

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

I hope you got to enjoy the snow we got last week in a safe but fun way. I know our kids and teachers enjoyed the snow days! As the temperatures have dropped, I have thought about those who might have trouble staying warm. I remembered how Abby used to pray, even in August, "Thank you Lord for a warm house on a cold night." We are indeed blessed in so many ways.

Our Lads to Leaders program begins to run wide open this week! Our kids are beginning to prepare for speeches, Bible readings, and the songs they will lead. This is on top of the preparation they have been doing in so many other areas. Please keep the kids in your prayers as they "learn by doing" in this great program. Also remember all the adults that are working with them. We look forward to seeing the great results this year will bring in our young people!

Also remember our Youth Rally is less than ten weeks away from today! Our theme this year is Transform to Royalty and we will talk about what it means to live the Christian life. Mark your calendars for March 19-20 and get ready to work between now and then! We've got lots to do and it takes all of us to make it work!

Last Sunday we announced our theme for the new year: In Him We Win in 2010. We'll talk about a lot of great things this year as we seek to gain victory in our life. Victory over sin and the things that hold us back from being what God wants us to be. This is our year to change ourselves and change our community for the Lord. Together we can do GREAT things!

-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.

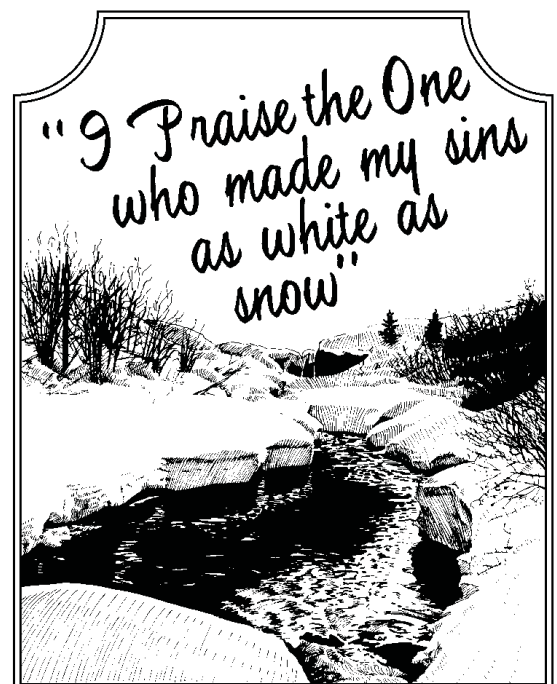
Don't forget!

The elders will meet
today at 4:00pm.




All of the ladies are invited to the home of Annette Peery

tomorrow night, Jan. 11, at 6:30 for an evening of food and fellowship. Please sign the list in the foyer for food.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Bill Rogers is undergoing more cancer treatments and is very sick at home.

Robbie Breece remains sick at home.

Continue to remember: *Mike Tatum* (back surgery), (*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 *Mark Whitehead*, son-in-law of *Gwen Hinson*. Mark's mother passed away and her funeral was last week in McKenzie.

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*).

Attention Youth Committee Members!



The meeting that was originally scheduled for today has been moved to next Sunday, Jan. 17, at 12:30. See Jeff Dye if you have any questions.



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. 17—Youth Committee Meeting

Jan. 17—Youth Midnight Bowling

Jan. 31 — Fifth Sunday

Contribution for Youth Fund

Feb. 6 — Leadership Planning Day

Feb. 7 — Friends & Family Day



Money Tree

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If you would like to contribute to a money tree for *Stephanie Carroll*, please give your money to *Lori Hill* or *Rose Spears* by this Wednesday, January 13.

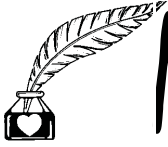
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Lads to Leaders practice will begin **today**. Boys and Girls Speech will meet at 4:30. Boys Bible Reading will meet at 5:00.
- Next Sunday, Jan. 17, Girls Bible Reading, Song Leading and the Little Disciples will meet at 5:00.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who is the first priest mentioned in the Bible?
(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 weather has been the talk of the town for some days now but it did not hinder many folks this past Wed. morning and night since good numbers were present for all services. In fact, the scriptures even talk about the treasures of the snow (See Job 38:22; Psa. 51:7, etc.)...The Prime Timers are reminded of our birthday pizza after class this Wednesday morning...Mark your Bibles and notice the screen for our sermon text for this AM service—Lam. 3:21-26.

Buy the Bible The acrostic to the left reminds us of what to
Investigate the Bible do with our Bible. Also, the following was
Believe the Bible submitted this past week from an article by
Love the Bible Mike Eaton and John Partlow on how to
Exemplify the Bible *personalize our Bibles:*

1. God’s name is on your Bible; make sure yours is too. We locate Bibles around the church building and CSC with detailed information but no name.



2. Personalize your Bible by highlighting and underlining verses or sections of scripture. David’s fine lesson this past Sunday night reminded us that the Bible is meant to be read and studied. We allow scripture to speak to us as we emphasize the message.

3. Even more important as you put your **mark** on scripture, make sure you allow scripture to put its **mark** in you. Michael W. Smith says “*Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you; we have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart.*” (Cf. 2 Tim. 2:15; Deut. 6:6-9; Jas. 1:21; Rom. 1:16; Acts 2:37-47, etc.).

On The Lighter Side: Mark Twain said: “Most people are bothered by those passages of scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me the most are those I do understand.”

One preachers favorite premarital joke is this one: Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn’t have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn’t have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Sentence Briefs: Reflect on your present blessings — of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.....Remember that the greatest tragedy of this new year is not what we suffer but what we miss.....and I repeat that someone has said that our only real handicap is a bad attitude.

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 1/3**

A.M. Bible Class	
A.M. Worship Service	
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	159
Contribution:	\$5,490.63
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
Ishbosheth
(2 Samuel 2:8-10)**

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

But He (Jesus) answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

It seems that lots of resolutions at the beginning of the year center around dieting. After the holidays it seems many people want to lose a few pounds and they decide to do it by eating less. It's not easy, but the benefits are worth it. As a culture, we keep a close watch on our physical needs, but how about our spiritual ones? When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he tempted Him to place His physical need for hunger over His spiritual need to trust God.

How often do we struggle with the same thing? It is easy for our physical needs to seem so "real" and pressing that we set aside spiritual things. Whether it is the stress of a busy schedule or needs such as hunger or sleep, it seems that we often satisfy our physical needs while denying our spiritual ones. In the same day we may say to our wife, "What's for supper, honey? I'm starving!" and think to ourselves, "I'll read my Bible later, I've got to go eat or I'll die of hunger." How strange (and sad) that we almost never put off satisfying our flesh for satisfying our Spirit. Do we really believe that our souls need the Word of God just as much as our bodies need food? How many times do we eat three meals with snacks in between but fail to pray more than a few minutes?

Jesus promises that if we will cultivate a hunger and thirst for righteousness, we will be filled (Matthew 5:6). If we will commit to feeding our spiritual lives, we will see growth. If we will commit to living on the Word of God, we will find wisdom and our faith will strengthen. The question is not "Will God run out of food?" The question is, "Are you hungry?"

Why not make a commitment to go on a spiritual diet this year? A physical diet usually means eating less in order to be healthy, but a healthy spiritual diet for most of us would require us to read more and pray more. It won't be easy, but the benefits will be worth the hard work it will take. Why not make a change?

-DAVID

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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*

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