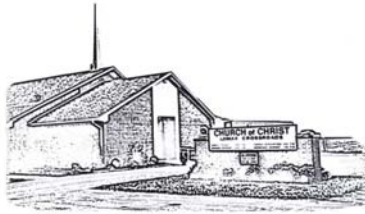


# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

The holiday season is officially upon us! As we go through all the hustle and bustle (and often times stress and headaches!) of the holidays, don't forget what *Steve Edwards* reminded us Wednesday night: Take time to rest and enjoy the blessings of friends and family. There is great beauty and peace to be found in this time of year if we will take the time to look for it.

This Wednesday night is one of my favorite services of the entire year. Every year we have a special devotional on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and it is always a memorable service. I hope you will plan to be with us. If you have family visiting with you, bring them along!

The *House to House: Heart to Heart* publication arrived this past week. Everyone in Lewis County received one and it contained an invitation to our Community Christmas Meal as well as to our services. This is a great way to talk with your neighbors about church and invite them to come with you.

Congratulations to *Alex Edwards* who was elected by popular vote of the students to the Homecoming court at Freed-Hardeman last week. Way to go!

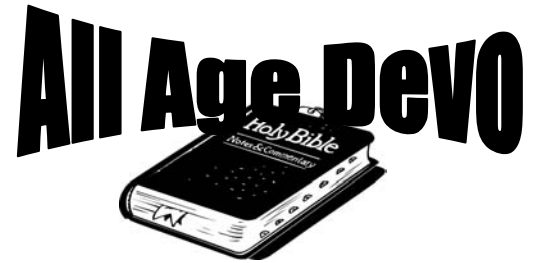
Heather and I will be traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday and we will miss being with you next Sunday. A huge thank-you to *Malcom* and *Boo* for taking care of everything next week. Also, there will be no bulletin next week because of the holiday. Have a happy Thanksgiving! *-David*

### **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.



Join us tonight after services for an All Age devotional. **JEFF DYE** will be our speaker and **ETHAN DYE** and **several of our young men** will be leading singing. Please bring finger foods, drinks and desserts and plan to join us!



Join us this Wednesday for our annual Thanksgiving devotional service! All of our classes will meet in the auditorium.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**Sick:**

*Dianna Owens* is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. She is in Maury Regional Hospital.  
*Cherry Guzy* has bronchitis.  
*Barbara Baker* had wrist surgery last week.  
*Nell Bunch* was in a minor car wreck last week. She suffered a few fractures and is recovering at home.  
*Ethel Poore* has been sick. She is staying with Dinah.  
*Lockie Sharp* has been having heart problems again.

**Continue to remember:** *Estelle Mercer* (recovering from a broken hip).

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

**In Lewis County Manor:** *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Osteen Hinson, Michelle Huff, 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*).



## Nursing Home Decorations

All young people in kindergarten through 12th grade will meet at 2:30 **today** to deliver Thanksgiving decorations to residents of the Lewis County Manor. See Kim Bryant if you have any questions.

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Audio Speech will meet at 4:00 **today** to record speeches.
- Art Says It projects are due November 26 to Lori Hill or Traci Amacher.
- The registration fee for Convention (\$35 per person) is due to Trent or Lori Hill.

The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you get to enjoy time with family and friends!



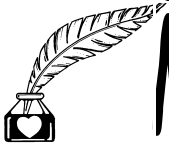
## A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- November 26** — Congregational Thanksgiving service (no classes)
- November 30** — Cathey's Creek Youth Night
- December 3** — Teen Meal
- December 7** — Adult Christmas Party
- December 7** — Nursing Home Decorations
- December 7** — West 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Rally
- December 14** — 7-12 Christmas Party
- December 20** — Community Christmas Meal
- December 23** — Tuesday night devotional (No Wed PM service)
- December 30** — Tuesday night devotional (No Wed PM service)
- January 4** — Friends and Family Day

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who gave a wedding feast and then pulled a trick on his son-in-law?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

# December



A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors! We are glad that you came our way. Remember our services tonight at 6:00....Thanks to Bill Rogers for driving the bus for the Primetimers last week and the great spirit of fun, food, and fellowship that is always manifested by all in whatever good work is involved. The Wed. morning class is dismissed one week during the year so the men can prepare the Thanksgiving turkey!!! Our next meeting on Dec. 3 will be at the George house.....We will miss seeing you the morning since I am scheduled to speak at Brushy. I plan to speak at Lomax tonight on "A Swarm of B's." Remember that you can hear James Watkins next Sunday at Brushy at 1:30...Remember the All Age Devo Tonight....Don't forget that everyone is to meet in the auditorium this Wed. night for our special emphasis on "Thanks...giving." We hope that everyone will have a great and very special holiday this week and we pray for a safe journey to those who are traveling. I don't know who wrote the following but we share his attitude of gratitude:

**GRATITUDE:** I welcome each day with a thankful heart. Beginning my morning this way cultivates an *attitude of gratitude* not only for special occasions but for every day.

As I arise from a peaceful night, I give thanks to God for the rest received and for blessings to come. This sets a positive tone, one that attracts life-enhancing experiences to me.

Sharing a simple "thank you" with others generates good feelings. My gratefulness is contagious and becomes a positive, attitude-changing influence.

At the close of the day, I again express my gratitude to God. I give thanks for the kind thoughts of others, an inspiring sunset, and happy times and opportunities with family and friends. And most of all I give thanks for the constant flow of God's love in my life.

*"For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with **thanksgiving**" (1 Tim. 4:4).*

**On The Lighter Side:** Someone has said that a Thanksgiving diet is a way of starving yourself to death so you can live longer....Another said that he had pity for the man who married for love and found out that his wife had no money.....Another said that an ECHO was the only thing that could cheat a woman out of the last word...J.F. says that some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

**Sentence Sermons:** It may be that the best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice we give others....A good way to forget your troubles is to help others forget theirs... *"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving..."*



## Birthdays:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Lee Hudgins  
Shelia Carroll
- 5<sup>th</sup> Scarlett Woodall
- 6<sup>th</sup> Chris Christian
- 8<sup>th</sup> Garrett Jordan  
Gregory Jones  
Dolene Rogers  
Paxson Spears
- 10<sup>th</sup> Marty Spears
- 13<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Duncan
- 14<sup>th</sup> Trina Weeks
- 15<sup>th</sup> Delicia Reeves
- 16<sup>th</sup> Deena Reeves
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tim Baur
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mike O'Brien
- 24<sup>th</sup> Cherrylynn Guzy
- 26<sup>th</sup> George Collison
- 28<sup>th</sup> B.J. Smith
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sandra Thompson
- 31<sup>st</sup> Gabby Spears

## Anniversaries:

- 6<sup>th</sup> J. Q. & Tabitha  
Dickerson
- 12<sup>th</sup> Clovis & Thelma Johns
- 14<sup>th</sup> David & Heather  
Salisbury
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jim & Sharon Grinder
- 21<sup>st</sup> Walt & Sandra  
Thompson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Lawrence & Amanda  
Kinzie  
Yogie & Betty Spears
- 27<sup>th</sup> Matthew & Kara Farr
- 28<sup>th</sup> Ralph & Sue Conkle
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mike & Lisa Tatum

**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 11/16**

A.M. Bible Class	171
A.M. Worship Service	233
P.M. Worship Service	157
Wednesday PM	187
Contribution:	\$5,497.42
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Thessalonica  
(Acts 17:6)**

**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*

“Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” James 1:16-17

**By the United States in Congress assembled.**

**PROCLAMATION.**

IT being the indispensable duty of all Nations, not only to offer up their supplications to ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good, for His gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give him praise for His goodness in general, and especially for great and signal interpositions of his providence in their behalf:

Therefore the United States in Congress assembled, taking into their consideration the many instances of divine goodness to these States... Do hereby recommend to the inhabitants of these States in general, to observe, and request the several States to interpose their authority in appointing and commanding the observation of THURSDAY the twenty-eight day of NOVEMBER next, as a day of solemn THANKSGIVING to GOD for all his mercies: and they do further recommend to all ranks, to testify to their gratitude to GOD for His goodness, by a cheerful obedience of his laws, and by promoting, each in his station, and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled religion, which is the great foundation of public prosperity and national happiness.

*Done in Congress, at Philadelphia, the eleventh day of October, in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and of our Sovereignty and Independence, the seventh.*

This is always worth reading and remembering, but especially at this time and as we are studying our national heritage on Wednesday nights. May we, like our forefathers, see that ALL gifts come from God and may He continue to bless America.

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*-David*