

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

Our Gospel Meeting and Homecoming starts this Friday! This is a special year for our meeting as we continue to celebrate 90 years as a congregation of the Lord's church here. Make plans to come hear John Dale as he talks about the church of yesterday, today and tomorrow! We'll talk about how the church began, our role in the church today and how we can plan for the future of the Lord's people here on earth. It will be exciting as you come to a greater realization of the important role YOU have in the activity of God in the world. Don't miss a single session!

Many of our young people will be heading to the Kimmins congregation tonight for a back to school devotional. We are thankful for the good relationship we enjoy with our brothers and sisters at Kimmins and for the good work they are doing.

Speaking of our young people and back to school, it's that time of year again. Our students at the Lewis County Schools will return to classes this Wednesday and our Lomax Christian Day School will start August 13. Young people and the school system are very important to us here at Lomax. We have several members who teach or work in some other capacity for the schools. I'm so thankful for the influence they have because of the opportunities that come their way. Please keep our students in your prayers, but don't forget the teachers, administrators, and other employees of the school system as well as the board members. We're blessed with a great opportunity, but also with great responsibility. *-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.



Elders, Deacons and  
Preachers will meet  
today at 4 pm.

## GOSPEL MEETING &



**This Friday-Sunday,  
August 8-10  
The Church — Yesterday,  
Today and Tomorrow  
John Dale, speaker**

### **Schedule**

Friday — 7:00 PM Worship  
Saturday — 9:00 AM (meet in CSC)  
7:00 PM Worship  
Sunday — 9:00 Bible Class  
10:00 Worship  
Fellowship meal  
1:00 Worship

**\*Be sure to sign the lists on the table  
in the lobby for food for our  
fellowship meal.**

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**Sick:**

*Jean Skelton* has been diagnosed with cancer and is deciding about treatment options.

*Beryl Wynne* has been sick at home.

*Melanie Webb* is home from the hospital. Her cancer remains very serious.

Continue to remember *Robena Gunter* (broken hip), *Osteen Hinson* (stroke), and *General George* (brother of *Malcom George*, colon 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*).



## Church Cookbooks

### 90th Anniversary Church Cookbooks are available now!!

The cookbooks are available in the library starting this morning after services. They are \$5 each, due when you pick up your books. If you signed up for a specific number of books, they are reserved under your name. There are several extra books which will also be for sale. See Heather Salisbury if you have any questions.



### A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

**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

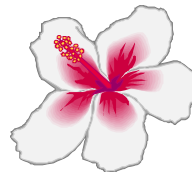
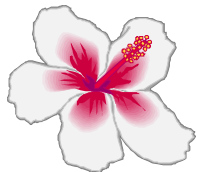
**August 31** — Singing Service PM

**August 31** — Youth Committee meets

**September 3** — Teen Meal

## 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.



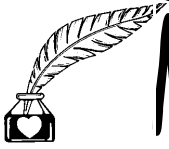
Donations for  
the Day School

The start of Day School is less than two weeks away! 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.

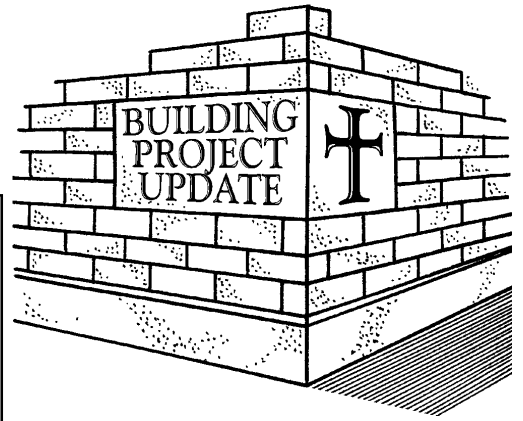
### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What book mentions the custom of giving one's shoe as a sign of transferring property? (answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**

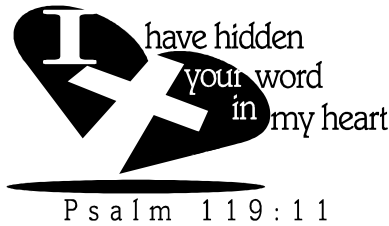


# Meditations with Malcom



**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 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM... We may not get to see everyone today since we will be leaving early to fill in at Sweetwater... We will miss being with you... The Primetimers are reminded of our birthday pizza following class on the 13th, our potluck meal following class on the 18th, and our birthday party at Lewis Co. Manor on the 27th.... It is time now to really get excited about our Homecoming and Gospel Meeting coming up this weekend (Aug. 8-10)... Friday thru Sunday... Help us pass the *Good News!* I receive a lot of church bulletins each week and the following from THE MIRROR by Steve Miller caught my attention. Some adaptation is necessary due to space:

**HOW TO GET WHAT YOU WANT...** Have you ever wanted something, but did not know how to get it? Wouldn't it be great if there was a book that we could study and learn how to get what we want? Do you realize that there is such a book? Yes, you probably already know that the Bible is our source for every area of life (2 Pet. 1:3).



1. If you want a **friend**, then be friendly. "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly..." (Proverbs 18:24).
2. If you want **Bible knowledge**, then study. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).
3. If you want real **respect**, then live godly. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in manner of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).
4. If you want **forgiveness**, then forgive. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you..." (Matt. 6:14). Also, read Luke 17:3,4; Matt. 18:21,22, etc...
5. If you want to **reap what is good**, then sow what is good (See Lk. 8:11; Gal. 6:7, etc.).
6. If you want **salvation**, then obey the Lord (John 14:15; Mk. 16:16).
7. If you **are interested in the hereafter**, remember that the *here* determines the *hereafter* (John 10:10; Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58).

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Husband: "She's been throwing things at me for three years". Magistrate: "Why have you not complained before now?" Husband: "This is the first time she has ever hit me!"

**Sentence Sermons:** He who throws dirt loses ground... Worry does not exempt tomorrow from its griefs, but it does empty today of its joys..... You may have a bad start in life, but you need not have a bad ending.

The following update on the new education building is from Bill Lawson:

The main underground electrical system is installed. Also the drainage system is complete; this will carry away the water from the area between the buildings (west of the auditorium). This area will contain a large classroom (13 feet by 32 feet); all of this area was unused before and difficult to mow and weed eat.

The main floor is poured and the restroom/west entrance is scheduled to be poured Monday. Hopefully the building will be framed and the roof on by September 1<sup>ST</sup>.

We also had to install two new heating/AC units in the basement building. One of the older units died on us. They were both 18 and 19 year old units. The newer units should be more efficient and save in operating costs in the future. We're taking a lot of pictures to be used in our 90<sup>th</sup> year celebration!

**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 7/27**

A.M. Bible Class	179
A.M. Worship Service	273
P.M. Worship Service	170
Wednesday PM	152
Contribution:	\$4,734.25
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Deborah, Rebekah's  
nurse (Genesis 35:8)**

**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*

“But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:27

Unless something happens this week, the Harper family will lose their home to foreclosure. It's set to be sold this Tuesday on the steps of the courthouse in Clayton County, Georgia. In and of itself, that's not too remarkable — lots of homes are going into foreclosure these days. But here's what makes the Harper's situation unique: their home was a gift. In 2005 the ABC reality TV show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* showed up with 1,800 people and demolished the Harper's decrepit old home and replaced it with the current four bedroom “mini-mansion” they have now. And they didn't owe a dime on it.

But now, three years later, the Harpers have defaulted on a \$450,000 business loan they took out using the house as collateral. If nothing changes, they will lose this house that was given to them. While they have obviously had some bad circumstances, they've also made some bad decisions. And the consequences of those decisions may cost them their beautiful home.

Before we judge the Harpers too harshly, though, we need to look at our own lives. No, we haven't had anyone give us a home worth almost half a million dollars. But we have been given a gift that is worth more than all the wealth in the entire world. If you're a Christian, your salvation is more precious than anything money can buy. It was given as a free gift out of the kindness of God's heart to anyone who would accept it. And when you received your salvation, you received a home. A home in heaven — free of charge.

After you receive your eternal home, however, it's important to note that you can still end up like the Harpers and lose what was originally a free gift. Even the apostle Paul said he had to remind himself daily that he could lose his salvation if he fell away from the faith. What about you? Are you holding tightly to your free gift or are you taking some chances that might end up costing you everything? Don't surrender God's free gift to you!

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