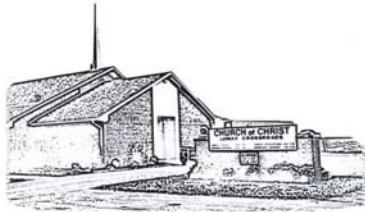


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Welcome to Lomax!

We had another great week with several visitors on Sunday and a great time Sunday night at the Lads to Leaders Kick-off banquet. Thanks to everyone who helped make that event a success. If you weren't there and you would like to be involved in the program, please see *Trent or Lori Hill*.

Our hearts were touched last Sunday morning as *Kim Bryant* responded to the invitation and asked for our prayers as she rededicated her life to the Lord. We are thankful for Kim and we are happy to lift her up in our prayers.

Don't forget our ice cream social tonight after services! This is a great annual event for us. It is a time to enjoy some fellowship and, of course, really good homemade ice cream. Plan to be here and enjoy!

Next Sunday will be a fifth Sunday and those are always special days here at Lomax. Our contribution that morning will go toward our Day School. The Day School continues to be one of our greatest tools in reaching out to the community. As it ages, the facilities need more work and upkeep. Our contribution will help with those costs. Sunday night we will have a special singing service. It will be a request night, so if you have a favorite song or one you'd like us to learn, be here next Sunday night!

Congratulations to *Breena Spears* who graduated Friday from the Technology Center with her degree in nursing. Breena intends to go on to Columbia State and pursue her RN degree. Way to go, Breena!

-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.



Ice Cream Social

Please join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and homemade ice cream tonight after services. If you can make some homemade ice cream, then bring it tonight! Toppings will be provided.

5th Sunday Contribution

Our contribution next Sunday will go to the **Day School** to help with their operating costs this school year. Please make your plans now to give generously.



Our Sunday night singing next Sunday evening will be a request night. Pick out your favorite song and come ready to encourage and be encouraged in song!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Margie Graves is recovering at home after having a pacemaker put in last week.

Plummer Vaughan also had a pacemaker put in this past week. He is home now.

Gene Bunch is home from the hospital.

Bobby Edwards has not been feeling well.

Lockie Sharp is home from the hospital. She will have surgery on her hand this Friday.

Bessie Edwards fell at home but is doing better now.

Lee Tatum has been sick at home.

Rob Dixon is sick at home.

Cherrylynn Guzy has the Epstein Barr virus again. She is on bedrest at home.

Osteen Hinson has been very sick at the nursing home.

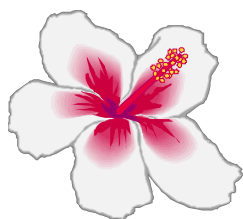
Sympathy: We express our sympathy to *Malcom George* on the death of his brother, *General George*. His funeral was last Monday.

We also express our sympathy to *Lockie Sharp* on the death of her sister, *Martha Jo Mayberry* last week. Her funeral was Thursday.

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).*



ALOHA!
Serving From the Heart
Lomax Ladies' Day
November 8, 2008

We still 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 still need about 35 towels.** Please put them in the tote in the foyer.

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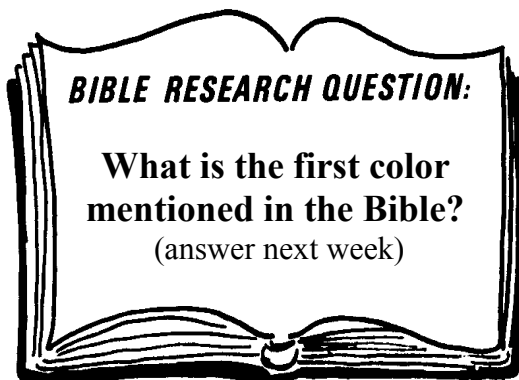
Lomax Kids Rally
Saturday, Sept. 13

- Please be bringing Capri Suns, juice boxes, and water for our Kids Rally. You can put them in the classroom in the CSC.
- If you would like a Kids Rally **T-shirt**, please sign the list in the foyer. T-shirts are \$10 each. **Today is the last day to sign up for T-shirts!**



A Look Ahead
Put these dates on your calendar!

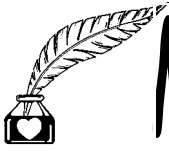
- August 31** — Fifth Sunday Contribution
- August 31** — Singing Service PM
- August 31** — Youth Committee meets
- September 3** — Teen Meal
- September 7** — Day School Appreciation Day
- September 7** — Devo in the Park
- September 13** — Kids Rally
- September 26-27** — Fall Youth Retreat



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What is the first color mentioned in the Bible?
 (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 Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM...The Primetimers are reminded of our birthday party this Wed. at the Lewis Co. Manor. Also, mark the dates of Sept. 25 and Nov. 18 on the calendar....*Thanks* beyond words to all for the calls, cards, flowers, travel to Acton, etc. in the passing of my brother, General George. Your gift of love is priceless and care and concern will always be a treasure. You remind us that as Christians die, they still live here by "Precious Memories." "Sweeter as the years go by."

PRIORITIES...Very few of you that are reading this article remember Jenny Lind, but those who do, know her as the "Swedish Nightingale." Miss Lind was a famous opera singer, known all over the world. The beautiful singer sang for heads of state in many countries and thrilled audiences in an era when all performances were live. One of my father's favorite songs was John Howard Payne's "*Home Sweet Home*." On one special occasion when Jenny sang this song it is said that there was not a dry eye in the audience. Great multitudes were overwhelmed by her beautiful voice.

Yes, thousands upon thousands heard her sing, but at the peak of her career Jenny Lind unexpectedly quit. She left the stage forever, and never returned, preferring to live in seclusion with her husband.

One time, an English friend stopped by to visit her. He found her on the beach gazing at a beautiful sunset, her Bible resting on her knee. When she saw him she invited him to sit down. The two spent time talking about old friends and old times, and then he asked, "Jenny, tell me why you left the stage at the apex of your career?"

"I left because every day performing made me think less of this Bible and I didn't even have time to look at the sunset." Truly, "busyness can become the enemy of relationships" and cause us to miss the greatest.

On The Lighter Side: A young man reported for his first day of work at the supermarket. The manager greeted him with a smile, gave him a broom and said, "Your first job is to sweep the store." "But I am a college graduate." "Oh," said the manager. "Here, give me the broom and I will show you how."

SENTENCE SERMON: The art of life is constant adjusting to circumstances...See Phil. 4:11-13.



*He is your praise;
he is your God,
who performed for you those
great and awesome wonders....*

Deuteronomy 10:21



Donations for the Day School

Day School Items for August:

*Graham Crackers,
Goldfish (or Whales) &
Cheese Crackers*

Please put these in the box in the foyer.



The next Teen Meal will be Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6 pm in the Christian Service Center. Please see Gwen Hinson or Heather Salisbury if you can help with food.

Friends and Family Day

Sunday, Sept. 7, will be a Friends and Family Day at Lomax with a special emphasis on our Day School. We will be inviting all Day School students and their families. After morning worship we will have a fellowship meal followed by an afternoon service.



Devotional
in the Park

Mark your calendars now for our annual Devo in the Park on Sunday afternoon, September 7. Stay tuned for more details!

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 8/17	
A.M. Bible Class	191
A.M. Worship Service	245
P.M. Worship Service	165
Wednesday PM	173
Contribution:	\$5,160.20
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Song of Solomon
(2:3)**

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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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

The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression. Proverbs 19:11

I was recently reminded of this point and thought this article was worth repeating. Patrick Morley writes:

“ONE DAY I phoned an 800 number to make a motel reservation. The depressingly disinterested reservations clerk who answered the phone tempted me to think the worst of her. *Who does she think she is? I'm the customer. I don't have to put up with this. I don't have to do business with these people. Does she have any idea how many motel chains there are? I can go anywhere I want,* I thought. But I was in a good mood. ‘You must be having a bad day,’ I said cheerfully. ‘Oh, yes, sir, I am. My last customer kept yelling at me, and I am a little rattled right now. Thank you for understanding.’ Of course, I had not understood a thing. I simply stumbled into the principle of letting the little ones go. What came within a whisker of ruining my day and making this nice young girl want to quit her job turned into an uplifting, encouraging ten-minute opportunity to glorify God. She even found a room for me at an extraordinarily low rate. The secret of loving others is to let the little ones go.”

How often do we let the “little ones” get to us? How many times a day do we have the opportunity to shrug off some minor inconvenience and possibly make a positive difference in another person’s life (not to mention our own)? What if we would practice “letting the little ones go” at home? At work? At school? James was only echoing Solomon’s words when he wrote “*So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*” (James 1:19-20). We would all do well to spend more time listening than we do speaking, especially in anger. And may we always look for the opportunity to “let the little ones go.” If at all possible, let us overlook offenses and be slow to speak in anger. Who knows what good we may do if we speak in love rather than anger? May God help us to glorify Him in those moments!

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-David