

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

Welcome to Friends and Family Day today! I hope you will stay with us for our meal and then our afternoon service. *Ethan Dye* will be speaking this afternoon. Ethan was just named the associate minister at the Cedar Hill Church of Christ and is preaching there every other weekend. It's going to be a great day today and a great chance to worship together!

What a week it has been! I don't know how many of our teachers and students were doing the snow dance last week, but they might have overdone it just a bit! We were thankful for all those who were able to get out last week considering the conditions. A HUGE thank you to *Rick Morrow* for spending several hours scraping the parking lot so that we could have a safe way into the building Sunday. Also thanks to all the men who stayed outside Sunday morning and helped folks get in safely. If you did not receive a phone call last week from the church office about the change to our schedule, please see me.

Our hearts were touched Wednesday night as *Debbie Bunch* responded to the invitation and asked to be restored. Debbie said she has made many bad decisions and needs the prayers of her brothers and sisters in Christ to help her refocus her life and make her spiritual life a priority. It is a pleasure to pray for her.

Due to the bad weather last week, we postponed our Youth Fund contribution to today. Our contribution today will be used to support our youth activities this year. Please give generously to support the work we do with our young people.

*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.

## Friends and Family Day

Come as  
a guest,  
leave as  
a friend



### Schedule

9:00 Bible Class

10:00 Worship

Fellowship meal — Everyone is  
welcome!

Our second service will be in the  
auditorium after we finish our  
meal (around 12:30-12:45). Our  
special guest speaker will be  
Ethan Dye.

## Youth Fund Contribution



Due to the snow

and ice last Sunday, 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!

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:**

*Robbie Breece* is improving at home.  
*Shelia Carroll* has been diagnosed with lupus.  
*Clifton West*, brother of *Boyd West*, is in the hospital in Decatur, Illinois in serious condition.

**Continue to remember:** 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*, *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*).



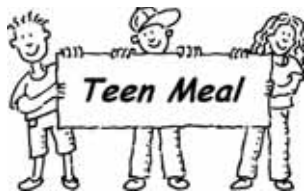
## It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Josh and Stephanie Carroll on the birth of their daughter, Elliston Jade. Elliston was born Tuesday, January 26. Congratulations also to proud grandmother Susie Overbey!



### Lomax Youth Rally March 19-20

Sign up for Youth Rally T-shirts now! Sign up sheets are available in the lobby. The deadline to order shirts is **today**.



**Teen Meal** originally scheduled for last Wednesday will be this Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6 pm in the CSC. Please see Jan Hill or Mylie McKissack if you can help with food.



### Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' Night Out will be next Monday, February 15. We will leave from the church building at 4 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you are planning to go.

### Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Because of Friends and Family Day, there will be no LLL meetings today.
- Next Sunday, Feb. 14, Boys and Girls Speech will meet at 4:30 and Boys Bible Reading will meet at 5:00.



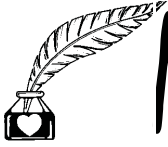
### A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- Feb. 14** — Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meeting
- Feb. 14** — Youth Night at Kimmins
- Feb. 20** — 60+ Banquet
- Feb. 28** — All Age Devo
- Mar. 3** — Teen Meal
- Mar. 7** — YR Invitation Sunday

### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What disciple outran Peter to Jesus' tomb?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to all our visitors. We are glad that you came our way...We offer heartfelt thanks to all who join us today for *Friends and Family* worship and special fellowship. We hope you will stay with us for lunch and the afternoon period of worship. All are reminded that our contribution today goes for our Youth Fund...Don't forget that the annual FHU Bible lectures begin today. Let us know if you need transportation.

**TREASURES OF THE SNOW...**We can learn many great lessons from the Book of Job. We are reminded that some of the greatest lessons can be learned in the valley...We don't have to *cross Jordan alone*...It is foolish to trust in material things....Job's faith enabled him to survive (Cf. 1 Cor. 10:13)...but it is timely for us to note that he also talks about the treasures of the snow (Job 38:22). These verses may be poetic in nature but he does talk about the wonders of nature.



We can also look elsewhere to see beautiful symbols of the snow. Look at Psalm 51:7 as David asks the Lord to cleanse him so he can be whiter than snow.....In Isa. 1:18 we have the prophet asking his people "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow..." In Acts 2:37-47 The apostle Peter told the penitent that they could be washed in the blood and have remission of sins. Also, this same obedience would add them to the body of Christ. The apostle John reminds us that as long as we walk in the light that the blood of Christ will continue to cleanse us (See 1 John 1:7).

Incidentals from the treasures of the snow remind us of its beauty as it covers the fields...and its whiteness as a symbol of purity. (Cf. 1 Tim. 5:22; Mt. 5:8, etc.)...Snow even allows an extra day at home to give people opportunities for additional Bible study, family togetherness, a chance to check on the needy, etc., etc. Thus I challenge all to *redeem the time* (Eph. 5:16) as you enjoy the *Treasures of the Snow!*

**On The Lighter Side:** A minister congratulated a lady on her silver wedding anniversary for living twenty five years with the same man. In response she told him that he was not the same man he was when she first got hold of him.

**Sermon Briefs:** Solitude is a good place to visit but a poor place to stay...We repeat...What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared with what lies within us....Today in our times if opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.....The good that we leave behind that is engraved in the hearts of others is more important than what we leave that is only engraved in stone (See 2 Cor. 3:1-3).

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 1/31	
A.M. Bible Class	
A.M. Worship Service	87
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	173
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
Elijah  
(1 Kings 18:46)**

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*

...in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:9

Heinz Ketchup has used the same style for their ketchup packets for over 40 years, and they've been getting complaints about them for almost that long. Last week they unveiled a new model. It's built so that you can open one end and squeeze the ketchup out or open the other end and have a container to dip in.

Can you believe they would change the ketchup packet? It's the way millions of people have gotten their ketchup for decades now! It was good enough for my daddy and my granddaddy; it ought to be good enough for this new generation. It has been virtually a rite of passage to try and tear open one of those things only to have it rip top to bottom and squirt ketchup all over everywhere. This change is bad and represents all that is wrong with society today. Never mind that it's the same Heinz ketchup in there that it has always been. I don't like it because it's different from the old way.

Maybe it sounds a little crazy of me to complain about ketchup packets, but it happens in the church, too — not over ketchup packets, but over equally insignificant matters of tradition. The gospel never changes. Jesus Christ never changes. But our method of presenting the gospel is always tied to our time and our culture. The more we can bend and accommodate cultural means of communication, the more we demonstrate the rock solid, unchangeable nature of the truth of Scripture. We can communicate God's plan of salvation using Power Point or Facebook. We can use Twitter or satellite television to tell people that Jesus Christ is the only way to God. We can sing new songs and read from new translations that glorify God and His church and faithfully present His Word. As we adapt to our culture and time, we demonstrate that the gospel is timeless and cross cultural. But if we argue and fight and insist on doing things the way we've always done them just because we like them that way, we may as well argue over ketchup packaging, too. It makes just as much sense.

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