

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

I missed being with you all on Wednesday night as I spoke in the summer series for the *Spring Meadows* congregation in Spring Hill. My good friend *Dale Jenkins* is the pulpit minister there and the congregation is doing great work in that community. Thanks to *Malcom* for covering everything here.

Let me ask you a simple question: What do you want Jesus to do in your life? If He promised to do anything for you, what would you ask Him to do? Would you like to be smarter, richer, more disciplined, more spiritual? All of us have some ideas about what it means to be a Christian and what we expect the Lord to do for us. Today we start a brand new sermon series called "Go Fish!" which will help you understand exactly what God wants to do in your life. Join us on Sunday mornings in the coming weeks as we talk about becoming exactly what God wants us to be.

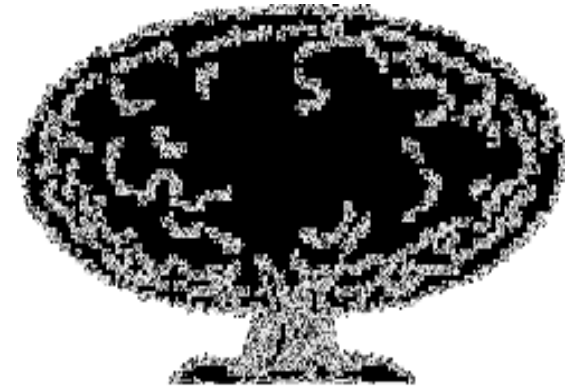
Next Sunday is Father's Day and I hope you'll take the time to honor your earthly father if you are still able to do so. For some folks, their earthly father is not a positive figure in their life, but our Heavenly Father is the perfect dad. He loves us unconditionally, He is always there, He never tears us down and His wisdom is always right and true. Every Sunday we come together to honor and praise Him for what He has done for us. In that sense, we celebrate Father's Day every Sunday. I hope you will make a special effort to celebrate the holiday next Sunday and honor your dad, but I'm glad you have chosen to honor God today and every Sunday. -*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.



## Tree of Knowledge

The Tree of Knowledge is our new program for our 2 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders to improve their Bible Knowledge. With the new quarter, we have updated our goals for each of our Bible classes. If you would like to see the goals for your child this quarter, please visit the church website [www.lomaxchurch.com](http://www.lomaxchurch.com).

Also, be sure to take a look at the big tree in the hallway of the education wing and the banners in the upstairs hall.

All the names on these displays show how hard our kids have been working!

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:**

*Bobby Edwards* will begin treatment soon for a tumor on his brain.

*Sandra Thompson* is recovering from knee surgery and will have stomach surgery soon.

*Kara Farr* is home from the hospital and recovering from pneumonia.

*Abbe Lawson* had surgery Wednesday and is recovering at home. The surgery went well.

*Mary Helen Garrett* (grandmother of *Kara Farr*) had surgery last Tuesday at Vanderbilt. She is recovering in the hospital.

*Debbie Reed* (sister of *Carolyn Duncan*) has been having medical problems and requests our prayers.

Continue to remember *Osteen Hinson* (recovering from a stroke).

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to the family of *Wayne Sublett* who passed away Wednesday. Funeral arrangements are incomplete as we finish the bulletin.

We also extend our sympathy to *Karen Kilpatrick*, daughter-in-law of *Gene and Faye Kilpatrick*, on the death of her father, *Ervin Brantley* last week in Florida.

**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*).



There will be Water Fun Day this Saturday for children 5th grade and under. We will meet at the CSC from 10:30—2:00.

There will fun, food, and lots of water games! Come prepared to get wet!



## BABY SHOWER

The ladies of Lomax invite you to a baby shower for Stephanie (Overbey) Carroll today, 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 22** — Elders and Deacons meeting 4:00

**July 4** — 4th of July picnic

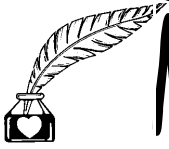
**July 13** — Elders and Deacons meeting 4:00

**August 8-10** — Gospel Meeting and Homecoming

### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who raised Dorcas from the dead?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

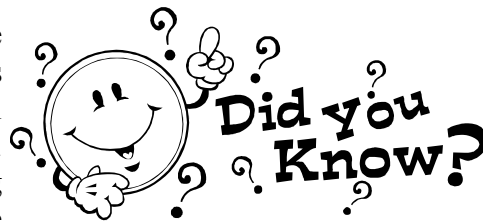


The Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meeting for the month of June has been moved to June 22 at 4 pm.

**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....We will miss seeing you folks today since I am in a gospel meeting at Shiloh Park. We plan to return Wed. night...Remember the gospel meeting this week at Kimmins through Tuesday night with Bill McDonald....Thanks to Tony for the very helpful and practical lesson he presented to our class last Wed. morning and thanks in advance to David for teaching the class this Wednesday.....The Primetimers are reminded to be at the CSC this Sat. morning (14th) at 10:15 for our trip to the Renaissance and *Music Man*. Some time ago I presented a lesson with the following title. The second section is to follow later so we hope you will combine the material for your own study:

## What You Have Always Wanted To Know About The Church of Christ But Were Afraid To Ask—

1. “Why do you always say ‘The Church of Christ?’ We don’t. This is only one of several scriptural designations (Rom. 16:16; Gal. 1:13; Heb. 12:23). Among ourselves, we often simply say “the church” (Acts 8:1). To others, we usually say “church of Christ” meaning “the called out” or belonging to Christ. We do this to avoid misunderstanding or for legal requirements. Jesus built His church (Matt. 16:18); He is the Head (Eph. 5:23); and He died for it (Acts 20:28).



2. “What is your creed book called?” The Bible (Inspired of God). (II Tim. 3:14-17; Rom. 1:16; Rom. 10:17).

3. “Do you reject the Old Testament?” No. We use it in teaching, for general principles, examples, etc. (Rom. 15:4). However, we are governed by the New Testament, not the law of Moses (Gal. 3:23,25; Acts 13:39; Heb. 9:22, etc.). The three main ages of Bible history are: 1) Patriarchal; 2) Mosaic; and 3) Christian.

4. “Are you not a Protestant group?” No. According to the New Testament, each and every congregation is independent and is subject only to Christ. He is the Head of the church (Col. 1:18).

**On The Lighter Side:** A pulpit committee was interviewing a prospective minister. They told him that they wanted someone to stay a long time. “Folks, I’m your man,” he replied. “I stayed with the last two congregations until they both died.”

**Sentence Sermon:** Do not so contemplate eternity that you waste today.



## 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.

## Upcoming 5th Sunday



June 29 is a fifth Sunday and the contribution that day will be going to the Building Fund. Make your plans now to give.



**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 6/1**

A.M. Bible Class	156
A.M. Worship Service	245
P.M. Worship Service	125
Wednesday PM	167
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Amos  
(Amos 1:1)**

**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*

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15

Covetousness is a really nice word. Not because it describes anything nice — it describes a sin — but because it isn't a word we use regularly. When was the last time you talked with your buddy about coveting or when did you last mention covetousness in your casual conversation? Because we don't use the word, it's easy to distance ourselves from it when we read it in the Bible. We don't use it and don't know for sure what it means exactly, so we don't worry about it. Some translations use the word "greediness" instead of covetousness. That's a much uglier word, mainly because I know exactly what it means.

Jesus warns us to guard against greed in our lives. His example is one which causes all of us to struggle. While we might not call ourselves greedy, Jesus says if we get the meaning of life and the value of our stuff mixed up, then we are greedy people. In other words, if I place a higher value on my stuff and collecting more of it than I do on using my stuff for God's glory, I am greedy. The opposite of greed is contentment and the antidote for greed is giving. So here's a simple test for you:

When you see something you really want but you can't afford, what do you do? Do you put it on the credit card? Or if it's a big item, maybe you restructure some debt or find someone to cosign for you so that you can borrow enough to afford it. Now, when you become aware of a significant need at church or your favorite charity or in a personal situation, how do you respond? When the request comes in, "We need \$1,000," where do you look first? Most of us look in our wallet and say, "I'd love to help, but I don't have the cash right now." I'm not arguing for going into debt just for our giving, but here's the question: Why is it that not having the cash will stop us from giving, but not from buying stuff that we want for ourselves? Jesus would say it is greed. May God help us to guard against greed and to give generously and sacrificially when the need arises. Our life consists of more than our stuff.

-David

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