

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

It's a great week this week and we're glad you're here. I hope you will make plans to be here tonight for the vision and planning meeting with the elders. After our evening devotional, the elders will address the congregation with an update about where we are in our plans and some exciting news about some new growth! We'll also fill out new involvement forms tonight so that you can find your place and do your part as we grow and prepare for the future.

Special thanks to *Tony Turnbow* for all his hard work on the history of the Lomax congregation. During our Bible class hour today Tony will be presenting the second half of his study of our history here. Many of you have been excited to hear what Paul Harvey would call, "the rest of the story." Both of Tony's lessons will be available on DVD soon. We are also planning to put it into book form before the end of the year.

Don't forget our Senior Night next Sunday evening as we honor our six graduating high school seniors. This is always a special time for all of us as well as for these young folks who have grown up here. As they prepare for a new stage in life, we get the opportunity to send them out with a blessing from us as well as a charge to remember that this place will always be home for them. Make plans to be here next Sunday night for this event.

As we go to press, we have just learned of the passing of *Ruth Craig* and *Naymond Graves*. Please keep these families in your prayers during their time of loss. -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.



Vision and Planning for the Future

The elders will host a congregational planning and information meeting tonight after an evening devotional. We will meet in the Christian Service Center for worship and the meeting.



Congratulations to our six Lomax Seniors this year:

Chelsa Beasley,
Whitley Clayton,
Ethan Dye,
Heather Hudgins,
Ashley Lomax,
and Aren Ragsdale.

We will be celebrating their accomplishment with Senior Night next Sunday, May 4, after evening worship. Please bring finger foods (cake will be provided). If you would like to donate to a money tree for the seniors, please give your money to Rose Spears or Lori Hill today.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Mary Helen Garrett, grandmother of *Kara Farr*, is home but requests no visitors at this time.

Continue to remember *Bill Rogers* (cancer treatments) and *Barbara Fournier* (sister of *Judy Von Dollen*, cancer treatments).

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of *Ruth Craig* who passed away Thursday. Her funeral was Friday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of *Naymond Graves*, who passed away Thursday. His funeral was yesterday.

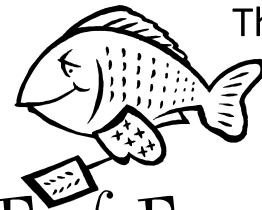
If you did not receive information from the call down line about these funerals, please let David know.

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

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion*, *Jennie Burdett*, *Ersie Duncan*, *Lockie Sharp*, *Anne White*, and *Michelle Huff*.

Remember our military: *Justin Conkle*, grandson of *Ralph and Sue Conkle*, *Tommy Iverson*, son of *Tom Iverson*, *Dustin Bruggmann*, grandson of *Jim & Sharon Grinder*, and *Bo Williams*, son-in-law of *Dale Overbey*.

GYIDE Fish Fry



The GYIDE Fish Fry is this Saturday, May 3, from 4:30-7:00 pm.

Fish Fry

Make your plans to come eat and support a great cause!

Attention Cooks!! If you can make a pie for the Fish Fry, please see Yogie ASAP.



Relay For Life

Several of our members have formed a Relay For Life team. If you would like make a donation in memory of a cancer victim or in honor of a cancer survivor, please see Dinah Poore or Betsy Tiller.

Church Photo Directory



Please be sure to pick up a Family Information Sheet and fill it out and return it to the box in the foyer as soon as possible. Stay tuned for information about pictures and the new directory soon!



In celebration of our 90th anniversary, we are putting together a cookbook full of old standbys and new favorites. Please pick up recipe collection sheets in the lobby and return them to the box in the lobby by **next Sunday, May 4**. If you have any questions, please see Heather Salisbury.

A Look Ahead

Put these dates on your calendar!



May 3 — GYIDE Fish Fry

May 4 — Senior Night

May 7 — Teen Meal

May 18 — Elders and Deacons meet

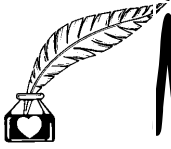
May 19 & 20 — Day School Graduation

June 1 — Youth Committee Meeting

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What did Ezekiel's edible scroll taste like in his mouth?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



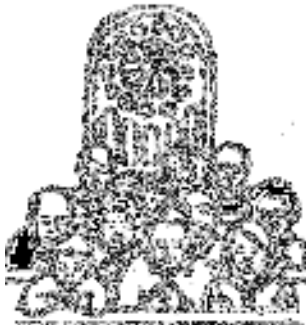
Meditations with Malcom



A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors! We are glad that you came our way. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 and on Wed. at 10 AM and 7:00 PM...The Primetimers are to remember May 12-14, June 14, and *everyone* is to not forget the GYIDE Fish Fry on May 3. All the proceeds from this event go to scholarships for Christian education. Also, thanks to all that help support this great work...Remember the Friends and Family Day today at Kimmins with a 1:00 service. Also, the gospel meeting this week at Pineview and May 4-7 at Sweetwater.

Thanks To Our Elders for planning the special congregational meeting tonight in the CSC. Our elders are shepherds and solicit input from the entire congregation so they can lead forward according to the will of God. Thanks to Tony for reminding us that this congregation has a history of truly being the Lord's church because of the faith, dedication, and commitment of past leaders. Yes, we are proud of past elders and especially those of the present who serve so well. Let us continue to support them with our time, talents, and prayers. Yes, it is even ok to pray that they make wise decisions but remember to do what we can ourselves so they can be busy with shepherding. Note the following from Jim Bill McInter.

"Across the land I enjoy praying with my fellow Christians in public assembly. I don't try to pick on prayers but one petition I notice quite often is—and it is not 'choose our changes,' 'guide, guard and direct us,' 'if we have been found faithful, save us without the loss of one,' 'help us partake of this loaf in a manner well pleasing in Thy sight,' 'give him a ready recollection,' nor is it 'bless all whom it is our duty to pray for,' It is this: 'Lord, bless our elders and help them make wise decisions!'



Somehow it leaves me cold...Help them decide about the size of this or that. Is that their job? I want an elder, not a board. I want a Godly, praying, thoughtful, sensitive, and caring man. I want one who can come to me when I am weak, sick, strong, successful, or bewildered. I want a leader in Christ that shares his great strength with me. I want a brother that helps keep me right in the sight of God. This is my prayer."

On The Lighter Side: "Dad, how soon will I be able to do as I please?"
Dad: "I don't know son. Nobody has ever lived that long yet."
Son: "Let me ask you another question. Will I look like you when I grow up?" "Everybody seems to think so, son." "Well, dad, I won't have to grow up for a long time, will I?"

Sentence Sermon: Christians may not always be able to see eye to eye in the realm of opinions but they ought to still walk arm-in-arm.

Birthdays:

- 2nd Keegan Reynolds
- 5th Hannah Hill
- 7th Abbe Lawson
Judy Smith
Brent Willis
- 8th Wilma Churchwell
Dale Hull
Lee Tatum
Blaine Turner
- 10th Mitzi Edwards
- 11th Plummer Vaughan
- 12th Dona Lawson
- 13th Connie Pennington
- 14th Lance Crowell
Yogie Spears
- 16th Estelle Mercer
- 17th Ralph Conkle
- 21st Pittman Baker
- 22nd Jessie Mayberry
- 23rd Margaret Askins
- 24th Dianne Daniel
- 25th Gladys Baxter
- 26th Osteen Hinson
- 31st Kristen Alford
Darby Salisbury
Will Salisbury
Clifford Turnbow

Anniversaries:

- 1st Bill & Sallie Millspaugh
- 3rd Stephen & Shana Tanner
- 9th Rick & Cindy Morrow
Jeff & Rose Spears
- 13th Bobby & Linda Edwards
- 15th Matt & Crystal Swinea
- 30th Trent & Lori Hill
- 31st Lynn & Betsy Tiller

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 4/20**

A.M. Bible Class	177
A.M. Worship Service	
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	154
Contribution:	\$5,416.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Exodus
(Chapter 15)**

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

“Now godliness with contentment is great gain. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.”

1 Timothy 6:6, 8

Hundreds of kids in Nicaragua have new shirts and caps thanks to the National Football League and a relief organization called World Vision. The clothes were donated by the NFL and commemorate the 2008 Super Bowl champions, the New England Patriots.

The what? In case you missed it a couple months back, the Patriots lost the Super Bowl to the New York Giants. Did you ever wonder how championship teams get those caps and shirts while they are still celebrating on the field, just moments after the game is over? The answer is that clothing companies make clothes that celebrate both teams as the winner so that the athletes can wear them on TV right after the game. But that means they are left with a bunch of perfectly good but virtually worthless T-shirts and ball caps. So they donate them.

Here's the point — the kids in Nicaragua ought to care that their shirts and caps celebrate the wrong team, but they don't. I wish we lived in a world where everyone could afford to be picky about their clothes, but we don't. Hundreds of thousands of parents don't care what neighborhood they live in — they just want a place to live. They would love for their children to go to a school, any school. They desperately wish they could put three meals a day on their table but even one good one may be a luxury.

When was the last time you opened your fridge or closet and just gave thanks that it was full? “*Godliness with contentment is great gain.*” The two go together. Godliness demands that we be content and give thanks for what we have. Shouldn't we be a bit embarrassed at the excitement with which the rest of the world accepts what America throws away? What if instead of cast-offs and hand-me-downs, the church committed to truly sacrificial giving to truly meet needs? Which do you think pleases God more — a church full of well dressed, well groomed people driving new cars and living in big houses or a church full of people who have sacrificed to help others in need?

-David

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