

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

It was great to get to Chattanooga and spend some time with my family last weekend. We missed being with all of you, though. Thanks to *Malcom* for teaching and preaching Sunday for me. I'm excited to have my mom and my aunt here with me today. Make sure you get to see them and welcome them as well as our other visitors.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the scavenger hunt yesterday. We had a lot of fun and got some GREAT pictures, too. Watch for them to appear in the slide show when you least expect it!

We've got a special treat tonight. *Paxson Spears* and *Travis Amacher* will preach to us during our evening service. They've been working especially hard to prepare for these lessons and I know you'll want to be here to support them. Also, after services we will have a Back to School devotional. Our own *Ethan Dye* will lead the singing and *Johnny Clayton* from the Kimmins congregation will speak to us. This will also be a fun time to celebrate with the four preaching interns we've had this summer. They have survived working with me for 10 weeks and they have even managed to grow and learn while doing it! I am very proud of all four of these young men. They have worked hard and worked me hard this summer. I know you are proud of them as well and will want to be here tonight to congratulate them.

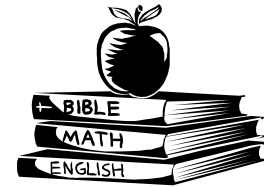
Our Gospel Meeting is less than two weeks away! Make plans to be here all three days for every service with *John Dale*. It will bless you and strengthen your faith. *-David*

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.



Back to School Devo

There will be a "Back to School" All-Age Devotional tonight after services. Our speaker will be Johnny Clayton. Please bring plenty of finger foods, drinks and desserts because we will have several guests from Kimmins.

Summer Salad Supper



All of the ladies are invited to Ladies' Night Out tomorrow evening, July 28, at 6:30 at the home of Rose Spears. Please bring cold salads, fruit salads, or any kind of salad you want and enjoy an evening of fellowship!



Elders, Deacons and Preachers will meet next Sunday, Aug. 3, at 4 pm.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Paul Spears is home from the hospital.
Ethel Poore is not feeling well and has been undergoing tests.
Jean Skelton is in Maury Regional Hospital room 373 for tests.
Scott Atkinson, brother of *Kim Bryant*, has been in Maury Regional Hospital for tests. He is home now waiting the results.
Joe Kinville, uncle of *David Salisbury*, had emergency bypass surgery last week. He is recovering in Phoenix, AZ.
 Continue to remember *Robena Gunter* (broken hip), *Osteen Hinson* (stroke), *General George* (brother of *Malcom George*, colon cancer), *Lance Foster* (father of *Lori Hill*, double knee replacement), and *Melanie Webb* (cancer).

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

In Lewis County Manor: *Gladys Baxter*, *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*).



- *Phenix McDonald* was born last Tuesday, July 22, to *Rodney & Mallory McDonald*. Congratulations to proud grandparents *Tommy & Sandra Clayton*.
- *Brody Robert Page* was also born last Tuesday, July 22, to *Bo & Raine Page*. Congratulations to proud great-grandfather *J. R. Page*.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- August 3** — Elders, Deacons & Preachers meeting
- August 3** — Back to School devotional at *Kimmins*
- August 8-10** — Gospel Meeting and Homecoming with *John Dale*
- August 13** — Teen Meal
- August 16** — Tween Movie and Popcorn Night
- August 17** — LLL Kickoff Banquet
- August 24** — Ice Cream Social
- August 31** — Fifth Sunday Contribution
- August 31** — Singing Service PM

ALOHA!

Serving From the Heart

Lomax Ladies' Day

November 8, 2008

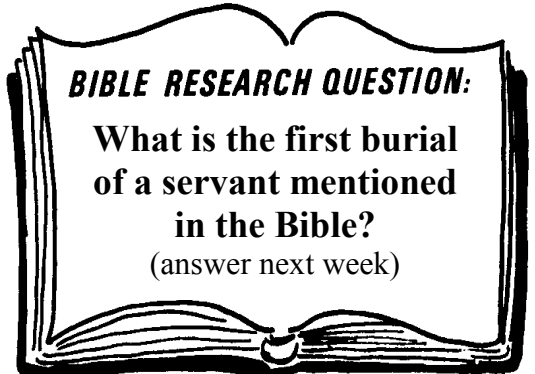



We need new beach towels to give away as favors for us and our guests, so please watch for end-of-summer sales and pick up a few as your budget allows. (We'll be needing approximately 100.) Please put them in the tote in the foyer.



Donations for the Day School

It's almost that time again! The start of Day School is just around the corner. If you would like to donate items to the Day School, they need *paper towels, toilet paper and baby wipes*. These items may be placed in the box in the lobby.

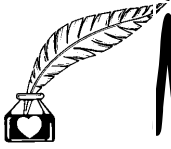


BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

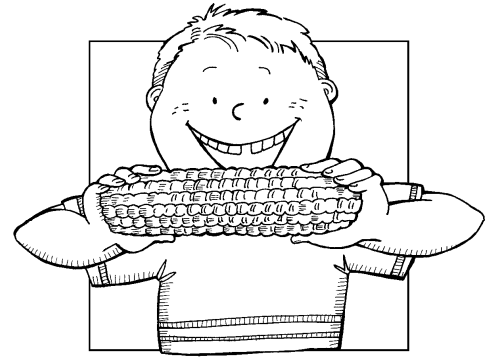
What is the first burial of a servant mentioned in the Bible?

(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom



August

Birthdays

- 2nd Sallie Millspaugh
- 3rd Alex Edwards
- 4th Morgan Reynolds
- 5th Tony Turnbow
- 8th Donise Baur
- 9th Keith Bryant
- 10th J. Q. Dickerson
- Ashley Lomax
- 14th Crystal Swinea
- 16th Max Edwards
- Luke Lawson
- 18th Lisa Amacher
- Alice Ammons
- Bobby Edwards
- 20th Greg Amacher
- LaFon Griner
- 21st Janet Johnson
- 22nd Jerry Mercer
- 24th Sherri Dye
- 25th Red Swinea
- 26th Gene Kilpatrick
- Sandy Tatum
- Klent Willis
- 28th Quinn Dickerson
- 29th Hilda Baker
- 30th Linda Edwards
- Walt Thompson

Anniversaries

- 2nd Donald & Cynthia Miller
- 4th Jeff & Sherri Dye
- 11th Brian & Simone Hinson
- 12th Eric & Traci Amacher

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 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM....Thanks to Bill Rogers for driving the bus to Mid-South Youth Camp this past Saturday...Thanks to Steve for teaching the auditorium class this Wed. night since I am scheduled to be in Selmer, TN....Start passing the word about our Homecoming and Gospel Meeting coming up on Aug. 8-10. We have a great theme (The church Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow) a great preacher (John Dale) so let us have a great audience!!!...I recently read an article in the Bolivar Beacon about *happiness* that I want to share with you.

The Hidden Key To Happiness....The following results about happiness were reported in the March 21, 2008 issue of Science Magazine. The gist of the results was that spending on others brings people greater happiness than buying things for themselves. The article also interestingly noted: "What's more, most people seemed unaware of this hidden key to happiness."



I guess you could say that money can buy happiness—when it is spent on others! All humor aside, it is important to note that this particular discovery by this particular team of researchers is not new information—the Bible beat them to it.

It is God's plan for man to give. He designed it so that giving is what would bring great satisfaction to our lives. Parents, spouses, and all of God's children know that even a small gift of love is not soon forgotten and brings happiness long after the moment of giving.

As children of God, we should well realize the importance of giving to others in the name of the Lord. We should desire to bless others because God has blessed us so much. In fact, Christians should live to give. So, if we would like to be more satisfied in life, then we should give more. (See Acts 20:35; Matt. 16:24-27; 2 Cor. 8:5).

On The Lighter Side: It was a beautiful evening and Luke decided to take Lena for a ride. He finally got the courage to ask her for her hand in marriage and she said *yes!* Luke was silent so long that she asked him if he wasn't going to say something else. He finally replied that he was afraid that he had already said too much!....Someone has said that dieting is a system of starving yourself to death so you can live longer...

Sentence Sermon: It seems that for some folks to realize the worth of the anchor, they have to feel the effect of the storm. (See Mk. 4:38ff.).

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 7/20	
A.M. Bible Class	173
A.M. Worship Service	
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	166
Contribution:	\$5,051.75
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Joseph
(Genesis 50:26)

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

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Romans 12:1

I was reading a story in Newsweek recently about a Mormon man who had produced a calendar that the church called heretical. Chad Hardy was excommunicated for his calendar. It's a long story, but right in the middle of it, the Newsweek author made this comment:

Until his excommunication, Hardy was a sixth-generation Mormon who some six years ago stopped attending church, tithing or wearing the requisite sacred undergarments, but he insisted he still admires the church...

Now, I know I should write about the fact that he hasn't attended church in six years but still “admires” the church and thinks of himself as a member, but the fact is that something else really grabbed my attention. I imagine it probably made you stop and read it twice, too. What in the world are “the requisite sacred undergarments”?

It's actually one of the oldest practices in the Mormon religion. And while there are plenty of jokes that could be made, I also understand it is something that the Mormons are very sensitive about, so I'm going to be as respectful about this as I can. From the days of Joseph Smith on, good Mormons have worn a one piece garment under all their other clothes, including what we would consider “underwear.” There are a great many stories that seem almost magical or mythical about the “garments” as the Mormons call them, but the church says they wear them to remind themselves of their commitment to God and the fact that they belong to Him first.

I'm not ready to try on a pair of these garments, but I like the idea of a constant reminder of who I am and Whose I am. It's so easy to forget in the rush of daily life that we belong to God and that His will should be our top priority. Every time I think about the sacred undergarments and am tempted to laugh, I should ask myself, “What do I do to remember every day that I belong to God?”

-David

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