

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We finished out 2009 in a great way. Heather, the kids, and I enjoyed some wonderful time with our families. We don't get to see them nearly enough, and it was great to have time to just relax and talk and enjoy being together. We want to thank everyone for the gifts, cards, and well wishes over the holidays. You truly know how to make us feel very loved and special here at Lomax.

Our hearts were touched Wednesday night as *Kim Atkinson* responded to the invitation and was restored. She asked for our prayers as she goes through some difficult times and has to make some hard decisions. It is our pleasure to pray for her!

As we look ahead to what this new year holds for us, it is amazing to think about all that God may have in store for us to do! Make this the year you look for opportunities to serve Him in new and exciting ways! As you consider how you contribute to the work we do here, remember that our annual Youth Rally is less than 12 weeks away! Lads to Leaders will be just a few weeks behind that! Also remember that our first 5th Sunday contribution will come this month. Our contribution on January 31 will go toward our Youth Fund. Please start making plans now to give generously that day!

Don't forget the annual Leadership Planning Breakfast coming up on February 6 this year. This is a time for the elders, deacons, and ministers to get together and make plans for our ministry and outreach in the coming year.

Let's make it a great year of service to the Lord!

-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.



**Teen Meal this Wednesday at
6:00 in the CSC!**

All 7-12 graders are invited and welcome to bring friends. Adults, please see Sherri Dye or Heather Salisbury to help with food.

Don't forget!

The elders will meet
next Sunday at
4:00pm.



Therefore if any man be in

CHRIST

h e i s a n e w

CREATURE:

old things are passed away;

BEHOLD,

all things are become

NEW.

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Mike Tatum is having complications from his back surgery. He is recovering at home.

Robbie Breece has been sick and in the hospital this past week but she is home now.

Larry Blackburn, brother-in-law of *Rosie Depriest*, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

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*.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to *Harriet Anderson* on the death of her father, *Rudolph Nelson*. His funeral was this past week in Jamestown, New York.

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*).



Money Tree

If you would like to contribute to a money tree for *Stephanie Carroll*, please give your money to *Lori Hill* or *Rose Spears*. *Stephanie* is expecting a baby girl in a few weeks.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Lads to Leaders practice will begin **next Sunday, January 10**, at 4:30. Listen to announcements for more details.



Attention Ladies!

If you have not given your information sheet to *Kara Farr*, please fill it out and give it to her as soon as possible.

Also, see *Kara* to pick up the information sheet of your new Secret Sister.



LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Our annual Leadership Planning Breakfast for elders, deacons, and ministers will be February 6 at 8:00am. Mark your calendars!



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

Jan. 6—Teen Meal

Jan. 10 —Elders' meeting

Jan. 17—Youth Midnight Bowling

Jan. 31 — Fifth Sunday

Contribution for Youth Fund

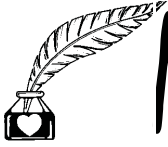
Feb. 6 — Leadership Planning Day

Feb. 7 — Friends & Family Day

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Saul was the first king of Israel. Who was the second?
(Hint: It wasn't David.)
(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...We certainly thank God for the church at Lomax and for your love and kindness at all times but a *special thanks* to all for the cards, gifts, prayers, and acts of kindness during this holiday season. We hope and pray that everyone will have a great *NEW YEAR* and our wish for you is found in **3 John 2**....CFC of Nash. Sent the following. It includes a lighter side and a lesson:

A young soldier and his commanding officer got on a train together. The only available seats were across from an attractive young lady who was traveling during the holidays with her grandmother. As



the four engaged in conversation, the soldier and the young lady kept eyeing one another. There was some obvious mutual attraction.

Suddenly the train went into a tunnel, sending the train car into darkness. Immediately two sounds were heard: the smack of a kiss followed by the whack of a slap across someone's face.

The grandmother thought: I can't believe he kissed my granddaughter, but I'm glad she gave him the slap he deserved.

The commanding officer thought: I understand why the boy wanted to kiss the girl, but it's a shame that she missed him and hit me instead.

The young girl thought: I didn't mind him kissing me, and I wish my grandmother had not slapped him for doing it.

And as the train broke into the sunlight, the soldier could not help but smile. He had managed to kiss a pretty girl and slap his commanding officer and get away with both.

We may be able to get away with some pranks when the lights go out but we must remember that evil men love darkness (John 3:19) and the Bible instructs us to always walk in the light (Matt. 5:16). May the light of His divine truth direct us through the *New Year* and always.

On The Lighter Side: Little Willie was home from Sunday school where he had learned the golden rule. He said, "I've learned if I eat up this cake, my little sister won't have a stomach-ache."

Sermon Brief: A lot of people are in the cemetery who thought the world could not get along without them. Take time to smell the roses.

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/27**

A.M. Bible Class	
A.M. Worship Service	251
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	155
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Isaiah
(Isaiah 11:6)**

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:

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*

The Last Word

Serve the Lord with gladness! Psalm 100:2

May this be our mantra for this new year and even for this new decade! Charles Spurgeon writes about this verse and says, *“Those who serve God with a sad countenance, because they do what is unpleasant to them, are not serving Him at all; they bring the form of homage, but the life is absent. Our God requires no slaves to grace His throne; He is the Lord of the empire of love, and would have His servants dressed in the livery of joy... That obedience which is not voluntary is disobedience, for the Lord looketh at the heart, and if He seeth that we serve Him from force, and not because we love Him, He will reject our offering. Service coupled with cheerfulness is heart-service, and therefore true. Take away joyful willingness from the Christian, and you have removed the test of his sincerity. If a man be driven to battle, he is no patriot; but he who marches into the fray with flashing eye and beaming face, singing, "It is sweet for one's country to die," proves himself to be sincere in his patriotism. Cheerfulness is the support of our strength; in the joy of the Lord are we strong. It acts as the remover of difficulties. It is to our service what oil is to the wheels of a railway carriage.”*

May we this year be joyful in our service to our King! May all grumbling and complaining be gone from our lips! May we seek to not simply do the right things, but to do them from a right heart! We serve a God who is faithful and when we live by faith, how can we help but be joyful at the joining of our faith with His faithfulness? How can we fail when we are united with the Almighty to do His work? As we focus on our theme; In Him We Win in 2010, may we focus on how we can win souls and win the battle over temptation and sin this year. And may we do so with the gladness that comes from knowing that victory is guaranteed by our faith in our faithful Lord. When we follow His plan in doing His work we will accomplish what He desires for us all — the salvation of souls. Serve the Lord with gladness, all you people! May God grant us joy-filled faith this year!

-DAVID

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