

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

What a wonderful week it has been! I hope you had the opportunity to be with your family this past week and enjoy a fabulous meal, too. It was particularly good to see *Andrew Rogers* home from Iraq. We know it is just a temporary leave, but we look forward to Andrew and all the soldiers coming home for good soon. To be together as a family is a wonderful blessing. It was good for me to have all of my family together and most of Heather's family, too.

I also hope you took some time to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. We serve a gracious and generous God. We had a great time of worship Wednesday night together as we praised God for all His blessings. It was encouraging and uplifting to hear so many families lift their voices in praise together.

Today is the last fifth Sunday of the year and as you know, we always put fifth Sunday contribution toward a specific goal or cause. This year we have been working hard to retire our debt load. We have made amazing progress and as of today we owe approximately \$20,000 for the new church bus and \$55,000 on the Christian Service Center. These two tools are well used by all of us and a great asset to the ministry this church provides. Please give generously today to help us pay for them.

May God continue to enrich our lives and bless us richly. May we never cease to recognize and appreciate them and may we continue to give liberally from those blessings!

-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 by calling 796-5381.

New Member!



Last week we introduced you to Sister *Willie Mat Hinson* but we didn't have a picture. Please let her know how happy we are to have her as part of our church family.

Don't Forget Your Coin Cans!

Today is the deadline for returning coin cans for the Tennessee Children's Home in Spring Hill. If you have a can, please bring it back and put it on the table in the of the lobby. If you would like to make a donation to the Children's Home, please see Boo Spears or David.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Osteen Hinson had surgery at Maury Regional Hospital last week.

Jack Williams had tests done last week.

Jaunita Page has been sick.

Continue to remember *Josh Carroll, Wallace Henderson, Jack Williams, Sarah Ammons, Carma Edwards, Cordell Hull, Eunice Starbuck, and Dexter Beavers.*

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

In the nursing home: *Hazel Hinson, Anne White, and Michelle Huff.*

Remember our military: *Tim Baur, Andrew Rogers, David Sublett (brother of Kelly Willis), and Tommy Iverson.*

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Trent, Lori, and Emma Kate Hill on the birth of *Linley Grace.*

She was born Wednesday at 1:53 p.m. and

weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 21 inches long. Linley hopes to come home Thursday.



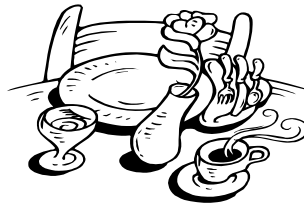
December Showers:

Baby Shower in honor of Tiffany Jordan on Sunday, December 7, from 2:00-3:30 in the CSC. Tiffany is registered at Wal-Mart.

Bridal Shower in honor of Kristin King on Sunday, December 14, from 1:00-2:30 at the Hohenwald Church of Christ. Kristin is the daughter of Kim and Kevin King and the granddaughter of Bob and Lovada Burklow. She is registered at Ye Peddler, Wal-Mart, and Target.

Ladies' Night Out!

All the ladies are invited to the home of Verlin George on Monday, December 8, at 6:30. Please bring a favorite dish.



The Secret Sister Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 14 at 106 South Oak Street. If you are planning to attend the party, please give \$8.00 to Kara Farr by Sunday, December 7. If you would like to join the Secret Sister program, please plan to come or see Kara Farr.

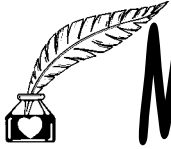
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- There will be a very important meeting after services **tonight** after evening services for all **adults** who are planning to attend Convention.
- All **Art Says It** projects need to be turned in to Betsy Tiller by December 6.
- Convention registration fee (\$35 per person) is due by **this Wednesday, December 3.**

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What Christian woman worshiped with a group that met by a river? (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. You are always welcome at Lomax. Remember our services tonight at 6PM and on Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM.....

December is upon us, and a very busy month as usual....See Boo for tickets to the annual FHU Benefit Dinner on Dec. 5.....The Primetimers are reminded of the Nashville trip on Dec. 12. Also, Bitha Bullion will be 95 on the 12th....Ladies Night Out on the 8th, etc.,etc...We will be leaving to Flatrock after class this Sunday since I will be filling in for Elvis W.....This came my way: Mom: "Son, you must not say 'ain't going." Say "I'm not going, he's not going, we're not going and they're not going." Boy: "Wow! Mom, looks like ain't nobody going."

However, we did have lots of visitors last Wednesday night and we thank everyone for such a wonderful service of praise and thanksgiving.

Sentence Sermon: "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."



Sermon Illustrations: Psychiatrist: "Do you have trouble making up your mind?" Patient: "Well, yes and no." In Matt.

12:30 our Lord reminds us that he that is not with Him is against Him. We must always follow a decided course that leads in paths of righteousness (Josh. 24:15).

A preacher came home looking more tired than usual. "You look awful," his wife sympathized, "did you have a rough day?" "Rough? The computer was down and we had to think all day." Yes, all ages are instructed to exercise the human brain in Bible study so spiritual and mental growth will always be a reality (II Pet. 1:5-9).

The Bible is always right: A man who lived on Long Island, New York, bought a high quality barometer. When it was delivered to his home, the arrow appeared to be stuck, pointing to the section marked "Hurricane." According to the noted Bible teacher and author E. Schuyler English, who told this story, the man shook the barometer, but the indicator stayed the same. So the man sat down and wrote a scorching letter to the store where he bought it. The following morning on the way to his office in New York City, he mailed the letter. Later that day a hurricane struck the East Coast. That evening the man returned to Long Island to find that his barometer was missing—and so was his house.

There is a clear indicator of the present and future that is more certain and dependable than any barometer, and all too often we do not take it seriously. It is God's eternal Word, the Bible. And it's never wrong! It is our roadmap from here to eternity. It is the truth that will make us free. It is daily bread that we must have in order to live (Matt. 4:4).

Birthdays

- 12/1 Tony Watkins
- 12/4 Lee Hudgins
Shelia Carroll
- 12/5 Scarlett Woodall
- 12/8 Dolene Rogers
- 12/8 Paxson Spears
- 12/10 Marty Spears
- 12/11 Michelle Sisco
Andrea Spears
- 12/12 Bitha Bullion
- 12/13 Carolyn Duncan
- 12/14 Trina Weaks
- 12/15 Delicia Reeves
- 12/16 Deena Reeves
- 12/18 Tim Baur
- 12/21 Mike O'Brien
Katie Edwards
- 12/22 Tonya Hensley
- 12/24 Cherrylynn Guzy
Jon Paul Hinson
- 12/26 Brooke McClain
- 12/28 B.J. Smith
- 12/29 Sandra Thompson
- 12/30 Tabitha Landis
- 12/31 Gabby Spears
Jarrod Jordan

Anniversaries

- 12/12 Clovis & Thelma Johns
- 12/14 David & Heather
Salisbury
- 12/19 Jim & Sharon Grinder
- 12/21 Walt & Sandra
Thompson
- 12/23 Yogie & Betty Spears
- 12/25 Jack & Myrtle Williams
- 12/27 Matthew & Kara Farr
- 12/28 Ralph & Sue Conkle

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 11/23	
A.M. Bible Class	186
A.M. Worship Service	271
P.M. Worship Service	196
Wednesday Bible Class	170
Contribution:	\$4176.69
Weekly Budget	\$4,800.00

Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
From the river of Egypt to
the Euphrates (Gen. 15:18)

God wants the Fruit
of the Spirit, not
religious nuts.

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David Salisbury - Minister

Malcom George - Minister

ELDERS:
Steve Edwards
Rick Morrow
Bill Lawson
Don Owens
Yogie Spears

DEACONS:

Greg Amacher	Pop Hinson
Dale Askins	Darryl Holt
J.W. Churchwell	Dan Spears
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

The Last Word

When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Mark 2:17

Much has been said in the past few months about the Bible and the homosexual lifestyle. Whether it was the Episcopal church's decision to appoint an openly gay bishop or the Massachusetts Supreme Court's decision to allow homosexuals all the rights of marriage, people are talking about what the Bible has to say to the homosexual. The Bible message for the gay and lesbian community is identical to God's message to all the world: God loves you very much and He wants you to be happy, not just now, but for all eternity. God loves you so much that He sent His son to die for you. All He asks of you is that you leave your sins behind and walk faithfully with Him each and every day. This is the message the church must convey to all people, not just one specific group. God calls people to change their lives and give them to Him and He promises them eternal salvation in return.

But today is becoming popular to accept people "as they are." We don't want to tell people they are lost sinners anymore because they might get mad. So we talk about homosexuality as an "alternative lifestyle" instead of sin. We talk about people being born with a genetic predisposition toward homosexuality who can't help the decisions they make. We seem to forget that Paul says we all have a genetic predisposition to sin which we must overcome (Romans 6-7). In order to avoid offending someone, we refuse to tell them they are lost. But if we remove the bad news from the gospel, then there is no need for the good news. If we aren't all lost, hell-bound sinners, then there is no need for a Savior. It is only when we know the truth about our spiritual condition that we can realize how much we need salvation. Praise be to God for saving us from sin! May we share that good news!!

-David

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