

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

What a fabulous devotional we had last week in the old auditorium! The singing was spectacular and the lesson from *Carmack Skelton* was challenging. It was a beautiful and fitting tribute to a special place. While the building itself may just be sticks and stones, it represents so much of what has made Lomax great through the years. It stands most importantly for the blessings God has given this congregation though some very difficult times. It also stands as a tribute to the determination and tenacity displayed by a generation of Lomax members. They refused to leave or be run off but instead came back in love to rebuild and renew their commitment to bring the gospel to this community. God has provided many things for the Lomax congregation and as He has in the past, so we anticipate His provision as we move forward and look to the future.

Speaking of devotionals, *Ethan Dye* did our devotional Wednesday night. He is one of our four preaching interns this summer and he did a great job. *Travis Amacher* is another intern and he did a great job of leading the singing. I look forward to hearing each of the interns speak in the coming weeks.

If you look at the numbers on page four very often you know we've been down in both attendance and giving lately. While many folks are traveling, it is also easy to relax our commitment to the Lord both in our attendance and in our giving. Don't give in! Be at worship every chance you get and give all that you can. God will bless you greatly for doing so.

-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.

Involvement Forms!

*There's a work
for you!*



We need all members to complete an involvement form by today. Please return them to David or Malcom or any of the elders.



Church Cookbook

If you would like to purchase copies of the 90th Anniversary Cookbook, please sign the list in the foyer. **Today is the last day to sign up.** This is not a commitment to buy but will give us an estimate of how many to order. The projected cost is \$5-\$7. Those who sign up will be given first priority when the books arrive in August.

Now faith is the
substance
of things hoped for...
Hebrews 11:1

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



BABY SHOWER

Sick:

Bobby Edwards received some preliminary bad news from a test and will have to have a more in depth MRI soon.

Kara Farr is in Perry County Hospital with pneumonia.

Annette Peery is undergoing treatments for her back problems.

Maggie Tanner got good results from all her tests.

David & Carolyn Miller are not doing well.

Melanie Webb has gotten some very bad test results and is switching to a new form of cancer treatment.

Continue to remember *Osteen Hinson* (recovering from a stroke), *Sandra Thompson* (surgery), *Mary Helen Garrett* (grandmother of *Kara Farr*, cancer) and *Barbara Fournier* (sister of *Judy Von Dollen*, cancer treatments).

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

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdett, Ersie Duncan, Osteen Hinson, 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*).

The ladies of Lomax invite you to a baby shower for Stephanie (Overbey) Carroll next Sunday, June 8, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the Christian Service Center. Stephanie and her husband are expecting a girl and are registered at Target and Walmart.



We Need Your Help!

If you can help mow the church yard this summer, please sign up in the lobby. If you are able, please sign up for more than one week.

A Look Ahead

Put these dates on your calendar!



June 8 — Baby Shower for Stephanie (Overbey) Carroll

June 8 — Youth Committee Meeting 3:30 in the CSC

June 22 — Elders and Deacons meeting 4:00

July 4 — 4th of July picnic



Applications for Day School

Day School applications are available in the foyer. If you have a 3 or 4 year old or know of one who would be interested in attending the Day School, please take an application. Completed forms need to be returned to Sue Amacher or Harriet Anderson.

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Colossians 3:14

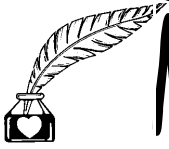


And over all these virtues put on **LOVE**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What prophet prophesied two years before an earthquake?
(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 10AM and 7:00 PM...The Primetimers are reminded that Tony will be with us this Wed. morning to tell us about an opportunity to visit with Freddie Kittrell and add a vital page to the Lomax church as a faithful congregation of the Lord's church for the past ninety years. He will also share some practical words of wisdom for seniors...The Primetimers are also reminded of our trip to the Renaissance on June 14...Remember the gospel meeting this week at Salem. Also, I plan to be in a meeting at Shiloh Park on June 8-11. Please remember all these events in your prayers.

Some Rules For Improving Attitudes Within The Church:

1. Tell ourselves over and over that since we are not perfect, we would not fit into a perfect congregation if one existed (Rom. 3:23).

2. Instead of trying to find weak and worldly members to criticize, we ought to commend the sincere, faithful, spiritual members and thank God for them. We often find what we seek (Rev. 3:4).



3. When we are tempted to criticize others, we ought to pray for them first. This may not always change them but it will do wonders for our attitude (Matt. 5:43-48).

4. When we see a work neglected, instead of being critical, we should offer help (Matt. 7:1-4).

5. We should NEVER blame others for our own failures. God has given us the ability to choose and we should always follow His will (1 Cor. 10:13).

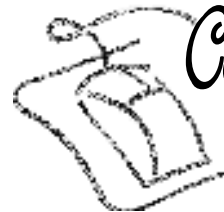
6. We should remind ourselves every day that a better world and a better congregation of the Lord's church begins with self (1 Pet. 3:1-7).

On The Lighter Side: A minister asked a certain man why he didn't attend church. The man said that at the first time some tried to put him under the water...the second time he was tied to a wife that he has had ever since.....The minister said "Unless changes are made, the next time you attend, we'll throw dirt on you!"

Sentence Sermon: And in the end it is not the years in your life that count. It's the life in those years. —Abe Lincoln...

Please note the following date changes:

- The Youth Committee Meeting originally scheduled for today has been moved to next Sunday, June 8, at 3:30 pm in the Christian Service Center classroom.
- The Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meeting for the month of June has been moved to June 22 at 4 pm.



Computer Help Needed

We are trying to file all of the information we have received on the involvement forms. If you have any experience with a database program (such as Microsoft Access) and could help with this project, please see David Salisbury.



**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 5/25**

A.M. Bible Class	158
A.M. Worship Service	233
P.M. Worship Service	131
Wednesday PM	177
Contribution:	\$4,550.35
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Nabal
(1 Samuel 25:36-37)**

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

The Last Word

“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman.” Job 31:1

It's the time of year when necklines plunge and hem lines soar in women's apparel. Women dress for the pool in suits that cover less than their underwear would. The clothing some women wear for exercising or going out jogging would be considered lingerie in a different setting. While television, movies, and the internet may saturate us year round with images of scantily clad women, it is mostly in the summer time that real women dress in such an immodest way. It is sinful for a Christian woman to wear clothing that is specifically designed to make men think about her in a sinful way. She is tempting them to violate the covenant they have made with God, and for a woman of faith, that is a terrible thing to do. I truly believe that most Christian ladies do not ever consider what their clothing causes their brothers in Christ to think. They are not trying to tempt the men at church and indeed, they would be ashamed to know they had caused men to struggle. But our culture is not so naïve or innocent. The clothing that is sold today is often designed to be “sexy” or “alluring.” Godly women must be very careful and extremely aware of the effect of their clothing, especially during the summer months.

But men, Scripture never gives you permission to lust after a woman. It doesn't matter what she wears or doesn't wear, what she covers or doesn't cover — you are to be pure and holy. You must learn to bounce your eyes away from temptation and control your desires to look and to imagine. The fact that it is easier to lust in the summertime when women wear less clothing is not an excuse. The Bible is very clear that lust is a sin because it violates God's plan for intimacy. Your wife is designed by God to be your only source of physical pleasure. Ladies, your marriage is designed by God to be your only source of romance. To move outside of God's plan for pleasure, intimacy, or romance is never excusable. There is no “reason” that God considers valid for sabotaging the purity He intends for you to have.

May God help us to be people of purity in our dress and in our thoughts. His plan is the best one!

-David

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Facilities

Ralph Conkle — *Maintenance*
Jeff Dye — *Worship Assignments,*
Missions

Matthew Farr — *Missions*

Trent Hill — *Youth*

Pop Hinson — *Missions, Visitation*

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