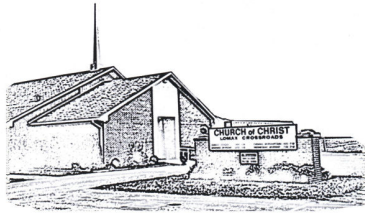


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Welcome to Lomax!

These are wonderful days to be an active part of the Lomax congregation! There are many activities going on for our members of all ages. Thanks to *Trent and Lori Hill* for hosting the young adult class last night. Tonight our younger children can enjoy Trunk or Treat (okay, so some of the rest of us will enjoy it as well) and Tuesday we have our Fall Festival which is hosted by our junior and senior high students for our pre-school through 6th graders. Coming up next month, in addition to the usual activities of the church for our Primetimers and young people, there will be Ladies Day and Friends and Family Day as well as our singing workshop. There are activities for everyone, so get involved and enjoy the fun!

Last Sunday after the elders and deacons meeting, *Bill Lawson* gave us a tour of the new education building. The work is moving along at a quick pace. If you haven't seen it yet, why not stop by and take a look? This facility is going to be a great boost to our education program. Make sure to give your support!

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of *Jean Skelton* last week. She had traveled to Texas to be with her family as she battled cancer. She was a wonderful lady and a good friend. She will be deeply missed, but we thank God for her faith that saw her through all the battles she had to fight. She has won her race; she has fought the good fight. Now she will claim her reward even as she leaves us an example of faithful living and enjoying every moment God gives 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.



Tonight after services we will have our annual **Trunk or Treat**. If you would like to pass out candy, join the cars circled in the parking lot in front of the Christian Service Center. All children are invited to dress in their Halloween costumes after services.



This Tuesday, October 28
6:00-7:30 pm in the CSC
For ages preschool-6th grade
There will be snacks, games,
and a devotional, so invite a
friend and come dressed in
your favorite costume, ready
to have some fun!

☀ If you are willing to bring food, please see Lori Hill.

☀ Remember the teens will be setting up for Fall Festival this afternoon from 1:00-3:00.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Estelle Mercer is in Maury Regional Hospital with a broken hip. *J.W. Curry* will be having outpatient surgery this Monday. *Dianna Owens* had a heart catheterization on Friday. She will have a valve replacement procedure soon. *Hannah Hill* had knee surgery on Wednesday. *Jeff Shields* had neck surgery last Thursday. *Anthony Winters*, brother of *Bonnie O'Brien*, is in critical condition in the VA ICU in Murfreesboro. *Billy Don Kilpatrick*, *Gene Kilpatrick's* brother, is in critical condition at St. Thomas Hospital.

Continue to remember: *Olivia Apa* (awaiting heart transplant), *Cherrylynn Guzy*, and *Bill Rogers* (pneumonia).

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of *Jean Skelton*, who passed away Wednesday evening. Her funeral is tomorrow at 11:00.

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

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion*, *Jennie Burdett*, *Ersie Duncan*, *Osteen Hinson*, *Michelle Huff*, *David and Carolyn Miller*, *Lockie Sharp*, and *Zina Mae Turner*.

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 *Matt Pfaff* (nephew of *Erik Pfaff*).

Day School Items for October:

- *Apple Juice bottles*
- *Capri Sun drinks*

Please put these in the box in the foyer.



Donations for the Day School

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- We will be doing the video for Storyline today at 3:00. See Traci Amacher for details.
- Audio Speech participants will meet next Sunday, November 2, at 4:00 to record their speeches. If you have questions, please see Ryan or Donya Wade.
- The registration fee for Convention (\$35 per person) is due **next Sunday**, November 2, to Trent or Lori Hill.

Anyone willing to help the Russian work by purchasing supplies or donating money to buy Bibles, please see Lori Hill or Mitzi Edwards. These items must be turned in by Nov. 2nd. Thank you!

Mission Needs



On Nov. 2nd there will be a bridal shower for *Melissa South*, bride-elect of *Drew Wills*, at the CSC from 1:30-3:00. They are registered at Target and Walmart.



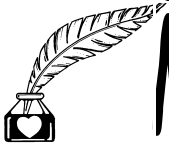
A Look Ahead
Put these dates on your calendar!

- October 29, 30** — LLL Russian Class
- November 2** — Bridal shower for *Melissa South*
- November 5** — Teen Meal
- November 8** — Ladies' Day
- November 9** — Friends and Family Day (Elders & Deacons cook)
- November 15-16** — Singing Workshop
- November 16** — Make decorations for the Nursing Home

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

In what city in Asia did people burn their valuable books on sorcery?
(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 *Trunk or Treat* following our PM service. Our lesson tonight will deal with THE MAN IN THE MIRROR (2 Cor. 3:18; 4:16-18, etc.)...A special Wed. night series is in the making about **The Silencing of God** shared via DVD with a plea to *return* from the depths of moral depravity, *reclaim* our Christian heritage, and *reaffirm* Biblical values in public life.

“IDLE WORSHIP”.....My friend Steve Reeves tells about a native preacher from India writing a letter to Christians in the United States. Reporting on the progress of his work he wrote, *“this place is full of ‘idle’ worshippers.”* Of course he meant that the area was full of those who worshipped idols. However, through his use of a misspelled word, he brings to mind another thought worthy of our consideration.



How many of us sometimes become ‘idle’ worshippers. When the song leader begins a song we can be tempted to sit back and withhold the fruit of our lips (Heb. 13:15). Our minds can often become idle so that we do not participate in a public prayer. As the communion is passed, we may sit idly by and not use the moments to reflect on the cross or to look backward, inward, and forward to God’s plan of redemption. As the offering is collected, do we give liberally and cheerfully or keep our heart and money idle?

Someone has said that we have more *idols* in our country than in the history of this nation. Thus anything that comes before God becomes our god. The following could be listed: *pride, prejudice, power, pleasure, popularity, possessions, power, people, position, profession, pre-occupation with the urgent and forgetting the most important, and other idols can include self, family, tradition, crowd, health, etc., etc.*

Let us all do our part to make sure that we never fall into the trap of either “Idle” or IDOL worship!

On The Lighter Side...Sam to Bill... “Does your wife worship you?” Bill, “Yes, and she serves me burnt offerings three times a day.”

“Honey, do you really love me or just think you do?” She replies, “Yes indeed, special fellow. I love you ‘cause I haven’t done any thinking yet!”

Sentence Sermons: Even in our day everyone can afford to give away a smile.....The three enemies of happiness: hurry, worry, and debt... And there is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. It doesn’t come so much as a result of getting something we don’t have but rather recognizing and appreciating what we do have. (Cf. Phil 4:11).

Birthdays:

- 1st Carma Edwards
- 4th Laura Conner
- 5th Dave Guzy
- 7th Matt Swinea
- 8th Dorothy Turnbo
- Jody Bunch
- 9th Lovada Burklow
- 11th Bill Millsbaugh
- Maggie Tanner
- 12th Darrel Reeves
- 13th Verlin George
- 15th Carden Venable
- 18th Brenda Crowell
- 20th Steve Edwards
- Sioban Reynolds
- 21st Ashley Tiller
- 23rd Pam Christian
- Dan Spears
- Billy Jackson
- 26th Evan Lawson
- Linley Hill
- Jessica Hinson
- 29th Homer “Speedy” Gilliam

Anniversaries:

- 3rd Homer & Joyce Gilliam
- 21st Chris & Pam Christian
- Pickard & LaFon Griner
- 30th Darrel & Deena Reeves

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 10/19**

A.M. Bible Class	188
A.M. Worship Service	243
P.M. Worship Service	140
Wednesday PM	182
Contribution:	\$4,675.05
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
The Bat
(Leviticus 11:13-19)**

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

The Last Word

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Romans 12:19

Divorce is always ugly, but in the case of one Cambodian couple, it got a little extreme. When Moeun Sarim and his wife Vat Navy decided to end their 18 year marriage, he asked to have half of everything, including the house. After the divorce was finalized, Sarim and several of his relatives came to the house with saws and cut their 20 x 24 1/2 foot home in half. When they finished, they picked up all the debris and took it with them to his parents' house nearby. Local officials tried many times to get the couple to mend their differences or find another way to settle the divorce, but the husband refused.

While we may not go so far as to cut a house in half, how many times has our wounded pride caused us to do things in anger that only made the situation worse? Pride, particularly injured pride, is a dangerous force and not one we should allow to reign unchecked in our life. It turns out that Sarim, the husband, suspected his wife of an affair and he wanted to make her pay for her infidelity. But what he ended up accomplishing was destroying a perfectly good house and making himself look like a fool.

Pride can make us alienate our spouse or children or friends just to "prove a point." We may decide to leave church or stop participating in church activities just to express our displeasure. But we do not stop the work of the church or hurt God with our angry actions. Our pride only injures us and those around us.

Perhaps that is the point — we often believe that we are justified in exacting revenge for our wounded pride. It is "right" that someone should "pay" because of what they have done to us. And yet we presume to mete out justice when we do not know all the facts nor are we impartial ourselves. God alone is qualified to hand out justice like that. And He assures us that He sees everything and will judge everyone fairly. Let us trust Him because the house you saw in half may be your own.

-David

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Dave Guzy

Bill Lawson

Rick Morrow

Dan Spears

Yogie Spears

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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*

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