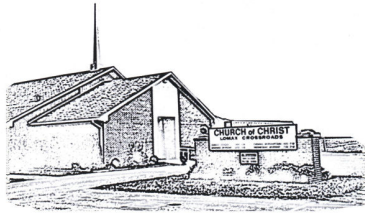


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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great week this week. Last Sunday, *Aren Ragsdale* responded to the invitation and asked for our prayers for his restoration. What a great example Aren is to all of us. He is a freshman at Freed-Hardeman this year and we are proud of the spiritual growth he is achieving there. Wednesday night *Derick Carroll* did a fabulous job with the devotional. It was Derick's first time to speak publicly, but you wouldn't have known it! Thanks for a great message and a great example, Derick! How many of our other young men are ready to step up and begin to lead in the worship service? Don't hide behind your fears; use your God-given gifts!

Speaking of leading in the service, we will have a new opportunity tonight at our singing service. At the very beginning of our service, we will ask any of our young men (6th grade and under) who would like to lead a song to come down front and lead one. This is open to any boy who would like to lead a song, no matter how young. Dads, if you would like to help them, that's fine, too. We'll all be standing by and ready to sing our best, as well. After that we will fill the rest of the service with songs you have requested. It's always interesting to me to see what songs people choose as their favorites. We are all different and different songs, hymns, and spiritual songs touch us. It is a blessing to encourage one another and lift each other by singing some of our favorite songs.

Also, don't forget next Sunday is a Friends and Family Day. We will honor our Day School. Be here! -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.

5th Sunday Contribution For Day School

Our contribution today will go to the **Day School** to help with their operating costs this school year. Please give generously to this good work.



Our Sunday night singing tonight will be a request night. All requests need to be in the request box in the lobby immediately following services this morning.

- We will open the service tonight with a special time for our young men (6th grade and under) to lead a song of their choice.
- All Song Leaders are asked to meet down front this morning immediately after services to select their songs from the requests turned in.

**Be here tonight for a
wonderful and uplifting time
of praise!**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Bobby Edwards is in Room 663 at Maury Regional Hospital for observation following a seizure.

Dianna Owens has been in Maury Regional Hospital undergoing tests for heart trouble. As of Friday, she was in Room 169.

Jean Skelton has been battling sickness as she undergoes chemotherapy.

Travis Amacher has been undergoing tests for chest pains.

Margie Graves is sick at home and still recovering from having a pacemaker put in.

Lockie Sharp had surgery on her hand this past Friday.

Osteen Hinson has been very sick at the nursing home.

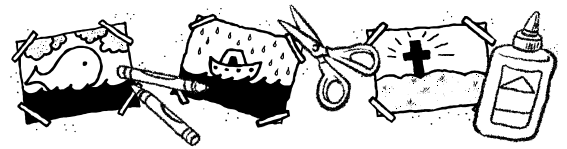
Continue to remember *Rob Dickson* (sick at home), *Cherrylynn Guzy* (Epstein-Barr virus), and *Plummer Vaughan* (pacemaker put in).

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*).

Friends and Family Day Day School Appreciation



Next 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.

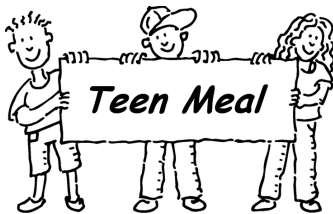
Our annual Devo in the Park will be next Sunday afternoon, September 7.



We'll meet at the building at 4:00 and travel to Meriwether

Devotional
in the **Park**

Lewis Park for a time of games, food, wading in the creek, and a campfire devotional. Bring hotdogs, buns, chips, drinks, & desserts.



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



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

**September 13 — Kids Rally
September 26-27 — Fall Youth Retreat**



**ALOHA!
Serving From the
Heart**

**Lomax Ladies' Day
November 8, 2008**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated towels — we now have all the towels we need.

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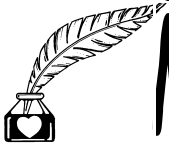
**Lomax Kids Rally
Saturday, Sept. 13**

Please be bringing Capri Suns, juice boxes, and water for our Kids Rally. You can put them in the classroom in the CSC.

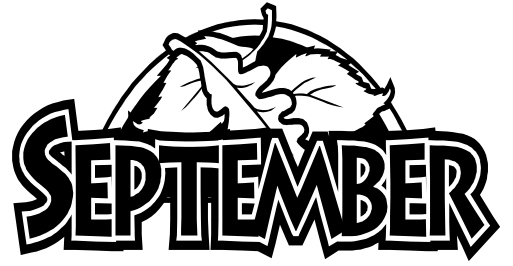
BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

A Midianite soldier dreamed his tent was flattened by what?
(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...Also, let us not forget that our 5th Sunday contribution today goes to help with our Day School....Our Wed. morning class is reminded of our birthday pizza following class this week. We have several birthdays this month including Hershel reaching 92 and Jennie Burdette 90 (this week)....Pass the word about our Kids Rally on Sept. 13....All of us face *interruptions* and the following article is adapted from a booklet sent our way by McDonald Funeral Home:

HANDLING INTERRUPTIONS... A family in Selmer some time ago

had made plans for a trip when a relative died unexpectedly. They had her frozen until

I will turn their mourning into gladness.... Jeremiah 31:13



they returned. Or, you may have heard the jest about a golfer being delayed finishing his rounds because his partner died and he had to drag him along...or another who paused as the funeral procession went by with a close relative. Someone has said, "Life is what happens when you have made other plans." One of the many things we all have in common on life's journey is that we experience interruptions and detours that may alter our best laid plans.

The Apostle Paul was certainly one who knew how to deal with interruptions. Note his response... "*We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted but not destroyed*" (2 Cor. 4:8). Paul was beaten, imprisoned, etc., etc. but his faith gave him the courage to go on.

Paul used interruptions as opportunities. He tried to turn them into something positive. He was like the hijacked missionary who did not despair but started a church wherever he was. He did not say *poor me* but *why not me* and looked beyond immediate disruptions and found in them opportunities for growth and understanding. The deeper the frustrations he faced, the more open he became to the will and presence of God. (See 2 Cor. chapter 4 and 12. Also, Phil chap. 1-4).

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A man from the hills called the hospital and asked how his brother was doing. After a few moments the receptionist returned to the phone and said he was getting along fine and convalescing now...Well, said his brother. I will just stay by the phone until he is through....Also, "Bill, I need twenty bucks and don't know where to get it." Joe, "I'm glad of that. I was afraid you thought you could get it from me."

Sentence Sermon: A friend is one who can put a finger on your faults without rubbing them in....He who is born of God is certain to resemble his Father.

Birthdays:

- 2nd Trent Hill
Hershel Spears
Larry Tatum
- 3rd Tabitha Dickerson
Bonnie O'Brien
- 4th Jennie Burdette
- 6th Travis Amacher
J.W. Churchwell
Heather Hudgins
Kathy O'Brien
- 9th Blake Farr
- 10th Lori Hill
- 12th Pop Hinson
Mary Lou Morton
Beryl Wynne
- 13th Rick Morrow
- 14th Thelma Johns
- 15th Lynn Tiller
- 18th Cynthia Collison
- 23rd Eli Dye
Jana Grimes
- 24th Barbara Hinson
Cindy Morrow
- 25th Brooke Duncan
Gene Bunch
- 29th Anna Jones

Anniversaries:

- 1st Mike & Kathy O'Brien
- 5th Jimmy & Connie
Morton
- 6th Bill & Jane Lawson
- 16th David & Carolyn Miller
Dennis & Janet Johnson
- 17th Jeffrey & Gwen Hinson
- 28th Ryan & Sioban
Reynolds

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 8/24	
A.M. Bible Class	178
A.M. Worship Service	231
P.M. Worship Service	138
Wednesday PM	195
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Green
(Genesis 1:30)**

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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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 we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

The story is told of a rich man who was riding down the street in his limo when he saw a poor man kneeling in a park, eating the grass. The man asked his chauffeur to stop and rolled down the window to talk to the poor fellow. He asked, "Why are you eating this grass?"

The poor man replied, "I have no money and no house, so my family and I live in this park, eat the grass, and drink from the fountain."

The man said, "Well, I'm rich. Go get your family and you can all come to my house and I'll feed you."

The poor man and his family piled into the limo. As they were driving down the road, the wealthy man said, "You know, you're really going to like my house. The grass is at least a foot long in the back."

While this little story could be told as a joke, it also has some serious applications to the life of Christian. What do we have to offer the world that is different from what the world already has? When people see that the divorce rate in the church is the same as in the world, that we fight and divide over silly things, what do they think? When we have blatant sin in our lives and we are greedy, prideful, and covetous, what do we offer the world except more of the same thing they already have? Why would they want to be a Christian if that's what it means?

But what if they see something that is truly different? What if they see that they can trade their moral poverty for God's spiritual riches? If they can see God's forgiveness and the freedom from guilt that He offers, they'll know we have something unique. When they see God's love and compassion as demonstrated by our love and compassion, they will want to know more. And when they see that God gives them a purpose and meaning for their life — to worship Him — they will know that what we have as Christians is something that cannot be found anywhere else.

The question is, what will they find when they look at us? More of the same? Or something so unique and special that they will line up in droves to find out more about the gospel we preach? It's up to us!

-David

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