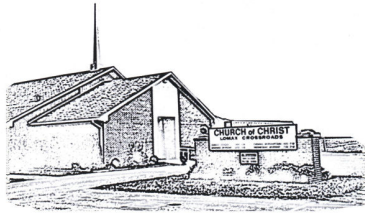


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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great day last Sunday as we celebrated a Friends and Family Day and honored our Day School students and teachers. Several of our regular members were away because we were one of five area churches celebrating special events that day, but we had several visitors from the community. Thanks to all of you who cooked food and worked extra hard to welcome our guests.

Our Devo in the Park also went well Sunday evening. We had a great crowd of 40-50 people. We played hard, ate well, and enjoyed a great lesson from *Tony Turnbow*. Thanks to *Jeff Dye* and the Youth Committee for coordinating that event.

Thanks to *Matthew Farr* and *Trent Hill* for directing another great Kids Rally. Thanks also to everyone who helped make it a success.

We have all been saddened to hear of the losses many of our members experienced this past week. We grieve with *Lori Bates* and *Kara Farr* on the loss of their relatives and also with *Linda Edwards* and the Edwards family on the loss of *Bobby Edwards*. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Our nation paused this past week to remember the events that happened seven years ago when terrorists attacked our country. I pray that we will also remember the spiritual fervor that gripped our nation as we turned to the Lord in open and unashamed public prayers. May we remember that God is the only true source of peace in this world and may we strive to follow Him even as we depend upon Him and His grace and mercy toward us. -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.

Girls Night!

All girls in the 7th—12th grades are invited to attend Girls Night this Wednesday, September 17, starting at 5:30 in the Christian Service Center. Olivia Bradford will be the speaker and supper will be provided. Come and bring a friend!



A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Kids Rally yesterday a success. When we all work together, we can accomplish great things for the Lord!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Osteen Hinson is in Maury Regional Hospital Room 256 with pneumonia and a blood clot in his lungs. He is in serious condition.

Travis Amacher will see a cardiologist at Vanderbilt this week.

Bill Millsbaugh has been having heart problems. He is at home.

Jean Skelton has gone back to Texas to be with her daughter and family.

John Pennix, uncle of *Traci Amacher*, is in Vanderbilt Hospital following a heart attack.

Continue to remember *Ilo Miller* (has been very sick lately), *Cherrylynn Guzy* (Epstein-Barr virus), and *Plummer Vaughan* (pacemaker put in).

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of *Rick Cogdill*, brother of *Lori Bates*. He passed away last Sunday evening and his funeral was Wednesday.

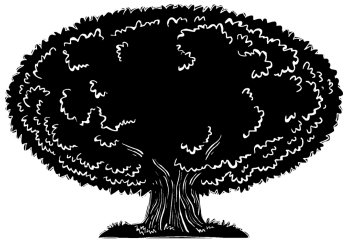
We also extend our sympathy to the family *Bobby Edwards* who passed away last Tuesday. His funeral was Friday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of *Mary Helen Garrett*, grandmother of *Kara Farr*, who passed away Wednesday. Her funeral was Saturday.

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: *Matthew Swinea*, *Andrew Rogers*, *Justin Conkle* and *Kerry Conkle* (grandsons 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*).



Tree of Knowledge

Please visit the church website (www.lomaxchurch.com) to see the new goals for this quarter. 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. Tell our kids how proud you are of their hard work!



LADIES'
Night Out

All ladies of the church are invited to Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 pm at the home of Bonnie O'Brien. Please bring your Bible and a favorite dish.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Elders, Deacons and Preachers meetings for the months of September, October and November will take place on the following dates:



September 28
October 19
November 16



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

September 28 — Elders, Deacons, and Preachers Meeting

October 1 — Teen Meal

October 7 — Paintball for 6-12 grade

October 19 — All Age Devotional

October 26 — Trunk or Treat

November 5 — Teen Meal

November 8 — Ladies' Day

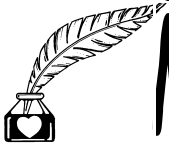
November 9 — Friends and Family Day. Elders & Deacons cook

November 16 — Make decorations for the Nursing Home

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What nation's women did the prophet Isaiah compare to fluttering birds? (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

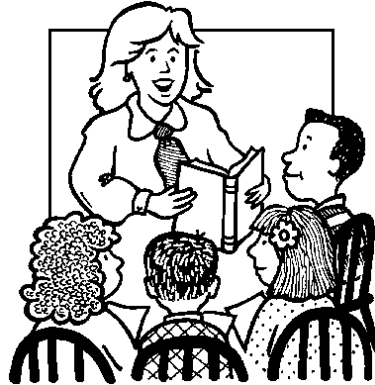


Meditations with Malcom

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...Remember the Homecoming at Kimmins today and the Homecoming and Gospel Meeting at Topsy with Leon Cole...Precious memories flood our souls in the passing of Bobby Edwards this past week. He was a very dear friend and brother in Christ and we have been truly blessed that he came our way. He also leaves a great heritage that will continue to preach a sermon of victory...Also, we express our sympathy to the Farris, Bates, and others in their loss of loved ones.....The Primetimers are reminded of our trips on Sept. 25 and Nov. 18....Thanks to all who helped with the Lomax Kids Rally. The following was given me to show the importance of Bible teachers:

I'M GLAD I AM A BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER...How many times have I heard a fellow Christian say, "Oh, you mean you teach a class of little kids? Oh, you poor thing. You are a glutton for punishment." My mental reaction to such statement is, "*You* poor thing. If you have never tried it, you don't know the wealth and blessings you are missing."

Poor thing, indeed! There are few moments so precious as seeing the dancing eyes of a little child as he sees the big fish (made from crafts) literally swallow up Jonah (a puppet), and then to see relief come and his whole body relax and settle against his chair when he sees that "God took care of Jonah and He will take care of me, too, when I obey Him." Or the excited voice of a little one tugging at mother or daddy to "come see the ten lepers that Jesus made well."



Me, a poor thing? When I hear from three rows back the loud whisper, "Mommy, that's my teacher," or when I receive the most moving, most enjoyable, most blessing-filled hour of the week, I wouldn't trade it for anything. Who knows, the Bible class I teach may train someone to be a real blessing today and lead someone to heaven who might not have known the way. Sorry friend, that poor thing isn't me!

On The Lighter Side: Mike—"I got one of those suits with two pairs of pants." Gus—"How do you like it?" Mike—"Not so well. It's too hot wearing two pairs of pants."or did you hear about the man who was so unlucky that he bought a suit with two pairs of pants and burned a hole in the jacket!!!

Sentence Briefs: "It takes no musical ability to be always harping on something!" A dying saint was asked, "Would you like to live your life again?" "No," he answered. "I'm too near home!"



Fall Retreat

Due to a conflict with Homecoming, the date of the Fall Youth Retreat is being changed. Stay tuned for the new date!



Donations for the Day School

Day School Items for September:

*Napkins,
Paper Plates (not Styrofoam)
& Plastic Forks (no spoons or knives needed)*

Please put these in the box in the foyer.



*But the wisdom
that comes from heaven
is first of all pure;
then peace loving,
considerate,
submissive,
full of mercy
& good fruit,
impartial & sincere.*

James 3:17

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 9/7**

A.M. Bible Class	161
A.M. Worship Service	238
P.M. Worship Service	124
Wednesday PM	179
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Ephesus
(Acts 19:19)**

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 who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5

Bobby Edwards enjoyed making things new. You could take him an old couch or chair and when he finished his work, it would look like new. Bobby was a hard worker and he believed everyone should be a hard worker. But you would make a serious mistake if you thought that meant Bobby didn't enjoy his "fun time" as well. He played as hard as he worked. He knew that recreation was a great way to "re-new" oneself.

But Bobby also knew that you can't just put some new upholstery on an old sinner and call him Christian. He also knew that no amount of rest and relaxation would ever take away the stress of being outside of Christ. And so as an adult, Bobby made a decision that few adults ever make — He decided to become a Christian. Those who track such things say that the longer a person waits after their 18th birthday, the less likely they are to become a Christian. And yet, Bobby did just that.

This week, as we have mourned his passing, we have not grieved as the world does — without hope. In this life modern medicine was unable to save Bobby Edwards. Thankfully, Bobby had never depended on modern medicine to save his soul for eternity. His faith was in a God who promised to make all things new. A God who promised that there was a place reserved for us in a city with no pain, no death, and no tears. A place where everything would be new. Not just recovered or well rested, but really and truly new — remade the way it was supposed to be. And while we don't understand exactly how God will do all that, by faith we trust in those same promises that Bobby did. There are no hospital beds in heaven and no medicine or pain pills, either. There is only the Lord and all the faithful celebrating the trustworthiness of His promises.

It is that eternity which gives all Christians hope, even in the face of death. Even as our spirits are made new in Christ when we become a Christian, we look forward to a time when "all things will be made new" and we will enjoy God's blessings forever.

-David

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