

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a wonderful Friends and Family Day last week! I am thankful for the gracious and kind spirit that Lomax has and the way you welcomed our visitors last week. We had several new families with us that are looking for a home church and I think you made them all feel welcome.

It was especially great to hear *Ethan Dye* speak to us Sunday afternoon. His lesson on denying ourselves and putting God first was timely and appropriate. Ethan has grown so much and it made us all feel proud to hear him preach the gospel in such a plain and clear lesson. I know his parents, *Jeff & Sherri*, are even more proud of him, too. Ethan is going to be a great blessing to the Cedar Hill congregation as he works with them.

Our Tree of Knowledge is back up in the hallway of the education wing. Our church website, www.lomaxchurch.com, lists the goals for each class this quarter. Check it out and see what your child is learning! Also, go by and see the Tree of Knowledge with all the apples on it. Our boys and girls have already learned a great deal of important Bible facts! A special thank you to everyone who teaches in our education program. You are the strength of our program and we appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Speaking of our young people, you gave \$5400 last Sunday toward our youth fund. If you were not here and would like to contribute specifically to the youth fund, please see Bill Lawson. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



Ladies' Night Out
Ladies' Night Out will be tomorrow

evening, 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.



In honor of our senior members, our annual 60+ Banquet will be this Saturday, February 20. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Hershel Spears has an infection in his foot.
Jennie Burdette has been in the hospital with breathing trouble but is back in Lewis County Manor.
Shelia Carroll has been diagnosed with lupus.

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*).

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to *Boyd West* on the death of his brother, *Clifton West*, in Illinois last week.

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*).



...HOW WIDE AND LONG
 AND HIGH AND DEEP
 IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:18

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Boys and Girls Speech will meet today at 4:30 and Boys Bible Reading will meet today at 5:00.
- Girls Bible Reading will meet this Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:00.
- Next Sunday, Feb. 21, Boys Song Leading will meet at 4:30 and Girls Song Leading and Little Disciples will meet at 5:00.



DAY SCHOOL NEWS

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



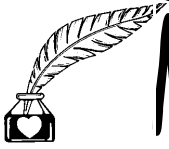
A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- Feb. 20**—60+ Banquet
- Feb. 28**—All Age Devo
- Mar. 3**—Teen Meal
- Mar. 7**—YR Invitation Sunday
- Mar. 13**—Ethridge Kids' Rally
- Mar. 14**—EDP Meeting
- Mar. 14**—Kimmins Youth Night
- Mar. 19-20**—Lomax Youth Rally
- Mar. 27**—Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar. 28**—All Age Devo
- Apr. 2-4**—LLL Convention

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What servant of the prophet Elisha ran to meet the woman of Shunem?
 (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 AM & 7 PM....Our thanks to Herb Woollard for the excellent lesson he presented to the Prime Timers class last Wed...Also, the class is reminded of our birthday pizza following class on the 24th...Thanks in advance to all who are responsible for the 60+ Banquet coming up this Sat. 20th....Today is also *Valentine's Day* and we understand that this is the busiest weekend of the year for florists. In view of this I want to share with you the meaning of Authentic Love that was passed on to me:



LOVE Is An Art To Be Taught... *Agape* love includes action and is a deliberate exercise of the will. It is not just an impulse of the feelings or doing what comes naturally. Someone has said that *love is the doorway through which the human soul passes from selfishness to service and from solitude to kindness with all mankind.* We are reminded in 1 Cor.

13 that love includes the supreme desire for the good of the other person. The Bible declares that God is love (1 John 4:8) and such love is indescribable.

Many people do not feel loved because they do not know what true love is. One of the greatest needs of any person is to experience the agape love of God—that includes our relationship with others, even our attitude and response to enemies.

Perfect love will cast out fear. It does not abuse, neglect, or hurt others. It is given, received, shared and returned.

God's agape love is unconditional. It is ours no matter what we do. But it does not bring salvation for us unless we respond in loving obedience. Love has been described as the *Banner of Obedience* (John 14:15). When we hear and obey God's message of love, we are forgiven and added to His church that was purchased with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28). However, even though love never fails, it is possible for us to lose, leave, and trample underfoot His marvelous gift of love. We have freedom of choice, so let us prove our love by accepting and abiding in His marvelous grace.

On The Lighter Side: Once there was a man who liked to walk alone. Also, there was a woman to liked to walk alone. They married and walked alone together. (Question??? Was love ever there or did it die?).

Preacher: I need a secretary who can spell. Can you spell Mississippi?
Hopeful Secretary: The river or the state?

Sentence Sermon: Love deeply, speak kindly, and forgive quickly!

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 2/7**

A.M. Bible Class	190
A.M. Worship Service	265
P.M. Worship Service	144
Wednesday PM	162
Contribution:	\$5,400.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
John
(John 20:4)

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

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his! Numbers 23:10

The streets of New Orleans have yet to calm down. Last Sunday the underdog New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts to win their first ever Super Bowl. In a city known already for its wild parties, you can imagine the result. Bourbon Street has rung with the words to the Saints' official team song almost constantly since the fourth quarter ended: "Oh, Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in." The gospel hymn has long been associated with the city of New Orleans and is often played at a traditional funeral there. It expresses our desire to be numbered among the saints on the day of judgment.

It's not a new idea — wanting to be numbered with the people of God. Balaam was a gentile who was hired to curse the Israelites. He was given an opportunity to instead become a prophet for the Lord, but ultimately Balaam chose not to be faithful. He does, however, ask that he might die the death of the righteous. He wants to be with the "saints" (Israelites) when they go marching in. Lots of people today want to be counted among the saved as well.

And there is good news! The gospel is for everyone and anyone who will call on the name of the Lord can be saved. God's plan of salvation is no longer limited to a specific group of people. We can all be "in that number when the saints go marching in!"

But the other part of the story is that we must accept God's plan for our lives and follow Him. We cannot expect to be magically joined to the ranks of the saved if we have not done what God asks us to do to be saved. Balaam wanted to live his life on his own terms and then he wished to be transported at death to a place with God's people. There is no way to live as if there is no God and then die as if He is your savior. The way to die the death of the righteous is to live a life of righteousness. There is no other way. To be in that number on that day, we must be in that number today. Are you in?

- DAVID

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Richard Amacher

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Dave Guzy

Bill Lawson

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Yogie Spears

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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*

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