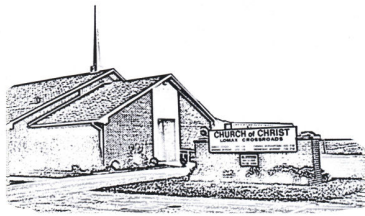


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Welcome to Lomax!

Our Kids Rally is this Saturday!! Thanks to *Matthew Farr* for all his hard work as the director of the rally. I hope you will make plans to be here for as much of the day as you can attend. *Josh Schwartz* is our speaker and his brother, *Jon David* will lead the singing.

Today is a special day as we celebrate and honor our Day School. Last Sunday our contribution went to help the Day School. If you were not here last Sunday but you would like to contribute, please see *Bill Lawson*. As part of our meal, we will take a moment to honor the teachers, students, and parents who are a part of our Day School. The messages this morning and afternoon will also focus on the theme of "Generations."

After our second service this afternoon, the day is NOT over! Our annual Devo in the Park is this afternoon! Please join us for a great time at Meriwether Lewis Park today!

Wednesday night *Matt Swinea* asked for our prayers in a special way. Matt and his brother-in-law *Andrew Rogers* are both members here and also members of the 771st Maintenance Company based here in Hohenwald. They left Friday to report to camp and will eventually head to Iraq in December. Matt asks that we remember him and Andrew as well as the rest of our troops in our prayers. Matt also asked for extra prayers for *Crystal* while he is away as they just learned they are expecting their second child! We are happy to lift them up in prayer and to rally around them as only church family can.

-*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.

Welcome to Friends and Family Day and Day School Appreciation Day!



Today we honor our Day School. From the teachers to the students to the parents, we are thankful for everyone who actively works with this great outreach ministry. Please join us for a meal after our morning services and our services this afternoon as well.

Please join us
this afternoon
for our annual
Devo in the
Park! 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. Please bring hotdogs, buns, chips, drinks, & desserts. You may also want to bring chairs for you and your family.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Ann White is in Maury Regional Hospital with a broken hip and an infection.

Bobby Edwards is home from the hospital.

Jean Skelton plans to return to Texas with her daughter this week.

Travis Amacher has a severe case of bronchitis.

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

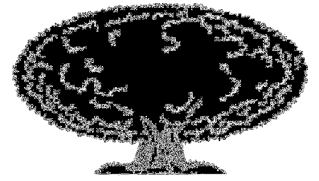
Shut-ins: *Bessie Edwards*, *Sharon Edwards*, *Carma Edwards*, and *Jessie Mayberry*.

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion*, *Jennie Burdett*, *Ersie Duncan*, *Osteen Hinson*, *Lockie Sharp*, *Anne White*, and *Michelle Huff*.

Remember our military: *Matthew Swinea*, *Andrew Rogers*, *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*).

Attention all parents!

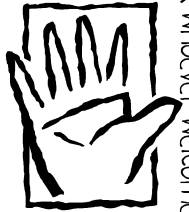
As the new quarter begins, please check the church website to see what goals your child will



be learning for the Tree of Knowledge!

this little child in my name welcomes me;

Whoever welcomes



& whoever welcomes me

me welcomes the one who sent me.

Luke 9:48



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

September 13 — Kids Rally

September 17 — Girls' Night

September 26-27 — Fall Youth Retreat

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

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Lomax Kids Rally

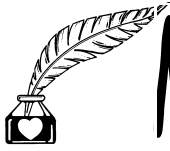
This Saturday, Sept. 13!!

Our Kids Rally is this Saturday! There are several ways you can help. Please sign the lists in the foyer. We can still use drinks, as well. If you plan to attend the Rally, please sign the registration list.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

In what city did Paul find many believers who had formerly dabbled in witchcraft? (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom

A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors! We are glad that you came our way. Thanks for joining us for our *Friends & Family Day* and we hope you can stay for the noon meal and the afternoon service. It is always a joy to honor all those involved in our Day School program. We will miss getting to see some folks since I am scheduled to speak at a *homecoming* at Upper Sinking. Salem also has a homecoming today and Kimmins on the 14th...Don't forget the KIDS RALLY on the 13th...We are sure that you have noticed how our new building addition is really taking shape. Thanks to Bill and all involved for a great job.

Friends And Family Days are always special. And I am scheduled to speak at two in October. We are now studying the book of John on Wed. nights. Jesus reminds us in John 15:13-15 that we are chosen for *friendship*. He reminds us that we are His friends if we keep His commandments. Also, that He rejoices in being able to call us *friends*. In fact, one of the songs we often sing is "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Yes, making new friends is always exciting and often provides an opportunity for what we call *friendship evangelism*. Also, *friends and family days* allow us to meet and restore former friendships that are priceless—friends who've remained close no matter how many miles have come between us; friends who have stuck by us regardless of difficulties or differences. Martha Bolton describes these friends this way:



Old friends don't need an excuse to drop by.
 Old friends aren't jealous of your successes or pleased with your failures.
 Old friends overlook your faults instead of keeping a list of them.
 When disagreements arise, old friends don't have to be right.
 Old friends give you the benefit of the doubt.
 Old friends are like antiques—the longer you have them the more valuable they become.
 Yes, new friends, old friends, and all true friends are a priceless treasure.

On The Lighter Side: Speaking about old friends, I just read about one who was so old that his blood type was discontinued...Also, a young couples class was studying the story of Abraham and Sarah and how they were blessed with a child in their old age. The teacher asked why???

A young mother of three with financial difficulties blurted out: "They waited until they could afford it."

Sentence Sermons: The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it...Live your life and forget your age...and "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be..." (You finish...).



Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars! The Fall Youth Retreat for 6th-12th graders will be Friday and Saturday, September 26-27. More details to come soon!



Girls Night!

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

Bridal Shower



You are invited to a bridal shower for **Hilory Holt** this Saturday, September 13, from 2:00-3:30 PM at the Kimmins church of Christ. Hilory will marry Joshua Trogdon on September 20 at 2:00 PM at Kimmins.

| BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 8/31 | |
|--|------------|
| A.M. Bible Class | 175 |
| A.M. Worship Service | 248 |
| P.M. Worship Service | 129 |
| Wednesday PM | 199 |
| Contribution: | \$5,700.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$5,700.00 |

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
A Cake of Barley
(Judges 7:13-14)**

| 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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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 these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7a

At times I haven't been as thankful for my heritage as I should. You see, I “grew up in the church” and I think I have often taken that for granted. I can't remember a time when I didn't know the basic stories of the Bible — of Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Joseph, Moses, the prophets and kings. I have been in Bible class from the first time my mother brought me to church as a baby, and I have learned a great deal from many godly men and women who worked hard to prepare lessons for me. I may not have appreciated it at the time and perhaps they didn't always feel like I understood the point they were trying to make, but through the years something sank in. I learned the parables of Jesus and the miracles. I learned about the early church and the missionary journeys of Paul. Most importantly, I learned God's plan of salvation. My parents were some of my very first Bible teachers, but they also made sure that I went to Bible class every Sunday and Wednesday. My faith has been deepened in great ways because I “grew up in the church.” I have a heritage of faith that was passed on to me by Bible teachers. I am thankful for that and I should never take it for granted. Instead, I must use the knowledge I have been given to teach others. It is now my turn to be that teacher preparing those lessons so that someone else can “grow up in the church.”

Bible class is such a vital part of Christian education. If you don't come to class and don't bring your children to class, then you are missing out on some wonderful opportunities to deepen your faith and strengthen your family. Whether you've been in the church all your life or you are a new convert, Bible class is the place you need to be! And if you can find the books of the Bible without an index, if you know the difference between Noah's ark and Moses' ark, if you know the difference between Elijah and Elisha, if you know that Saul and Paul are the same person, then thank a Bible teacher!

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