

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

As I write this article, we are making final preparations for the Youth Rally. Everything is in place for us to have another great year! I know Tony will take a moment to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make the Youth Rally a reality, and I join him in expressing thanks for all that hard work. It is such a blessing to be a part of a hard working church like Lomax. You all continually impress me with the work you do and the willing spirit with which you do it. I would also like to say thanks to *Tony Turnbow* for all the hard work he puts in to making our Youth Rally the great event it is. We are blessed in so many ways by this annual event and Tony does a great job of making sure that it continues to be a strong highlight of our year.

Our Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes group will be speaking to us next Sunday night. Our young ladies will have a presentation for any women of the congregation who would like to attend at 4:00 in the chapel. The young men will be conducting our evening services. Please make plans to be here and encourage them in their efforts. You will also leave feeling encouraged and uplifted. The future of the church is bright indeed with great young people like ours!

In the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti, so many people want to help. Not everyone has a lot of money to spare, and not everyone can jump on a plane to go help with the recovery efforts. But everyone can give a t-shirt. The Shirts Off Our Backs campaign is a great way to help! See page 2! *-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.

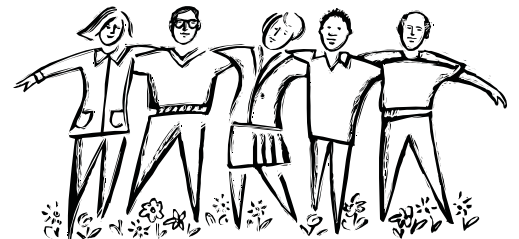
At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

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.



We express our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's Youth Rally a success. We could not have done it without you!

Lad to Leaders/ Leaderettes Special Program



Next Sunday evening, there will be a special youth program. The girls will be presenting their speeches, songs and Bible readings in the chapel at 4:00pm (women only, please). The boys will be conducting the evening service at 6:00pm.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

- Bill Millsbaugh* is sick.
- Marjean Doyle* is sick at home.
- Jeff Cameron* had rotator cuff surgery last Wednesday.
- Cherrylynn Guzy* went to the hospital last Thursday with a kidney infection.
- Carma Edwards* will have surgery soon.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the family of *Bill Rogers*. His funeral was this past Monday.

Continue to remember: The following who are undergoing cancer treatments: *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,* and *Carma Edwards*.

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Michelle Huff, Ilio Miller, 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 Song Leading will be meeting at **4:30 today**.
- Girls Song and Little Disciples will meet **today** at **5:00**.
- Boy's Speech will meet **Tuesday (23rd)** from 5:30-8:00. Bring \$3.00 for food. See Trent with questions.
- Banner will meet at Kara Farr's home **Tuesday (23rd)** at **5:00**. See Kara with questions.
- Scrapbook will meet **Wednesday** at **6:00**.
- There will be a meeting for **everyone attending Convention** after services on **Wednesday**.
- Girl's Speech will meet **Thursday (25th)** from **6:00-8:00**. Bring \$3.00 for food. See Lori with questions.
- **Next Sunday** will be LLL presentations. Girls will be meeting in the chapel at 4:00; the boys will present during evening services.



There will be an Easter egg hunt for all children 6th grade and under

this Saturday the 27th.

The fun begins at 10:30. Please bring one dozen plastic eggs filled with candy and sealed with tape.

Sign up sheet in lobby.

Shirts Off Our Backs



We are gathering new or gently used clean t-shirts to donate to Haiti. Put your donated shirts in the collection box in foyer. For questions, see Judy Smith or Jane Tatum.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

Mar. 27—Easter Egg Hunt

Mar. 27—Pulaski St. Ladies' Day

Mar. 28—All Age Devo

Mar. 28-30—Grinder's Creek Gospel Meeting

Apr. 2-4—LLL Convention

Apr. 4—LLL Awards Night

Apr. 7—Teen meal

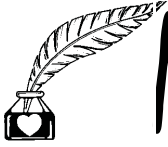
Apr. 11—Friends and Family Day

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

How many children did Leah bear to Jacob?

(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....The Primetimers are reminded of our trip to the Henderson Senior Rally this Sat. March 27. Please be at the CSC by 8:15...Mark your calendar for the Pigeon Forge trip on May 10-12...JQ is in charge of our Wed. morning class on the 24th and we plan to celebrate four March birthdays with pizza following class...Thanks again and again for all who worked so hard to help us have another great *Youth Rally*. Also, I thought that the following would be timely:

THINGS I WISH I HAD KNOWN BEFORE I WAS TWENTY-ONE...Some years ago Brother H. Leo Boles gave a chapel talk at FHU by the above title. His speech included: (1) the need of vision as to a career for life, (2) our health often depends to a large degree on what we eat and what eats us, (3) the ability to live within our income, (4) that habits are harder to change after 21 years, (5) a harvest depends on the seed sown, (6) things worthwhile require patience, time, and hard work, (7) a good education is worth all the cost, time, and effort in our day, (8) honesty pays, (9) the folly of not taking the advice of those with age and experience, (10) continued study and practice of the Bible, (11) the value and privilege of serving our fellow man, and (12) that God's relationship to His people can be compared to a shepherd with his sheep. He will always lead us if we submit to His will (John 10; Psalm 23, etc.).

Yes, it is true that we live and learn (Luke 2:52; 2 Peter 1:5-7). School is never out for the Christian. The Apostle Paul learned from his past and went forward (Phil. 3:13-14). We are already missing Bill Rogers in all our Bible classes. He taught us prior to his death the value of experience and the need to continue to study the word of God. One song that he requested quite often in the Wed. morning Bible class was *Take Time To Be Holy*. He also reminded us that *an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure*. We miss Bill but he continues to teach by precious memories. Yes, let us never forget that salvation is possible by the grace of God and made a reality for us by loving obedience (Acts 2:37-47).



On The Lighter Side: "Well, son," said the father as he settled down with his evening paper. "Are you going to need any help with your homework tonight?" "No, thanks Dad," replied the boy. "I might as well get it wrong all by myself."

Sentence Sermons: Love deeply...speak kindly...hug often...forgive quickly....Be kinder than necessary because most folks you meet are fighting some kind of battle. "Be ye kind one to another..."(Eph. 4:32)

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 3/14**

A.M. Bible Class	156
A.M. Worship Service	260
P.M. Worship Service	156
Wednesday PM	194
Contribution:	\$5,339.55
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**

For teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Tim. 3:16)

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

“So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.”

Exodus 2:24

Some old thoughts that bear a new hearing.—David

Exodus records that God heard the cries of His people as they were in slavery and He remembered His covenant that He had made with the patriarchs. Certainly it must have seemed to the Hebrew slaves that God had forgotten them, didn't love them, or wasn't powerful enough to save them from Egypt. And yet none of those statements were true. God was more powerful than the Egyptian army. He did love the “children of promise.” And He most assuredly had not forgotten His people.

So why does Exodus say that God remembered His covenant? Did He ever forget it? Never once. To say that God remembered is to say that God decided to act. The time had arrived for Israel to leave Egypt. Four hundred years earlier, God had brought Jacob and his family to Egypt for the purpose of making them into a mighty nation. Egypt had served as a sort of “incubator” for Israel. If they had tried to become a nation in Canaan, they would have been wiped out by their enemies. But Egypt had no enemies; it was the most powerful country in the world. And so Israel quietly grew from a family of twelve boys to a nation of millions. Even after they were made slaves, the population of the Hebrews continued to grow. This was all part of God's plan to create the nation of His people. God didn't forget about Israel! He was waiting until just the right time, when they would be large enough to accomplish His plans for them in Canaan. God took care of them all along!

What about us? Do we tend to doubt God and wonder if He has forgotten us during hard times? Or do we turn to Him in faith to get us through those difficult times? God never abandoned Israel, even during her captivity, and He will not abandon us, either. The promise of Christianity is not the promise of an easy life free of troubles and problems. If it was, then Jesus and Paul would be poor examples indeed! Rather it is the promise of strength for the journey, even when it is hard, and the abiding presence of the Lord every step of the way.

-DAVID

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