

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

Tonight is one of my favorite Sunday nights all year. Our young men will conduct the worship service and after the service, the rest of them will showcase their work in the Lads to Leaders program. Our young ladies will have a service for the women today at 4:00 in the chapel so that they can show what they have accomplished as well. Lads to Leaders provides great training for our youth. Every year it is amazing to see how our young people have grown. We are also pleasantly surprised by the new youth who participate in the program for the first time. In addition to our young men who have been in the program, tonight you will have an opportunity to hear *Patrick DeValcourt, Blake Farr, Houston Hamblin, Braden Powell* and *Gage Staggs* for the first time. You will be encouraged to see the next generation of church leaders. Make plans to be here and encourage all of our young folks in this great work!

Don't forget about the t-shirt collection for Haiti. The *Shirts Off Our Back* campaign is a great way to put your new or gently used t-shirts to good work. Any shirt size with appropriate content is welcome. We will stamp the shirts with *Jesus Loves You* in Creole and send them to Haiti. This operation is overseen by Healing Hands International, a church of Christ international disaster relief organization. In tough times we may not all be able to give financially as we would like to, but everyone has a t-shirt. For more information, please see *Judy Smith* or *Jane Tatum*.
Make a difference in your world today! - 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.

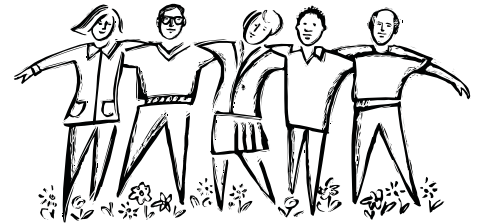
If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help you, please let us know while you are here or call 796-5381.



Ladies' Night Out

The ladies will be meeting this month at the home of Verlin George tomorrow night (29th) at 6:30pm. Bring a favorite dish.

Lad to Leaders/ Leaderettes Program




The girls will be presenting their speeches, songs and Bible readings in the chapel **tonight** at **4:00pm** for the ladies of the congregation.

The boys will be conducting the evening service at 6:00pm.



There will be an All Age Devo after evening services **tonight**. Please bring finger foods and drinks. Stay and worship with us!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Marjean Doyle is sick at home.
Paul Spears went to Maury Regional with breathing difficulties.
Ethel Poore is back in Lewis County Manor.
Ilio Miller is not doing well.
Clifford Turnbow will have eye surgery on the 30th.
Beryl Wynne will have a biopsy tomorrow.
Carma Edwards will have surgery April 8th.

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*).



Congratulations to These New Grandparents!

- Pittman and Barbara Baker are the grandparents of Addison Faith; her parents are Troy and Tonia Baker.
- Carolyn Duncan has a new granddaughter, Abby Brooke, born to Brandy and Joel Love.
- Bob and Lovada Burklow's new grandson is Ty Anderson, born to Lee and Cayce Burklow.
- Ken and Donna Collier are grandparents of twins born to Ross and Amy Tumblin. Minnie Sue Willis is their great-grandmother.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

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

Apr. 11—Youth event



Shirts Off Our Backs

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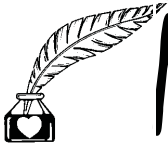
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Don't forget that **tonight** the girls are presenting at **4:00** for the ladies and the boys will present during the **evening services**.
- There will be a **brief meeting Wednesday** after services for everyone going to **convention**.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

How many of the gospel accounts record the parable of the sower?
(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...Thanks again to all that made our *Youth Rally* a great success...Also, thanks to the multitudes that are giving time, talent, and effort to the LLL special leadership events. Let us remember the group in our prayers as they head toward Nashville this coming weekend...Thanks to J. Q. Dickerson for his special presentation to the Wed. morning Bible class...John Baker is scheduled to be with us on April 7...Thanks to Tommy for driving the van last Saturday to the Henderson Senior Rally and congratulations to Ralph Conkle for passing the requirement to drive our church bus. He is already scheduled to drive the Primetimers on May 10-12...Also, thanks to you folks that let us know that you read our church bulletin ahead of time via our website...

Life Insurance... Some years ago when we lived in Waynesboro and worked with the church we had a life insurance salesman who emphasized that most people were under insured. He stressed that folks even need to be prepared for the unexpected. Also, I read about a second lieutenant during WWII who graduated from Harvard University and went into the military. His first assignment was to take a group of new recruits and convince them that they should buy G.I. Life Insurance, a policy offered by the U.S. Government that would pay \$10,000 to their family if they died while they were still on duty.

With great eloquence he appealed to these men's responsibility, their love of family and loyalty to country, etc. but no one would buy his insurance. He tried again and again but no response.



**Be faithful
unto death,
and I will
give you
the crown
of Life.**
Revelation 2:10

Just then a wise old master sergeant walked up and said, "Gentleman, it's like this. You go overseas and you don't buy G.I. Life Insurance and you get a bullet in your head, the government doesn't have to come up with anything. On the other hand, you go overseas and buy the G.I. Insurance and you get a bullet in the head, the government has to come up with the \$10,000. Tell me fellows, who do you think the government will send to the front lines first?" Now, guess who knew how to sell insurance!!!

Now, I have said this to ask you, our reader, if you have the best Life Assurance available and paid for by the blood of Christ? He made this blessing possible, but we must make it actual (cf. Acts 2:37-47).

One The Lighter Side: Did you hear about the poor fellow who told the doctor he heard music every time he put his hat on? The doctor fixed him right up. He took the guy's hat and removed the band.

April Birthdays:

- 2nd Bill Lawson
- 3rd Tammy Bigbie
- 4th Braden Carroll
Stephen Tanner
- 5th Thelma Lynn Atkinson
Bessie Edwards
Andalyn Himes
- 8th LeeAnn Alford
Jessie Kinzie
- 10th Era "Tiny" Hinson
- 11th Tyler Hinson
Susan Overbey
Noah Woodall
- 13th Nadine Turnbow
- 15th Faye Chandler
- 16th Will Swinea
- 18th Barbara Baker
- 21st Marguerite Flowers
Amanda Kinzie
- 22nd Debbie Bunch
Sue Conkle
Wylodean Edwards
Joyce Gilliam
- 24th Tracy Lomax
- 27th David Salisbury
Jane Tatum

April Anniversaries:

- 10th Jeff & Barbie
Cameron
- 19th Rob & Pat Dickson
- 28th Larry & Sandy Tatum
- 29th Jerry & Alice
Ammons

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 3/21	
A.M. Bible Class	185
A.M. Worship Service	266
P.M. Worship Service	160
Wednesday PM	173
Contribution:	\$5,704.15
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Six sons and one daughter
(Gen. 30:21; 35:23)

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

Then Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until rain fell upon them from the heavens. And she did not allow the birds of the air to come upon them by day, or the beasts of the field by night. 2 Sam. 21:10

In this passage Rizpah is mourning the death of her two sons. She guards their corpses from both the birds by day and the wild animals by night. Her love for her sons motivated her to do this. If she could maintain her vigil in such a devoted way, what excuse could we possibly offer for not being able to focus on the suffering and death of our Lord for even a few moments? Just as she chased away the birds and animals, shouldn't we chase away every thought that threatens to intrude upon our meditation time? How easy it is during the Lord's Supper to focus on all manner of thoughts other than those of Jesus and the cross! And yet, it is a sign of our devotion when we exercise our self control and bring our minds back to center on the reason for our worship. Rizpah's devotion is a challenge to our own devotion.

She stayed awake day and night out of love for her sons. And yet we struggle to stay awake through our Bible reading or a sermon. She was always there to meet every challenge and yet we often find feeble excuses to miss Bible class or worship services.

Her sons were executed as criminals yet she refused to be ashamed of them. What about our attitude toward the One who was also executed as a criminal on our behalf? Rizpah was the only one who was willing to go out and tend to these bodies. Are we willing to be the only one who stands up for our Lord or do we let the voices of the crowd hush us into silence?

Rizpah's motivation was pure and understandable. A mother's love is a powerful driving force. She did an amazing thing which was eventually noticed by the King. And yet, our motivation is even more powerful. Christ died in our place and took the punishment that we deserved. When the King takes notice of our devotion, will He reward us with His blessing?

- DAVID

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