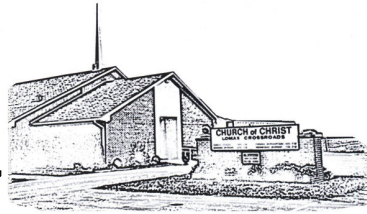


# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

Today is a bittersweet day for us as we bid farewell to *Erik and Adrienne Pfaff*. They will be returning to Russia and their work in Yekaterinburg this week. While we are sad to see them go, we rejoice with them that they are finally able to return to their work. Due to some changes in the Russian visa laws, they are now forced to stay out of the country for three months out of every six. I know it has been tough on Erik and Adrienne to be away from the church in Yekaterinburg for so long, but I am thankful for the blessing they have been to us here at Lomax during their stay. We look forward to seeing them again in February when they are required to return to the States for another extended visit. We wish them safe travel and blessings in their work.

This Saturday will be our annual Ladies Day and we invite all the ladies of the congregation to attend. This is a big event here at Lomax and I'm thankful for all the ladies who work together to make it happen.

As a special way of showing our gratitude to our ladies of Lomax, the elders, deacons, and ministers will be cooking lunch next Sunday. We will have a Friends and Family Day so invite your friends to come and worship with us and stay for the meal and our afternoon service. We'll be finishing up the Friendship sermon series on Sunday morning and there will be some especially great slides you don't want to miss! It should be a wonderful way to finish a great weekend of worshiping and praising God! -*David*

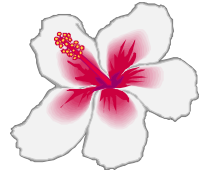
### **A special welcome to our guests!**

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.

**Aloha!**  
**Serving from  
the heart**



**Lomax Ladies Day 2008  
This Saturday, Nov. 8**

**Teah McWhorter, speaker**

Registration starts at 9:00 and we will conclude with a luncheon in the Christian Service Center. All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend!

∞ All ladies are reminded of the Work Night this Thurs., Nov. 6, at 6 pm. Come help us get ready for Ladies Day!

### **Friends and Family Day**

Next Sunday will be a Friends and Family Day!

*Bring a friend but don't bring a dish!*

The elders and deacons will be cooking the fellowship

meal following the morning service. We will have our afternoon service after we finish our meal.



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

## Sick:

*Estelle Mercer* is in Maury Regional Hospital Room 160 undergoing rehab for a broken hip.

*Brooke Duncan* has been sick and is waiting for test results.

*J.W. Curry* is recovering from surgery.

*Dianna Owens* will have a heart valve replacement procedure soon.

*Freddie Faye* had eye surgery last Wednesday.

*Anthony Winters*, brother of *Bonnie O'Brien*, remains in critical condition in the VA ICU in Nashville.

*Osteen Shann*, brother of *Nadine Turnbow*, is in MRH 628.

*Marie Crowell*, sister of *Faye Kilpatrick*, is in Maury Regional Hospital room 658 with a broken hip.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to *Gene Kilpatrick* on the death of his brother, *Billy Don Kilpatrick*. His funeral was last Wednesday.

**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, Tim Baur* (civilian contractor in Iraq), *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*).

## Mission Needs



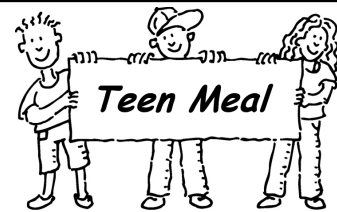
Anyone who signed up to buy supplies for Russia, should place the items in the box in the foyer by this evening. Thank you!

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- ▶ Audio Speech participants will meet **today**, 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 **today** to Trent or Lori Hill.



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



Our monthly Teen Meal will be this Wednesday night at 6:00 for grades 7-12.



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

**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

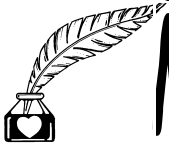
**November 16** — Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meeting

**November 23** — All Age Devotional

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What was the occupation of *Mesha*, king of *Moab*?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

## Spotlight on the Day School

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 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM...Thanks to all that have been so involved in church related actives during October! The future looks bright and there are always plenty of service activities for everyone. The women are busy promoting a great Ladies' Day for Nov. 8 and they are also excited that the elders and deacons are cooking for the Friends and Family Day on the 9th...I am scheduled to be speaking at Twomey today and we are presently planning to take a few days off for vacation this week, unless changes are necessary. Thanks in advance to David and Yogie for taking care of the Wednesday classes....November is upon us and you will probably be hearing several reminders about an *attitude of gratitude*. I found the following in my files:

**QUALIFIED COMPLAINERS:** What do you suppose would happen if one had to be qualified to complain? We emphasize certification and qualification, so we issue the following license:

### *License To Complain*

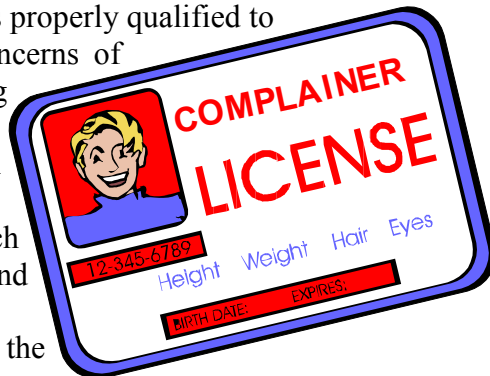
This certifies that the bearer is properly qualified to complain about activities and concerns of this congregation, having completed the following terms:

1. Attends all regular and special meetings and activities.
2. Prays daily for the church including elders, deacons, and ministers.
3. All his family takes part in all the activities of the church.
4. Always volunteers and accepts jobs and offices in work programs.
5. Visits regularly to help reach the lost, restore the fallen, and encourage the weak.
6. Gives liberally and cheerfully as God has prospered him.
7. Always looks for opportunities to service where such is needed.

This license is freely given to all who wish it, since one who qualifies for it will have little time to complain. Paul writes "*Do all things without grumbling or complaining, that ye may be blameless and innocent, children of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shines as lights..*" (Phil. 2:14ff.).

**On The Lighter Side:** The stenographer told the boss that he would have to have a raise. He concluded his request by noting that three companies were after him! "What three?" asked the boss. He replied, "The telephone, light, and water."

**Sentence Sermon:** Workers never grumble and grumblers never work.



**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 10/26**

A.M. Bible Class	163
A.M. Worship Service	237
P.M. Worship Service	177
Wednesday PM	165
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Ephesus  
(Acts 19:18-19)**

**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*

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18

It almost got to be old during the first half of the Olympics. Eight different times we watched Michael Phelps dive into the pool. And eight times he touched the wall ahead of all his competition. But in one race, the 200 meter Butterfly, it was close. In fact, at the end of that race, instead of pumping his fist in the air and celebrating, Phelps ripped off his goggles and threw them in disgust. Later we learned that his goggles had leaked and filled with water as soon as he entered the pool. He had essentially been swimming blind. But not really, right? I mean, this is Michael Phelps. There's not much that can happen in a swimming race that he hasn't seen and prepared for. He's not exactly easy to surprise. And he had been training for this race, too. So while he couldn't see as well as he wanted to, Michael Phelps had a purpose and goggles were just a minor concern in the big picture. When he got into that pool, his goal was to win the race. And when that's your goal, you overcome whatever obstacles you face — even unexpected ones like goggles that leak like a sieve. Phelps saw the wall, even if he couldn't see it.

What about us? When things go wrong in our life, do we keep swimming or panic and start treading water? Don't get me wrong, we all like to see where we're going, but what happens when you can't? It may be a death or a divorce, or a pink slip at work (or school!). Paul sums them all up in that infuriating way of his as "light and momentary troubles." And we want to argue — "My troubles aren't light!!" But in light of all eternity they are. And the answer is to fix our eyes, not on what is seen, but what is unseen. It comes back to discipline — to developing habits that will see us through when our world comes crashing in around us. We need an autopilot that will consistently guide us toward the Lord. May God help us lead such disciplined lives!

-David

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