

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

We were blessed last week to have the young men of *Phi Kappa* from Freed Hardeman University conduct our evening services. Our own *Alex Edwards* led the singing and *Colton Shannon* preached for us. It was a great night and certainly the future of the church is bright.

Don't forget our contribution next Sunday will go toward our Youth Fund. You always give so generously to support our young people and we use those funds in several different ways. It is a joy to be a part of a congregation that places an emphasis on the youth. I am thankful to be a part of the youth ministry that happens here. I pray God will continue to bless our youth and the men and women who work with them. Youth Fund Sunday is always a great way to show our youth just how important they are to us. Don't miss the opportunity next week!

Also next Sunday we will have an All Age Devotional after our evening services. After the devo we will enjoy our usual finger food fellowship meal in the Christian Service Center and welcome *Travis and Mia Amacher* home from Yekaterinburg, Russia. They have been there for the last six weeks with *Erik and Adrienne Pfaff* assisting them in the mission work there. What a great opportunity! We look forward to hearing all about what they have accomplished.

God is blessing us in many ways here at Lomax. It is a wonderful time to be a part of a church that is focused on growing in Christ. Find your place and do your part! We need each one of you to do all that God has for us to do!

-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.

## Youth Fund Contribution




Our entire contribution next Sunday will go toward our **Youth Fund**. This money is used throughout the year to help pay for our youth program. Please plan to give generously to the good work we do here with our youth!



There will be an All Age Devotional next Sunday night after our evening services. It will also be an opportunity to welcome *Travis and Mia Amacher* home from Russia after their six weeks of mission work there. Please plan to stay with us and bring finger foods, desserts, and drinks for fellowship after the devotional!

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**Sick:**

*Bill Rogers* is undergoing radiation treatments for cancer.

*Larry Tatum* had cataract surgery last week.

*Marguerite Flowers* has been in Maury Regional Medical Center but hopes to be home soon.

*Jane Kinzie*, mother of *Lawrence Kinzie*, is in serious condition in the hospital in Indianapolis. She has pneumonia.

*Juanita Edwards*, sister-in-law of *LaFon Griner*, is in serious condition in a Memphis hospital.

*Osteen Shann*, brother-in-law of *Nadine Turnbow*, has been in Maury Regional Hospital.

*Bobby Smith*, father-in-law of *Judy Smith*, had gall bladder surgery Thursday.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to *Kayla Spears* on the death of her grandfather, Ray Mercer. He passed away Thursday and his funeral was this past weekend.

**Continue to remember:** *Linda Edwards* (broken foot), *Jimmy Willis* (back surgery) and the following who are undergoing cancer treatments: *Kara Vansandt* (sister of *Lori Hill*), *Larry Blackburn* (brother-in-law of *Rosey DePriest*), and *Jewel Tatum*.

**Shut-ins:** *Robbie Breece*, *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*), *Matthew Pfaff* (nephew of *Erik Pfaff*) and *Matthew West* (grandson of *Boyd & Jeanette West*).

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Boys and Girls Speech will meet **today** at 4:30 and Boys Bible Reading will meet at 5:00.
- Song Leading and the Little Disciples will meet next Sunday at 5:00.
- Registration money is due today.



The friends and family of **Brandy Duncan Love** are hosting a baby shower in her honor next Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31, from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Lomax Christian Service Center. Brandy and Joel are expecting a girl, Abby Brooke. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Padoodles and Molly Anna's.



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

**Jan. 31** — Fifth Sunday

Contribution for Youth Fund

**Jan. 31** — All-Age Devotional

**Feb. 3** — Teen Meal

**Feb. 6** — Leadership Planning Day

**Feb. 7** — Friends & Family Day

**Feb. 13** — Youth Activity (TBA)

**Feb. 14** — Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meeting

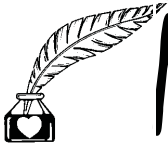
**Feb. 14** — Youth Night at Kimmins

**Feb. 20**—60+ Banquet

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said he had become a companion of owls?  
(answer next week)

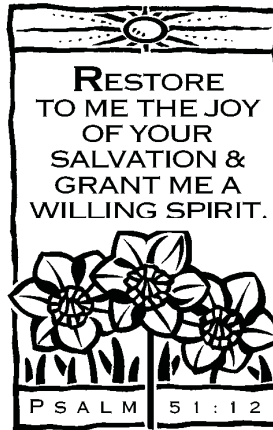
**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# 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...Thanks to Boo for driving the bus for the Prime Timers this past Monday. Also, it was great to see Bill Rogers back at services and even in our morning class this past Wednesday.....This is the fourth Sunday night and our lesson will emphasize what some call the "Golden Text of Romans 8"....Remember to pray for our planning meeting on Feb. 6...Announce our *Friends & Family Day* on Feb. 7...and if possible plan to attend the Annual FHU Bible lectures on Feb. 7-12.

**THE JOY OF SALVATION**...Remember the prayer of David in Psa. 51 where he asked God to "restore unto me the joy of Your salvation." One of my favorite verses is found in John 10:10 where Jesus promises "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Also, note in Acts 8:39 that when the Ethiopian was baptized into Christ that he went on his way rejoicing...The Apostle Paul reminds Christians to rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4). Paul tells us to not get so wrapped up in circumstances that we forget to rejoice.



Jesus knew that the Christian life was not a bed of roses and that burdens would come our way. However, He tells in Matt. 11:28-30 that He will give us rest if we come to Him. Also, read Matt. 6:24-34... Peter reminds us to leave our worries with the Lord because He cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7).

We must remember that real Christianity is not meant to be a stressful religion but one that provides peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4) By living in loving submission to Jesus Christ, we find a joy that is indescribable. If you are not a citizen in the family of God we pray that you will surrender to His will and have the abundant life today and eternal life in the world to come.

**On The Lighter Side:** A husband sent his wife flowers for their second anniversary. "Write on the card: *Happy Anniversary, Year Number 2,*" He told the clerk. His wife was thrilled when the flowers arrived until she looked at the card—*Happy Anniversary! You're Number 2!*...Whoops!

**Sentence Sermons:** I repeat...conquer yourself rather than the world.....Our promises and our deeds should go hand in hand....It is much easier to make decisions when we know what our values are...There are times when silence is golden but other times when it is a crime....Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.

## TRANSFORM TO ROYALTY

### 14th Annual Lomax Youth Rally March 19-20, 2010

Sign up for Youth Rally T-shirts now! Sign up sheets are available in the lobby. The deadline to order shirts is next Sunday, January 31. If you have questions, see Anna Jones or Tabitha Dickerson.



### DAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Day School is now accepting applications from Lomax members for next year's three and four year old classes. Open enrollment will begin February 26. If you have questions, please see Sue Amacher or Harriet Anderson.

### Attention Ladies!

If you subscribed to Christian *Woman* magazine as a part of the Wednesday Night Ladies class, and you can give money to help cover the cost of your subscription (\$13.50), please give it to *Heather Salisbury*.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 1/17	
A.M. Bible Class	188
A.M. Worship Service	256
P.M. Worship Service	199
Wednesday PM	170
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Honey  
(Ezekiel 3:3)**

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*

And he was very thirsty, and he called upon the Lord and said, "You have granted this great salvation by the hand of your servant, and shall I now die of thirst...?"  
Judges 15:18

The prayer in Judges 15:18 comes from the lips of Samson. And the amazing thing is that he prays this prayer immediately after killing 1,000 Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey. He has won a great victory by the power of the Lord and now he doubts God's ability to quench his thirst!

Samson is not alone among the faithful, however. Many a follower of God has forgotten past victories in the face of present trials. It is an unfortunately common experience.

The truth is, of course, that God had not abandoned Samson. After being with him in the face of such a great hoard of enemies, God did not intend to allow him to die of thirst. So what brought about this moment in Samson's life?

In reading the whole story, we find that Samson had boasted and bragged quite a bit after killing his enemies. He finished with the bold assertion that he himself had killed the thousand Philistines (Judges 15:16). Immediately after taking credit for the victory, Samson is reduced to complete dependence on God for a basic necessity of life. As he begs God to provide Him water, he has the opportunity to learn humility. Incidentally, God provided water for Samson in a miraculous way and his thirst was quenched.

What about us? How many times do we turn to God and wonder if this problem will be the one that finally takes us down? How many victories have we won with the Lord? How easy is it to forget them? Perhaps what we need to learn from the problems we face is to humbly depend on God for everything and to give Him the glory for the victories that happen in our life. Certainly God can see us through whatever we are facing. The question is will we walk faithfully with Him and follow His path through our problems?

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