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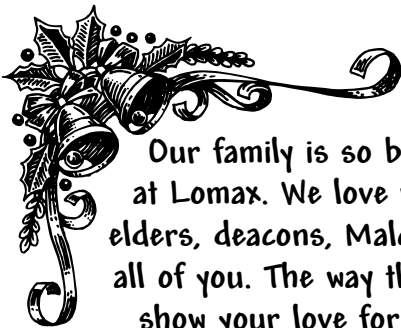


Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Psalms 90:1-2

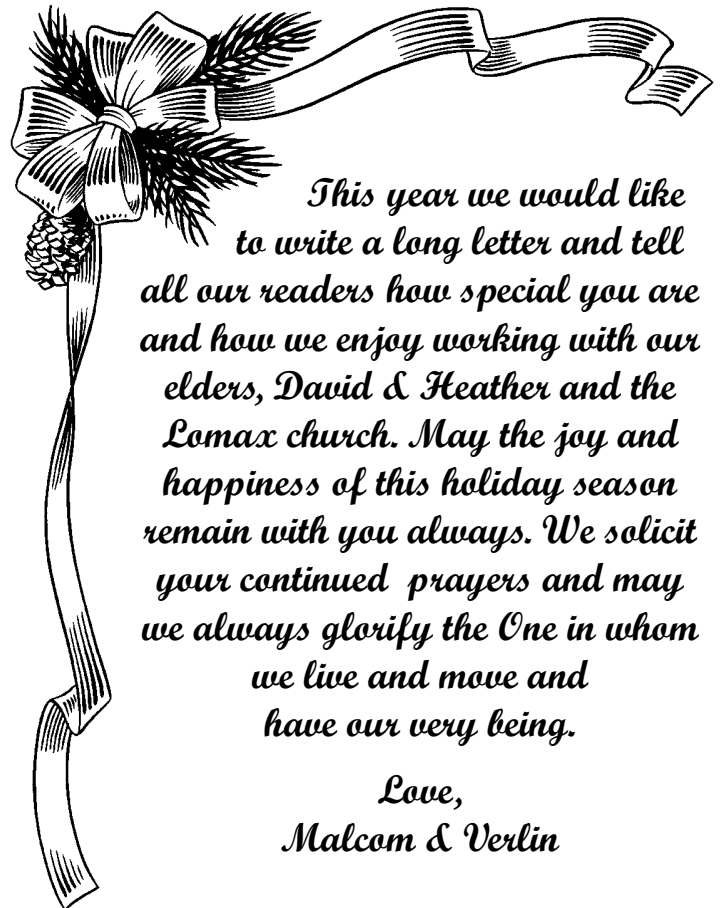
We are proud to serve you the church at Lomax, who love God, His Son Jesus, His church, and who want to be led by His Spirit of Truth. We thank you for your faith and service to Lomax.

In Christ,
The Elders



Our family is so blessed to be here at Lomax. We love working with the elders, deacons, Malcom & Verlin, and all of you. The way that you regularly show your love for us touches us deeply. There is no way that we can ever adequately say thank you for all the encouragement that you give us. We love you very much and we are privileged to be a part of this very special family of God's people. Merry Christmas and may God bless you richly in the coming year.

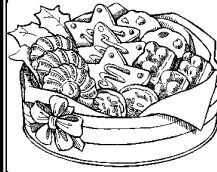
Love in Christ,
David & Heather



This year we would like to write a long letter and tell all our readers how special you are and how we enjoy working with our elders, David & Heather and the Lomax church. May the joy and happiness of this holiday season remain with you always. We solicit your continued prayers and may we always glorify the One in whom we live and move and have our very being.

Love,
Malcom & Verlin

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



COOKIE TINS
We will be delivering
cookie tins today
at 1 pm.

Sick:

Jimmy Willis is home from Vanderbilt Hospital. He is very sick and will have spinal surgery soon.

Dianna Owens is recovering at home following heart surgery.

Robbie Breece has been sick.

Continue to remember: *Brooke Duncan* (waiting on test results), *Cherry Guzy* (Epstein-Barr) and *Carmack Skelton* (cancer treatments).

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to *Lawrence Kinzie* on the death of his father, *Leon Kinzie*. His funeral was Friday in Indiana.

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

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion*, *Jennie Burdette*, *Osteen Hinson*, *Michelle Huff*, 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*), *Bo Williams* (son-in-law of *Dale Overbey*), and *Matt Pfaff* (nephew of *Erik Pfaff*).



Friends and Family Day Sunday, January 4

Join us for a special day to start off the new year! After our regular morning Bible class and worship, we will enjoy a meal together and have an afternoon devotional. Please bring food for your family and our guests. Be here and bring a friend!



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

December 23 — Tuesday night devotional (No Wed PM service)

December 30 — Tuesday night devotional (No Wed PM service)

January 4 — Friends and Family Day

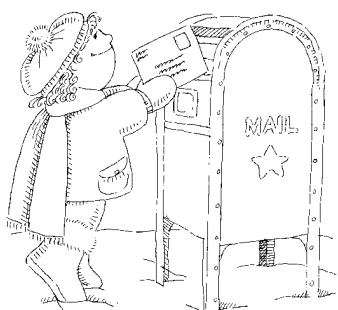
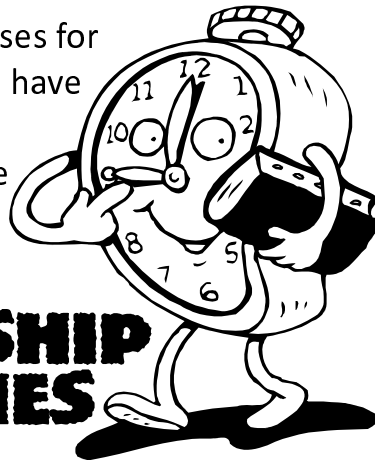
January 7 — Teen Meal

January 11 — Elders meeting

February 1 — Friends and Family Day

Our Wednesday night Bible classes for December 24 and December 31 have been changed to Tuesday night devotionals. We will meet in the auditorium at 7:00 on Tuesday, December 23 and 30 to avoid conflicting with family plans for the holidays. Plan to be here!

WORSHIP TIMES



Cards for the Military

New Addresses for Andrew & Matt

Rogers, Andrew SGT 6021

or

Swinea, Matthew SPC 6021

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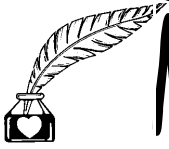
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BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

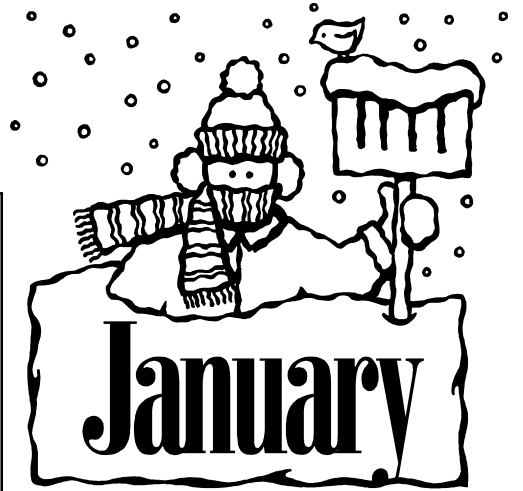
What prophet spoke of a time of peace when a little child would lead the wild beasts?

(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 take note that our next two “mid-week” services (23 & 30) will be on Tuesday nights. The Primetimers will also meet at 10 AM on these dates. The scheduled Wed. night DVD series will resume on Jan. 7....**Thanks, thanks, thanks and thanks again** to the multitudes who helped with the annual Community Christmas meal yesterday. This would have been impossible without your help.... Also, as you note elsewhere in the bulletin, we always wish for all a great holiday season and a wonderful *New Year*. Also, let us never forget that we are the ones who make this decision a reality.

JOY TO THE WORLD... H. E. Brown in *The View Point* reminds us that Christianity is a religion of JOY.

Christianity brings zest and sparkle to life; it is sunshine on the flowers and provides the more abundant life. “...I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly” (Jno. 10:10).

Christianity is not a kill-joy at the feast of life but fires the soul with permanent enthusiasms and durable loyalties.

Christianity is not the religion of sorrow and gloom but carries real happiness today and forever.

Christianity leaves a trail of light wherever it goes; it can keep us cool under any confusion, and bring you up smiling from any depth and utterly banish your fret and worry. (See Phil. 4:6-13 and Matt. 5:16).

Christianity is not built upon restraints alone but real inspiration—not a weight but wings; not just subtraction but basic addition.

Christianity brings bloom for faded hearts, rejuvenation for the aged, and real wisdom for the searching mind. (See Jno. 8:32).

On The Lighter Side: Son— “Mom, if I am really good, can I expect more gifts this season?” Mom— “Son, why can’t you be like your dad and be good for nothing...” Also, someone has said that this is the time to eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we diet!

Sentence Sermons: We have just observed yesterday that none of us are as smart as all of us...When we accept second best when first is available, we may be tempted to settle with it all the days of our life. The Lord wants us to have the best (Matt. 6:33).



Birthdays:

- 2nd Faye Kilpatrick
- 3rd Ryan Tanner
- 4th Meredith Lawson
- J. R. Page
- 7th Heather Salisbury
- 10th Mia Hinson
- 11th J. W. Curry
- 12th Jean Curry
- 14th Sharon Grinder
- Jeff Spears
- 15th Ian Reynolds
- 17th Brian Hinson
- Tiffany Jordan
- Becky Pierce
- 18th Robena Gunter
- Mylie McKissack
- 19th Marjean Doyle
- Hayden Jordan
- John Venable
- 20th Richard Amacher
- Lucas Clayton
- 21st Lisa Tatum
- 22nd Judy von Dollen
- 27th Kara Farr
- Barbie Cameron
- 28th Rob Dickson
- 30th Jaxon Cagle
- Evelyn Tatum

Anniversary:

- 22th Bobby & Judy Smith

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/14

A.M. Bible Class	183
A.M. Worship Service	261
P.M. Worship Service	127
Wednesday PM	187
Contribution:	\$5,430.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
The book of Psalms**

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

The Last Word

Merry Christmas to everyone this week! We hope you enjoy a wonderful time with family and friends over the holidays, and we wish you all the best this season has to offer. As so many around the world celebrate Jesus at this time of year, we too rejoice that God chose to come to this earth even as we celebrate his birth, death, and resurrection every week. Heather and I are blessed to be here. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and Christmas wishes. We appreciate you!

Thanks to everyone who worked to make our Community Christmas meal a huge success! We couldn't have done it without each one of you. God has blessed our efforts and His name and His church have been glorified in what we have done to meet the needs of Lewis County. May He continue to work through us in this community and may we always be a beacon of hope to our friends and neighbors. I am so proud of the way we worked together to accomplish this task. We are especially grateful to our sister congregations that helped us.

We're in for a special treat tonight as *Ethan Dye* preaches to us. Ethan has just finished his first semester at Freed-Hardeman and has decided to major in Bible. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to let him preach while he is home for the holidays.

Our family will miss being with you next Sunday as we will be in Chattanooga visiting with family for the holidays. Thanks to *Malcom* for taking care of everything while I am away. Don't forget our first Friends and Family Day of the year will be the first Sunday of the year — January 4! A great way to start the new year is by worshiping together and celebrating as the people of God. Why not invite someone to worship with you that Sunday? Bringing a guest is another great way to start the year.

This will be the final bulletin of the year. The Lomax Messenger will resume Sunday, January 4 and with that issue the bulletin will start its 53rd year! Thanks to the many editors through the years that have kept the bulletin going and made it such a valuable tool at Lomax.

Also, as the new year begins, it is a great time to renew your Bible reading program and daily prayer time. Make it a great year for the Lord!

-David

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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*

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