

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

It's a great Sunday to be at Lomax! Thank you for being here. This morning we will continue our sermon series called "Twisted." Thanks to so many of you that have told me how this series has helped you. Tonight, we will celebrate and honor the achievements of our graduating seniors. It will be a fun and special time, so make plans to be here.

Several of our members were mentioned in the Lewis County Herald this past week as community favorites. Thanks to all of you who mentioned me as your favorite preacher. Special congratulations to *Linda Edwards*, *Tammy Bigbie*, and *Mandy Weigel* who were all winners in their categories. Our Day School also received several votes in the Day Care category. That is a great reflection on Lomax and speaks highly of our reputation as a church in this community.

It was great to see so many of you come out last Sunday night for the meeting that the elders had with the congregation. It was exciting to see some of the pictures of what our facilities will look like in the near future. Special thanks to *Bill Lawson* for all his hard work and preparation for last night. You should also pay a visit to the old teacher workroom. With the walls knocked out, it now looks more like it did when it was our auditorium sixty years ago. Also, thanks to *Tony Turnbow* for all the work he put into his presentation of the history of Lomax. We are greatly blessed by the faith of previous generations and Tony reminded us that "*to whom much has been given, much shall be required.*" (Luke 12:48) -*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.



Congratulations  
to our 2008  
Lomax Seniors!!



Aren Ragsdale, Chelsa Beasley,  
Heather Hudgins, and Ashley  
Lomax



Ethan Dye and Whitley Clayton

We will be celebrating their accomplishment tonight after our evening worship. Please bring finger foods (cake will be provided).

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**Sick:**

*Marjean Doyle* has been sick and is waiting for test results. Continue to remember *Bill Rogers* (cancer treatments), *Mary Helen Garrett* (grandmother of *Kara Farr*, cancer) and *Barbara Fournier* (sister of *Judy Von Dollen*, cancer treatments).

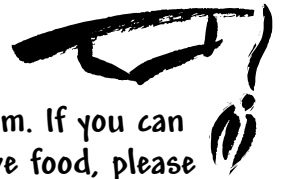
**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to the family of *Gusta Floyd*, aunt of *Tony Turnbow*, who passed away April 25.

**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*.

Day School Graduation is May 19 and 20 at 7:00 pm. If you can help prepare or serve food, please sign up in the lobby or see Sue Amacher or Harriet Anderson.



## Attention Moms!

If you have pre school children at home, you are invited to join our "Mom Group" this Wednesday from 10:30—12:30 in the Christian Service Center. Bring a sack lunch for you and your children and come ready to let the little ones play while you enjoy some fellowship with other moms. Please see Lori Hill for more information.

## Church Photo Directory



Please be sure to pick up a Family Information Sheet (one per family unit) 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!



Today is the last day to turn in recipes for the 90th anniversary cookbook. If you have any questions, please see Heather Salisbury.

## Involvement Forms!

*There's a work for you!*

If you have not filled out an involvement form this year, please pick one up and complete it. You may return them to David, Malcom or any of the elders.



## A Look Ahead

Put these dates on your calendar!

May 7 — Teen Meal

May 11 — Mother's Day event after evening services

May 18 — Elders and Deacons meet

May 19 & 20 — Day School Graduation

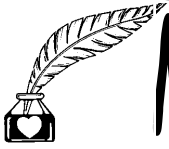
June 1 — Youth Committee Meeting



## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What king of Judah suffered from a crippling foot disease?  
(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...Thanks to all that helped with GYIDE yesterday. This is a great work in providing scholarships for Christian education....Thanks in advance to Yogie for teaching the Wed. Aud. Class this week. I am scheduled to be in a meeting at Sweetwater. Also, thanks to Boo for driving the bus this Tuesday night. The bus will leave at 6:30. Sunday evening service is 7:30 AND M-W at 7:00...Primetimers are reminded of our trips on May 12-14 (leave bldg. At 7:00 AM on the 12th) and June 14.

**Problems Are Inevitable:** I received a call from Nell some time ago and she was telling me about a problem they were having. A skunk or two were getting under the house. Nell said as soon as they figured out how the skunks were entering, they were going to correct the problem.



This reminded me of a lady who called the police station begging for help. "I've got a skunk in my basement!" As a solution, the policeman told her to crumble up some bread and make a trail of crumbs up the stairs, through the house, and out the door. The policeman then instructed her to leave the house for an hour.

An hour later the lady called the police again. "I need help!" The same policeman asked her, "Ma'am, did you crumble up some bread, make a trail up the stairs, through the house, and out the door?" "Yes," she replied. The policeman asked, "Then, what is the problem?" The lady cried out, "Now I have TWO skunks in my house!"

Yes, problems are inevitable, and as sure as they often multiply, there is a God who will see us through. He is our Rock and Deliverer (2 Sam. 22:2). We can be sure that when we face problems—or the multiplication of problems—God will take care of us. He is the Rock of Ages and the Captain of our Salvation and He never loses a battle. See Heb. 12:1-2; Matt. 11:28; 1 Pet. 5:7.

**On The Lighter Side:** Teacher: "When I say 'I have went' what is wrong with that sentence?" Johnny: "It's wrong because you ain't went yet." Also, it was their first quarrel, and the subject was money. "Before we were married," she cried bitterly, "you told me you were well off." "I was," he snarled. "But I didn't know it."

**Did You Know** that Grandma used to set her hot apple pies on the window sill to cool—her granddaughters set theirs on the windowsill to thaw.....It matters not what you save if you lose your soul; and it matters not what you lose if you save your soul....See Mk. 8:36-37..Also, having a great day depends on us (Cf. Phil. 4:11-13).

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 4/27	
A.M. Bible Class	173
A.M. Worship Service	237
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	161
Contribution:	\$5,365.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Honey  
(Ezekiel 3:3)**

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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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*

“To minister to the needs of God’s creation is an act of worship. To ignore those needs is to dishonor the God who made us.” —????

Representative Nancy Pelosi has quoted this verse from the Old Testament several times over the past three years. She is the Speaker of the House and regularly uses this verse to explain our God-given mandate to take care of the environment. There’s only one problem with the scripture — it’s not in the Bible. There’s not even anything close in the Bible. She said she thought it was from somewhere in the book of Isaiah, but it’s just not there.

Before we jump on Speaker Pelosi too much, though, we should probably check out our own Bibles to see if there are any handwritten additions. Things like “The Lord helps those who help themselves,” “Cleanliness is next to godliness,” and “Money is the root of all evil” are regularly quoted as Scripture though they are not contained in any of the sixty six books of the Bible. My personal favorite non-Bible verse that many love to quote is “Every tub shall sit on its own bottom.”

It’s easy to read our own culture and beliefs into the Scriptures if we aren’t careful. We are naturally predisposed to believe that God agrees with us on any given issue. And often we twist a verse of Scripture to make it say what we already believe so that we can claim God’s support for our opinion.

But we must beware of placing ourselves over Scripture. We cannot judge or amend what God has inspired. John strictly warned his readers not alter the words of Revelation in any way or they would face God’s wrath (Revelation 22:18). Jesus was very clear that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to Him (Matthew 28:18) and that following His words was the only way to life (John 14:6). We must be careful when we teach and preach to make certain that we are standing only on the firm foundation of Scripture. We are all entitled to differ in matters of opinion, but woe be unto anyone who binds his or her opinion of Scripture on another believer. May God help us to always be faithful to His Word!

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