

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great week last Sunday! We had a full house of members and visitors, the singing was amazing, and two people responded to the Lord's invitation in a public way. It is a privilege to lift up *Brooke Duncan* and *Mike Hinson* in our prayers. Brooke has been dealing with several physical ailments lately and the news from the doctors has been confusing at best. She said she has often felt like giving up on her faith lately because it just seems God isn't making her better. Sunday she asked for our prayers as she rededicated herself to the Lord in spite of her problems. I love Brooke's statement "I'm not a quitter!" May we all be encouraged by her example of patient faith in the face of suffering; and may we join in praying for her to have strong faith even as we pray for her to be healed. Mike asked for forgiveness and prayers for strength as he repented and rededicated his life to the Lord. What a great example for all of us. Many of you shared other reports of your own personal responses last Sunday, and we give thanks to God for every heart that was touched.

It was great to officially announce the dates for our Mission Trip to Menifee County, Kentucky and begin making plans for that. Please sign the list in the lobby if you would like to go. See *Matthew Farr* if you have any questions about the trip.

This Wednesday night a men's class will begin! We've been wanting to do this for some time now and we're glad *Erik Pfaff* has agreed to teach it. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to be in this class!

-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.



Don't  
forget to  
set your  
clocks  
ahead next

Saturday night!

Don't be late!

## June 3-7 Menifee County, KY Mission Trip



All those interested in this summer's mission trip to Menifee County, please sign up in the foyer.

## ACTions in Acts

All men are invited to attend a special class for men on Wednesday nights. The



class will be taught by Erik Pfaff and Dave Guzy and will meet in the basement.

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers



### Sick:

*Brooke Duncan* has been sick this week.

*Jim Morton* will have more tests soon.

*Ilo Miller* had a pacemaker put in on Tuesday.

*Clifford Turnbow* will have a number of tests soon.

*Kenner Haston*, 6 month old nephew of *Trent & Lori Hill* is in the Waverly hospital with pneumonia.

**Continue to remember:** *Paul Spears* (NHC Nursing Home), *Linda Grimes* (niece of *Faye Kilpatrick*, cancer), *Donalie Stormes* (daughter of *Diana Owens*, brain cancer), *Linda Gray* (sister of *Jane Morton*, cancer), *Jimmy Willis* (broken back and ribs) and *Mason Bates* (8 year old friend of the Hamblins, cancer).

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

**In Lewis County Manor:** *Marguerite Bullion*, *Jennie Burdette*, *Michelle Huff*, and *Zina Mae Turner*.

**Remember our military:** *Matthew Swinea*, *Andrew Rogers*, *Tim Baur* (contractor in Afghanistan), *Kevin Wade* (brother of *Ryan Wade*), *Justin Conkle* and *Kerry Conkle* (grandsons of *Ralph and Sue Conkle*), *Dustin Bruggmann* (grandson of *Jim & Sharon Grinder*), *Bo Williams* (son-in-law of *Dale Overbey*), and *Matt Pfaff* (nephew of *Erik Pfaff*).



### Don't Forget!

Elders, Deacons and Preachers meeting next Sunday at 3:00 in the CSC.



### Ethridge Kids Rally

(K-6th grade),

Saturday, **March 7th**. Sign up list in the lobby. See Heather Powell for more information.

### Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- All hotel money is due **in one week (March 8)**.
- Girls' and boys' Speech will meet today at 4:30pm.
- Boys' Bible Reading will meet today at 5:00pm.
- Songs of Praise will meet next Sunday.
- Foreign language will meet Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm.
- Scrapbook will **NOT** meet this Wednesday.

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2000 Lomax Youth Rally

### Lomax Youth Rally

March 20-21

Speaker: Jason Beard

Only three weeks left before our Youth Rally! Please remember to help make cookies and pies. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Plan to attend and tell your friends!



Teen Meal this Wednesday night at 6:00 for grades 7-12. If you can help with the food, please see Heather Salisbury or Gwen Hinson.



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

**March 4** — Teen Meal

**March 7** — Ethridge Kids Rally

**March 8** — All Age Devotional

**March 20-21** — Lomax Youth Rally

**March 28** — Youth Game Night

**March 29** — 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Contribution to Youth Fund

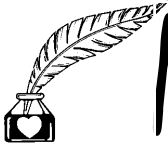
**April 1** — Teen Meal

**April 4** — Easter Egg Hunt for 6th grade and under

### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What priest died and was buried at Mosera?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to all our visitors. We are glad you came our way. Our emphasis is always to speak where the Bible speaks and to worship in spirit and truth. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 PM and on Wed. at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM...Don't forget that our annual *Youth Rally* is March 20-21. Thanks in advance to the almost hundred percent of folks who work so hard for this special event...March 28 is the Senior Adult Rally at Henderson....The Bible is complete with information on *Happiness* but we can also profit from the formula that Robert Louis Stevenson is said to have followed regardless of his handicaps:

## HOW TO BE HAPPY

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. Read Philippians 4:11.
3. Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that you can always be protected from misfortune. Let stumbling blocks become stepping stones.
4. Remember that you cannot please everyone. Learn from criticism.
5. Don't let others set your standards. Be yourself.
6. Do the things you enjoy doing, but don't borrow more than you can repay.
7. Never borrow trouble. Imaginary things are often harder to bear than real ones.
8. Learn to forgive and remember that hate and envy poison the soul.
9. Keep busy at something. A busy person never has time to be unhappy.
10. We can't worry about the past if we are involved in helping others.



**On The Lighter Side:** Richard: "All this talk about backseat driving is hogwash. I've driven for twenty years and I've never heard a word from back there." Joe: "What kind of car do you drive?" Richard: "A hearse."

"Incidentally, I even sign all my letters with: *Eventually Yours.*"

**Sermon Briefs:** God made wrinkles to show where smiles have been.... The only real disability is a bad attitude....Forgiveness is surrendering my right to hurt you for hurting me....Preach the gospel; and use words when necessary....We don't always count the cost when we see the lost!

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 2/22	
A.M. Bible Class	184
A.M. Worship Service	300
P.M. Worship Service	168
Wednesday PM	168
Contribution:	\$4,535.61
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:**  
Jericho  
(Deut. 34:3, 2 Chron. 28:15)

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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**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*  
Jeff Spears — *Education, Youth*  
Larry Tatum — *Maintenance*  
Walt Thompson — *Benevolence*  
Lynn Tiller — *Facilities Usage*

## *The Last Word*

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? 1 Corinthians 2:11a

The first ever pictures of a live Pacific barreleye fish were posted to the internet this week. The pictures were taken by the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute off the coast of California in 2004. Although scientists have known about the fish since 1939, none had ever been captured or photographed alive. While there are several things that make the barreleye fish unique, perhaps the first thing one notices when looking at the fish is his head. It's transparent. That's right, you can see all the way through his head. It looks like the cockpit on a fighter plane.

While news of being able to see what's going on in a fish's head is interesting to lots of folks, imagine what would happen if everyone could see inside your head. What if, more than just your skull, your very thoughts were transparent to those around you? What if it was true of everyone and not just you? You may already be counting the number of friendships and business deals you would lose. I imagine there would be many times we would be embarrassed to have our thoughts displayed to those around us. But I expect there would be another emotion as well — shame. We know ourselves better than anyone else and we all know that at times, even when we may do and say the right thing outwardly, our thoughts are not what they ought to be.

But don't let that discourage you or make you quit! Don't give up just because you have room for improvement. Because here is the great truth about Christianity: When God looks at us, our hearts and minds are transparent to Him. He does know our thoughts and motives. He sees the good and the bad in each of us and He loves us. There are no secrets from the Lord. You see, perhaps our friends and associates and even our family would forsake us if they knew all our inner secrets, but not the Lord. He already knows them and He loves us still. There's nowhere you can hide from God's love and that's good news!

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