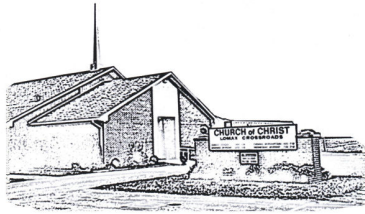


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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great week last week! Our numbers on Wednesday nights are especially encouraging. If you haven't been coming to Bible study on Wednesday nights, you're really missing a special time. The classes are challenging and instructive and the fellowship is always great. It's a wonderful way to stop and "recharge your batteries" in the middle of the week. Make plans to be here!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the GYIDE "Country Ham Breakfast/Supper" yesterday. It's hard to get much better than a GYIDE meal because "doing your part" to support Christian education means enjoying a really tasty meal. That's my kind of Christian service! Seriously, thanks to everyone who gave of their time and money to support this great work in Lewis County.

Come join us this afternoon in the Christian Service Center as we celebrate a very special birthday for a very special lady!

Congratulations to the Middle School volleyball team for winning the district title. Our own *Kenzie Owen* and *Leanna Amacher* were named to the All Tournament Team. *Shelley Owen* is the coach; *Delicia Reeves* also plays on the varsity team and *Morgan McKissack* is on the JV team. Way to go!

Today we start two new sermon series that I think will really make a difference. On Sunday morning we are going to talk about *Letters to the Next President* and we are beginning a study tonight on *Celebrating Friendship*. These two series are both timely and encouraging.

-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.



Any 6th-12th grader interested in playing paintball this Tuesday, Oct. 7, can come to a fun-filled day. We will be meeting at the church building at 9:00 am and play until we run out of ammunition. Lunch will be provided. Sign the list in the lobby **TODAY** if you plan to attend.

Екатеринбург

You Can Learn Russian!

Join us on Wednesday and Thursday nights at 6:00 to learn Russian. Erik and Adrienne Pfaff will be teaching simple phrases and Bible verses during each one-hour class in the CSC. Please come and learn!! (The word above is "Yekaterinburg," the city where Erik and Adrienne work.)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Lockie Sharp suffered a heart attack last week and has been in the Linden hospital.
Kara Farr has pneumonia. She is at home.
Marguerite Bullion had a light stroke last week. She remains in the Lewis County Manor.
Rick Baur had knee surgery last week.
Linda Grey, sister of *Jane Morton*, has been diagnosed with cancer. She lives in Florida.
Betty Nunnery, aunt of *Theresa Whitehead*, will begin cancer treatment soon.
 Continue to remember *Travis Amacher* (tests), *Ilo Miller* (has been very sick lately), *Cherrylynn Guzy* (Epstein-Barr virus) and *Olivia Apa* (two-year-old niece of *Averi O'Cain*, needs a heart transplant).

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, 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*).

Birthday Party



You Are Invited!

Ethel Poore is 90 years young! Everyone is invited to come celebrate with her TODAY from 1:30—3:00 at the Christian Service Center. Please no gifts; if you would like to help someone in her honor, she would be very pleased.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- October 8, 9**— LLL Russian Class
- October 19** — All Age Devotional
- October 19** — Elders, Deacons, and Preachers Meeting
- October 26** — Trunk or Treat
- October 28** — Fall Festival
- 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
- November 16** — Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meeting
- November 23**— All Age Devotional



All Age Devotional

There will be an All Age Devotional in two weeks on October 19 after our evening services. Please bring finger foods and drinks. Boo Spears will be speaking.

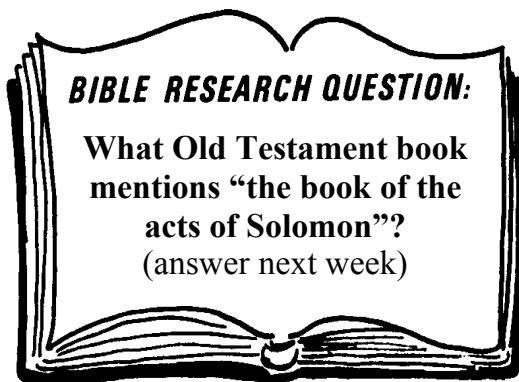


Day School Items for October:

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

Donations for the Day School

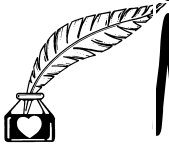
Please put these in the box in the foyer.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What Old Testament book mentions "the book of the acts of Solomon"? (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...Our thanks to Bill Rogers for driving the bus yesterday to the Senior Rally at West 7th in Columbia. This is a special event we enjoy each year....Also, thanks to all who worked so hard to make the GYIDE program a success. All profits go to Christian education....We will miss seeing you folks this AM since I am scheduled to speak at a Homecoming at Rogers Springs, TN. (near Middleton). We hope to be back in time to help celebrate the 90th birthday of a very special and precious lady named Ethel who continues to live in the "Poore house."....The Wed. morning class plans to continue to celebrate Oct. birthday folks with pizza following class this week....Remember the gospel meetings at Summertown and Waynesboro this week (Oct. 5-8)Also, Octoberfest is coming up this weekend and provides an opportunity for fun, food, fellowship and perhaps an opportunity to invite some folks to visit with us at Lomax....The following came my way via the Bolivar Beacon:

PARACHUTE OR TRASH BARREL.

James Dewar wrote: "Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open." The New Testament uses the term "open" to describe understanding minds. "*He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures*" (Luke 24:45). Paul was a chosen vessel to the Gentiles "to open their eyes" (Acts 16:18) and he did this by preaching the gospel. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16).



While an open mind can accept the gospel, it must be remembered that an open mind can also collect trash and sometimes spiritual trash. "*But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed...*" (Gal. 1:8ff.). In this chapter, such spiritual trash is called a different gospel and contrary to the gospel that saves. We sometimes need to put a lid on the trash can and remember to always let the Bible decide for us what to keep and what to throw away (Cf. 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Tim. 3:16,17).

On The Lighter Side: A family of skunks was trapped in a thicket, surrounded by a pack of hungry wolves edging closer.

The mother skunk calmly instructed her young: "Quickly, children, let's put our heads together!" After they obeyed, forming a circle, she continued, "Now, let us spray!"

Sentence Sermon: Forgiveness is the scent given by a trampled rose.

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 9/28**

A.M. Bible Class	178
A.M. Worship Service	278
P.M. Worship Service	165
Wednesday PM	185
Contribution:	\$5,661.95
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Matthew
(Matthew 28:2)**

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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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

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
Luke 19:10

It seems everyone is talking about bailouts and rescues these days. As one comedian said, “I wrote a \$5.00 check the other day. The check was good but the bank bounced.” If you own stocks or bonds, do business with a bank, or have seen any news at all in the last few weeks, then you know something of the economic crisis that America (and even the world) has been facing. You’ve probably also heard about the plan Congress has been working on to deal with the crisis. It’s been called the Wall Street/ Main Street bailout/ rescue. I don’t pretend to understand all the fine details about the plan, but here’s what I can tell you: People were so far in debt that they realized they would never be able to repay what they owed. This situation became the norm and more and more people began defaulting on their home mortgages. As this crisis mounted, everyone began to look to someone with more authority and more money than any one group could bring to the table. A key contingent of the government bailout is that if the banks take government money, they must agree to government oversight.

As I looked at all those facts, I couldn’t help but think about our own spiritual condition. Because of our sin we owed a debt we could never pay and our eternal home was lost to us. This situation was and is common to everyone. The only source of salvation is to be found in a higher power with more authority than us. And if we take His help, we must agree to His oversight. Call it what you will, but 2000 years ago God gave the world a bailout/ rescue. As we often sing, “He paid a debt He did not owe; I owed a debt I could not pay.”

All He asks is that if we want His help, we accept His terms. And His commandments are not burdensome; they are designed to keep us from getting into this same mess again. If God is faithful and He wants to rescue me, can’t I trust that He loves me enough to want what’s best for me? And since we’ve already seen where our best efforts lead us, why not try following His plan?

-David

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