

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

As I write this article, we are bracing for the winter storm that is expected to bring a few inches of snow and some ice this weekend. Lots of people are making plans for the weekend that include staying safe and warm during the storm. I'm thankful you were able to be here today to worship with us. This is a special Sunday for us as our entire contribution today goes toward our Youth Fund. This congregation always places an emphasis on the work we do with our young people, but this Sunday gives us a chance to really "put our money where our mouth is." It is a great way to show our youth just how much we care about them and their spiritual growth.

Please remember *Dr. Matthew Rider* in your prayers. He is the son-in-law of *Steve and Mitzi Edwards* and is in Haiti this week as part of a medical mission team. We are thankful for the good work he is doing there. Lomax is helping him with his expenses. If you would like to make a special contribution toward the work in Haiti, you may give that to any elder.

Congratulations to *Ethan Dye* who was named the associate minister at the Cedar Hill church of Christ. He will be preaching there every other week. Ethan is a very talented young man who grew up here at Lomax and is currently a Bible major at Freed-Hardeman.

Don't forget our Friends and Family Day next Sunday! Bring plenty to eat and invite a lot of guests! We'll have a great day and as a special treat, *Ethan Dye* will be our speaker at the afternoon service. Plan to be here! Bring a friend!

-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 today will go toward our **Youth Fund**. This money is used throughout the year to help pay for our youth program. Thank you for your generosity!



There will be an All Age Devotional tonight 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:

Robbie Breece was taken to the hospital last week but she is home now.
Shelia Carroll is sick at home with rheumatoid arthritis and is in a great deal of pain.
Ava Provance is in the Perry County Medical Center.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of *Juanita Edwards* who passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was last Tuesday.

We also extend our sympathy to *Dave Guzy* on the death of his sister, *Debbie Guzy*, in Danbury, Connecticut last Tuesday.

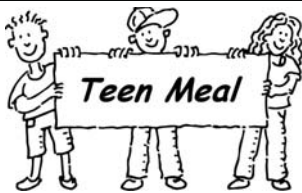
We also extend our sympathy to *Carolyn Duncan* on the death of her aunt, *Wanda Wakefield*, last Tuesday in Mississippi.

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

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

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

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*).



Teen Meal will be this Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6 pm in the CSC. Please see Jan Hill or Mylie McKissack if you can help with food.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- ▶ Boys Song Leading will meet today at 4:30. The Little Disciples and Girls Song Leading will meet today at 5:00.
- ▶ Girls Bible Reading will meet this Wed., Feb. 3, at 6 pm.
- ▶ Because of Friends and Family Day, there will be no LLL meetings next week (Feb. 7).

The annual Leadership Planning Breakfast for



the elders, deacons, and ministers will be this Saturday, February 6, at 8:00am. Please keep this very important event in your prayers.



Friends and Family Day Next Sun., Feb. 7

9 am Bible Class
 10 am Worship
 Fellowship Meal
 Afternoon Service

Make plans now to invite your friends and family and to enjoy a GREAT day!



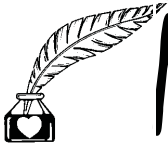
A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- 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:

What man in the Bible outran a team of horses?
 (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom



Change of Date!
The baby shower for

Brandy Duncan Love scheduled for today has been moved to **this SATURDAY, Feb. 6**, from 2:00 to 3:30 at the Lomax CSC.

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...Also, remember that our contribution today is earmarked for our youth and we are glad that you always give generously to this great work...Don't forget to pray for the church planning session on Sat. 6th...Remember our Friends & Family Day on the 7th and let us know if you need transportation to the annual FHU Bible Lectureship on Feb. 7-12...As I write these words, we are being informed to prepare for possible ice and snow. We appreciate our modern technology and rejoice that we can plan ahead. However, we also need to heed the warning to always be prepared in *the spiritual aspects of our lives*:



PLAN AHEAD

PLAN AHEAD... A little girl was observing her parents in their careful planning for a trip, including proper luggage, clothing, tickets, etc. She said, "Mom and Dad, it seems that we are doing a lot of planning, but where are we going to church? Are we planning for the most important?"

We may need to pause and read Matt. 25:1-13 and see what happened to the five foolish virgins who made inadequate preparation for a very special event. We could go back to Amos 4:12 and note how the prophet told Israel to prepare to meet God. But the real emphasis at the beginning of this year is for us to look at the writing of the Apostle Paul where he instructs all of us to ... "*Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith*" (2 Cor. 13:5).

Our devotional following classes this past Wed. night emphasized that prosperity with the material is important but not the most important because such is perishable. Health is very important as we all know and we take care of the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit but we know that this body is temporary. Gaius already possessed the health of the Spirit which was eternal and John wished that he might have the best in everything and continue his great work in the Lord (3 John 2). We wish for all that we might prosper and be in health as our soul prospers.

On The Lighter Side: You may have heard the story of a guest speaker who was sitting near the podium awaiting his introduction. Trying to make small talk, another dignitary leaned over and whispered, "Who's the ugly woman on the front row?" "Why, that happens to be my wife," answered the speaker. Trying to cover up his embarrassment, the first man explained, "No, I mean the one next to her." "The one next to her is my daughter," explained the speaker.

Sentence Sermon: One of the troubles of stretching the truth is that it is apt to snap back....The greatest use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.....Many receive advice, only the wise profit by it.

February

Birthdays:

- 1st Annette Peery
- 2nd JoAnn Jackson
- 3rd Leanna Amacher
- 4th Loyce Harris
- 8th Mike Hinson
- Mashaya Hinson
- 9th Louise Jones
- 10th Clara Jane Tanner
- 12th Bobby Daniel
- 13th Eric Amacher
- Emmie Hamblin
- 14th Brock Spears
- Reagan Webb
- 16th Brooks Tiller
- 17th Mann Nutt
- 21st Bella Bates
- Clark Carroll
- 22nd Jim Grinder
- 23rd Jimmy Morton
- 24th Jo Ann Rasbury
- 25th Tom Iverson
- 26th Nell Bunch
- 27th Gary O'Brien
- 29th Earl von Dollen

Anniversaries:

- 2nd Mann & Betty Anne Nutt
- 12th Pittman & Barbara Baker
- 14th John & Amber Venable
- 18th Gene & Faye Kilpatrick

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 1/24	
A.M. Bible Class	196
A.M. Worship Service	253
P.M. Worship Service	138
Wednesday PM	179
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Job
(Job 30:29)

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

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

We never cease to need reminding of the truth behind the thoughts of this article:

It is as if God knew that in the midst of our troubles and problems, we would turn to him and say, "How can you know just how hard this is? You're an all powerful, all knowing, all holy God who cannot be tempted. How can you possibly know what it feels like to face temptation?" And so, in His infinite wisdom, God inspired the words of Hebrews 4:15 to remind us that Jesus knows what it's like. J.B. Phillips translates this verse "*For we have no superhuman High Priest to whom our weaknesses are unintelligible — he himself has shared fully in all our experience of temptation, except that he never sinned.*" God wanted to remind us that Jesus understands. Look at what he says:

He himself. God could have sent an angel to tell Him what it was like to live life on earth. But instead, He sent His Son. Jesus came Himself and lived a human life, from birth to death. He knows what it's like to be a teenager and He knows the pains and stresses of adulthood, too. He knows because He has been through it all. He himself.

Shared fully. Jesus didn't come and live life as half God and half man. He was 100% human when He was here. He maintained His status as the Son of God, but for the time He was on the Earth, He referred to Himself as the Son of Man. He shared fully in this life, not just a little.

In all our experience. Jesus faced every temptation. He knows about discouragement and pain from being hurt by other people. He knows about stress and strain. He knows about disappointment because he lived the stresses and strains of human life. And that means we have a friend who's been there even before we have. He knows and He cares. Praise God!

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