

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

What an amazing week it has been! Last Sunday morning we were privileged to witness the baptism of *Keith Shields*. Keith was baptized by his father, *Jeff Shields*, who was baptized just two weeks ago. What a special moment! We'll have Keith's picture and address in next week's bulletin.

We are also excited to announce that *Brianne Amacher* has decided to place her membership here at Lomax. Brianne is the daughter of *Richard and Sue Amacher* and many of you know her already. We are excited to welcome her to our church family.

And after all of that last week, we are set up to have another great Sunday today! This is a fifth Sunday and our contribution today is going toward paying off our debt for the building and the bus. We are very close to accomplishing this goal and with a good day today, we can pay off the entire bill before the end of the year! Please continue to give generously as you have on past fifth Sundays and together, we can accomplish this great goal.

Tonight is also a special night for us. After our services tonight we will have our annual "Trunk or Treat" party. Our young people are invited to participate and wear their Halloween costumes after services. The rest of us need to bring some candy and plan to park our vehicles (decorate them if you would like to!) in a safe circle for the kids to play in. Whatever your age, plan to be a part tonight!

Our 7th-12th graders are also reminded that this Wednesday is our Youth Meal night at 6:00!

-David

## New Member!



**Brianne Amacher**

has expressed her desire to be a member of this congregation and we are happy to welcome her.

You can write to her at:  
491 Floyd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38467

## 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

Our contribution today will go toward retiring our debt on the Christian Service Center and the church bus.

This is the last fifth Sunday of the year and we are very close to this goal, so please plan to give generously!



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

## Sick:

*Dianna Owens* is receiving treatments for pneumonia.

*Sam & Rita Appleton* have been sick.

*Diane Bryant*, sister of *Sandra Clayton*, had thyroid surgery Thursday at Vanderbilt.

*Kenny Bullion*, son of *Marguerite Bullion*, suffered a heart attack and had heart surgery at St. Thomas this past week.

*Sue Heckman*, sister of *Dianna Owens*, had cancer surgery last week.

*Eric Tindle*, 21-year-old cousin of *Traci Amacher*, has been diagnosed with a very serious form of cancer and is beginning treatments in Birmingham, AL.

*Chyanne Kelley*, a first grader at Lewis County Elementary School has been diagnosed with cancer. Her address is on the bulletin board.

Continue to remember *Eunice Starbuck*, *David Miller*, *Dol Willis*, *Lockie Sharp*, *Carma Edwards*, *Bessie Edwards*, *Juanita Page*, *Louise Nichols*, and *Cordell Hull*.

**Shut-ins:** *Bitha Bullion* and *Ruth Craig*.

**In Lewis County Manor:** *Lockie Sharp*, *Hazel Hinson*, *Anne White*, and *Michelle Huff*.

**Remember our military:** *David Sublett* (brother of *Kelly Willis*).

## Wednesday night meal

All the teenagers (7th-12th grade) are invited to our monthly Wednesday night meal. Please be here at 6:00 to eat. All the



adult workers are reminded to be at the building at 5:30 and to check the list in the lobby to see what you are signed up to bring.

**Thanks to all who helped with the Fall Festival, all especially the young people!**



All the women of the congregation are invited to a

Ladies Night Out on Monday, November the

*Ladies' Night Out* 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the

home of Martha Vaughan. The meal will be potluck so please bring your favorite dish and your Bible.

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- ▶ Registration money of \$35 per person attending convention is due **next Sunday**, November 7.

## Trunk or Treat!

A great opportunity for everyone! All the kids are invited to wear their costumes (after services) and collect candy in the parking lot. All adults are invited to decorate their vehicles and help us as we create a safe and fun environment for our children to enjoy this holiday. Plan to be here tonight after services!

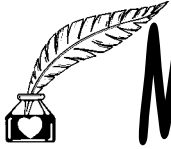


## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

**What wicked king of Israel had 70 sons?**

(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

## NOVEMBER



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS. We are glad you came our way. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 and on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM...Our thanks to *Bill Rogers* for driving the bus for the Primetimers. We had thirty one present for a trip that included a special memorial fellowship for Dot T. Also, over eight hundred dollars has already been given to the bus fund in her memory and other activities are planned to give honor to whom honor is due.

### THE DECISIVE VOTE

One of the greatest privileges that we enjoy in a democratic nation is the opportunity to elect officials who will govern us. Not only is it a great privilege to vote, but it is also a grave responsibility which all of us should take seriously. The power to change the course of this nation has been placed within the hands of every individual of legal voting age.

Politicians understand the power that each voter holds. That is why many of them spend so much time, energy, and money to secure your vote. Many who run for political office will promise anything and everything in order to get votes. Thus, it is the responsibility of the voter to be informed regarding the candidates, and choose one that will lead us in the right direction.

As important as the upcoming election may be, the most important election is that of which the Bible speaks. There are three parties that vote in this election as I mentioned in a lesson in the year 2000. God has voted yes...Satan has voted no and we cast **the decisive vote**.

Those who consider the evidence before them in God's word, and cast their vote for God are called God's elect (Eph, 1:4). Those who obey the

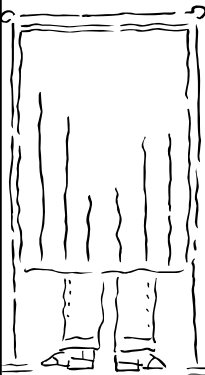
gospel, having their sins washed away by the blood of Christ, are elect in Him (1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:37-47). Those who have chosen God to govern their lives

are the winners in the most important

election of all (1 Thess. 1:4).

Remember that we cast the decisive

vote. We must do this while we have the time and opportunity and so walk to make our calling and election sure (2 Pet. 2:10).



# CAST YOUR VOTE!

**On the lighter side:** Doctor- *"I suppose, Mrs. Johnson, that you gave the medicine according to directions."*

Mrs. Johnson—*"Well, doc, I done my best. You said give Sam one of these head pills three time a day until gone, but I run out of pills yesterday and he ain't gone yit."*

**Note:** We will miss seeing you folks today since I am scheduled to be speaking in Okolona, Ms. Near Tupelo. We plan to be back tonight or Monday morning. Thanks for your continued prayers!

### Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carma Edwards
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Laura Conner
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Dave Guzy
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Chad Moorehead
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Turnbo
  - Jodi Bunch
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Lovada Burklow
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Joy Franks
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Maggie Tanner
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Darrel Reeves
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Verlin George
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Bertha Baker
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Brenda Crowell
  - Dustin McConnell
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Steve Edwards
  - Sioban Reynolds
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Ashley Tiller
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Pam Christian
  - Danny Spears
  - Billy Jackson
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Evan Lawson
  - Linley Grace Hill
  - Jessica Hinson
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Homer (Speedy) Gilliam
- Anniversaries:**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Homer & Joyce Gilliam
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Dale & Pam Askins
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Chris & Pam Christian
  - Pickard & LaFon Griner
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Sam & Rita Appleton
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Don & Dianna Owens
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Darrel & Deena Reeves

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 10/24	
A.M. Bible Class	202
A.M. Worship Service	289
P.M. Worship Service	185
Wednesday Class	201
Contribution:	\$4,794.55
Weekly Budget	\$5,200.00

Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
**Ruth**  
**(Matthew 1:5-6)**

"If you keep My  
commandments, you  
will abide in My love"  
**John 15:10**

## The Last Word

Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. Ezekiel 37:13

Today is a day for spooks and goblins and all kinds of candy collecting fun for children. It is also a day in which those who worship the Devil exalt and praise him. Whatever your views on Halloween and the celebrating of it, this is a time when people think about the afterlife. And for most of them, it is a scary thing. But God told the prophet Ezekiel that for His people, the afterlife is not a scary thing. When our graves are opened and the graves of the all the faithful are opened, it will not be a terrifying moment. We will not come out as some decomposed, half rotten corpse, but rather we will rise with an incorruptible, spiritual body (1 Corinthians 15:42-43). When our bodies are raised, it will not be a scary moment, but a glorious one. For God's faithful followers, an empty grave is a sign of hope, not a sign of terror.

But for those who have rejected Christ, there will be fear, not from a monster, but from the holy wrath of God. Because, you see, on the day that we are resurrected, everyone will know that God is the one true and living God and everyone will know where they stand with Him. If you have rejected Him in this life, then it will be a scary thing to stand before Him on the day of judgment. When the writer of Hebrews talks about those who have fought against God and refused to follow Him, he concludes that passage by saying, "*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Hebrews 10:31). There will be a fear on that day that is greater than any haunted house could ever produce.

So what should we do? Let us use this time when people think about what happens after we die to examine our own spiritual status. May we also use this as an opportunity to talk with our friends and neighbors about theirs. Most of all, let's make sure that when our grave is opened, that it will be a happy occasion and not a frightening one.

-David

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Ralph Conkle	Jeff Spears
Jeff Dye	Marty Spears
Matthew Farr	Larry Tatum
Dave Guzy	Walt Thompson
Trent Hill	Lynn Tiller
Mike Hinson	

**Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship Services	10:00 am
Evening Service	6:00 pm
Wednesday: Primetimers	10:00 am
Mid-Week Bible Study	7:00 pm
WMLR Radio Sunday	11:30 am

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