

Lomax Messenger



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A Christmas wish from the elders: *"The one who looks into the perfect law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing."* (James 1:25)

Our prayer is that this will be your goal for the coming year!

Richard Amacher

Dave Guzy

Rick Morrow

Yogie Spears

Steve Edwards

Bill Lawson

Dan Spears

*Merry Christmas
From Our House to Yours!*

We are blessed beyond measure because we serve a good and gracious Lord. It is a joy to be in His service along with all of you. This year marks nine years of service here at Lomax. We are thankful for the elders, deacons and Malcom and Verlin who work with us. We are especially thankful to all of you for the way you continually show us the love that binds us together as a church family. We pray God's richest blessings on all of you, on our community, and on our ability to work and minister and be a light here in Lewis County.

*DAVID & Heather
Abby, Darby & Will*

*Seasons Greetings and best wishes to all. It is a joy to work with our elders, David and Heather, and all the special folks at Lomax. May we truly glorify the Lord during this season and always. And may "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26) **

Love,

Malcom & Verlin



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Mike Tatum had back surgery last Wednesday at Baptist Hospital.

Ethel Poore has been moved to Lewis County Manor Room 301.

Several of our members have been sick lately and unable to get out, including: *Robbie Breece, Marguerite Flowers, Cherry Guzy, Nadine Turnbow, and Beryl Wynne.* Please keep them in your prayers.

Steve Ellis, known to many in the community, had serious back and neck surgery last week in Nashville. The surgery went well but he is facing a long recovery and asks for our prayers.

Continue to remember: *Linda Edwards* (broken foot), *Jimmy Willis* (back surgery) and the following who are undergoing cancer treatments: *Jane Kinzie* (mother of *Lawrence Kinzie*), *Kara Vansandt* (sister of *Lori Hill*) and *Jewel Tatum*.

Shut-ins: *Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Carma Edwards,* and *Ilo Miller.*

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Michelle Huff, Ethel Poore,* and *Ava Provance.*

Remember our military: *Kevin Wade* (brother of *Ryan Wade*), *Justin Conkle* and *Kerry Conkle* (grandsons of *Ralph and Sue Conkle*), *Dustin Brugmann* (grandson of *Jim & Sharon Grinder*), and *Matthew Pfaff* (nephew of *Erik Pfaff*).



If you would like to join Secret Sisters for the 2010 year, please see Kara Farr for an information sheet.

Completed sheets need to be returned to Kara as soon as possible.

A big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who helped with the Community Christmas Meal.



We appreciate everyone who brought food or supplies, cooked, set up, served, delivered meals, and cleaned up. We couldn't have done it without all your hard work!



LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Our annual Leadership Planning Breakfast for elders, deacons, and ministers will be January 30 at 8:00am. Mark your calendars!



Holiday Schedule

Due to the upcoming holidays, this will be the last bulletin for the year. Also, the church office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, & 31 and Jan. 1.

Audio Assistance

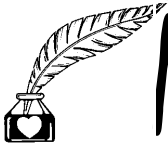
For your convenience, we now have audio enhancers for those who are hearing impaired. This assistance is offered for the auditorium Bible classes and worship services. If you would like to know more about this service, please ask Dan Spears or Dave Guzy.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What prophet spoke of a wolf dwelling with a lamb? (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 on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM...The Prime Timers are reminded of our birthday pizza following class this Wed. morning...Another annual Christmas community meal sponsored by Lewis Co. congregations and hosted by Lomax will be history by the time many of you read this so we take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped with this good work....We also hope that everyone has a happy holiday season and a marvelous New Year.

GIVING GOD THE BEST THIS SEASON AND ALWAYS: The Queen of England often visits Bob Morrow Castle. On one occasion when she was walking by herself, it started to rain. She rushed to the shelter of the nearest cottage. A lady came to the door who was really ticked off that someone would bother her at that time of the morning. She opened the door a few inches and barked, "What do you want?"

The Queen didn't introduce herself. She merely asked, "May I borrow an umbrella?"

"Just a minute," grumbled the woman. She slammed the door, was gone a moment, and returned with the worst umbrella she could find, one with broken ribs and small holes. She pushed it through the door and said, "Here." The Queen of England thanked her and went on her way.

The next morning, the queen's full escort, dressed in full uniform, pulled up in front of the cottage. One of the escorts knocked on the door and returned the umbrella to the woman saying, "Madam, the Queen of England thanks you." As he walked away he heard her mutter, "If I'd only known, I'd have given you my best." The fact is, we do know, and yet many of us still give Christ the scraps, the leftovers, whatever cost us the least.

Because God loved us, He gave us the very best, His Son. Can we give anything less than our best? (Matt. 6:33). —Submitted...

On The Lighter Side: A minister delivered a sermon in about ten minutes one Sunday morning, which was about half the usual length of his sermons. He explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who is very fond of eating paper, ate that portion of my sermon which I was unable to deliver this morning."

After the service, a visitor from another congregation shook hands with the preacher and said, "Preacher, if that dog of yours has any pups, I want to get one to give my minister." —Sub. By BN....

Sentence Sermon: "And now abideth *faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*" (1 Cor. 13:13).



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
- Becky Pierce
- 18th Robena Gunter
- Mylie McKissack
- 19th Marjean Doyle
- 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
- Fran Hamblin
- Evelyn Tatum

Anniversary

22th Bobby & Judy Smith

Additional December Birthday:



12/20 Zachary Atkinson

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/13**

A.M. Bible Class	173
A.M. Worship Service	250
P.M. Worship Service	147
Wednesday PM	173
Contribution:	\$4,763.63
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Isaiah
(Isaiah 6:8)**

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

This is the final bulletin of the year for us and we are certainly ending the year on a high note. As I write this article, we are busily preparing to feed about 900 Christmas dinners to members of our community. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to make this idea a reality! Special thanks to *Bob and Lovada Burklow* and their team of hard working experts who guided this effort! We are also thankful to those of our sister congregations who have assisted with this effort. It is wonderful to work together for the glory of the Lord! We couldn't do this without everyone doing their part!

With every meal that was received yesterday, each person had the opportunity to receive a DVD that presents the gospel and the plan of salvation. I am thankful to World Video Bible School for creating a top notch presentation like the Searching for Truth DVD. I'm also thankful they make it available in bulk for just \$1 per disc. What a great opportunity! Please pray that God will use this effort to open doors for His kingdom in Lewis County.

As we look ahead to 2010, I want to challenge you all to begin or renew your Bible reading program. Whether you read the whole Bible through, just the Old or New Testament, or you have some other form of Bible study, make a commitment to spend some time every day studying God's Word. Also, why not commit now to give the Lord the first five minutes of every morning? Spend a moment in prayer, meditation, or praise and see how much it will improve your attitude and outlook on life! These two New Year's resolutions will guarantee that you have a spiritually prosperous year this year. So let's Read It Again in 2010!

Don't forget we'll have a combined service this Wednesday night in the auditorium. If you have family visiting, bring them to church! We'll enjoy a great worship service and have some time at the close of the service to enjoy fellowshiping together.

May you be blessed this season and throughout the coming year. We are excited about what God is going to do through us and among us this year! Get involved and help us grow in our walk with Him!

-DAVID

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ELDERS:

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DEACONS:

J.W. Churchwell—*Transportation,
Facilities*

Ralph Conkle — *Maintenance*

Jeff Dye — *Missions, Youth*

Matthew Farr — *Missions,
Visitation, Youth*

Trent Hill — *Visitation, Youth*

Jeff Spears — *Education, Youth*

Larry Tatum — *Maintenance*

Walt Thompson — *Benevolence*

Lynn Tiller — *Facilities Usage*

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