that is pleasing to God is found in His Word. That’s why I never get tired of studying it. I can always grow in my faith. No matter how long you’ve been a Christian or how recently you have come to believe, there is always something in the Bible to challenge and help you become stronger.

There was something else that struck me in this preacher’s introduction. It’s easy to lose sight of the fact that we are all still growing Christians. Sometimes I get to thinking I’m doing a pretty good job of living the Christian life and I need to be reminded that even the best Christian is still just a saved sinner. There is no room for me to look down on other Christians who are struggling. There is no place for pride or arrogance in a faithful Christian’s life. Instead, humility reminds me that even on my best days, I am still inconsistent in my righteousness. I have been the older brother and the prodigal, and for every time I’ve been a good Samaritan, there are dozens of times I have been a priest or a Levite. I have also been the man fallen among thieves who needed others to help me and I have been graciously assisted by other Christians. So much of what I have and who I am, I owe to the marvelous grace of our Lord and the kindness of my church family.

-David

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