

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We'll miss seeing you this morning as we are part of the 66 individuals from Lomax attending the Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes convention in Nashville. I am so proud of all our young people and the great amount of effort they have put forth in this program. Last Sunday we got to see a sampling of all the things they've been working on. Tonight we'll have the chance to see more of their work. We had a total of 85 people involved in the program this year! After services tonight we'll honor them for their participation. Make plans to stay and be with us for it!

Next Sunday is a Friends and Family Day for us. Don't miss this chance to invite someone to come to church with you! Better than that, why not invite them to come to Bible class with you? Bring lots of food and let's plan to have plenty of visitors! Lomax is a friendly and welcoming place and that is never more on display than when we have a Friends and Family Day. Plan to be here and bring a guest!

Next Sunday evening I will be speaking at the Area Wide Youth Devotional at the Northview congregation in Columbia. I'm looking forward to spending some time with the good brethren there. *Joel Love* (son-in-law of *Carolyn Duncan*) is the youth minister there and is doing a great work.

Today many around the world are celebrating and honoring the resurrection of Jesus Christ. While we remember that every Sunday is the Lord's Day, it is always great to celebrate that we serve a living Lord! To Him be the glory!

- *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

Next Sunday will be a Friends and Family Day for us! Please plan to be here and bring a guest! We'll have our



Bring a friend next Sunday

regular classes and morning worship service before we meet in the Christian Service Center for a fellowship meal. After our meal, we'll conclude our day with an afternoon service. Please plan to join us and bring food for our fellowship meal.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes Program this year! After services tonight, we will acknowledge the hard work of all our LLL participants. Following the ceremony, we will enjoy a meal in the CSC. All the LLL projects will be displayed in the CSC for you to enjoy, too.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

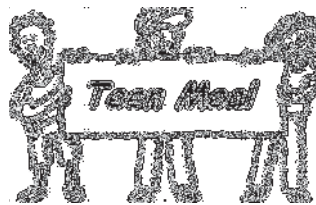
Marjean Doyle is sick at home.
 Paul Spears is in NHC in Franklin with breathing difficulties.
 Ilio Miller is not doing well.
 Clifford Turnbow had eye surgery last Tuesday.
 Beryl Wynne is home from surgery and awaiting test results.
 Carma Edwards will have surgery Thursday.
 Charlie Jeans, brother of Rita Appleton, has cancer.

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).



TEEN MEAL

Remember our Teen Meal this

Wednesday at 6:00 pm! Please see Sherri Dye and Gwen Hinson to help with food.

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. If you have questions, please see Judy Smith or Jane Tatum.



Bridal Shower



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You are invited to a bridal shower for *Jade Woodall*, bride-elect of *Nathan Sampler*, on Sunday, April 18 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Christian Service Center. Jade is registered at Macy's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Walmart.



A Look Ahead
Put these dates on your calendar!

- Apr. 7—Teen meal
- Apr. 11—Friends and Family Day
- Apr. 11—Riverside meeting
- Apr. 17—Waverly Ladies' Day
- Apr. 18—Elders/deacons meeting
- Apr. 18—Bridal shower for Jade Woodall
- Apr. 24—Estes Ladies' Day



Additional birthday

April 20 Christian Swinea



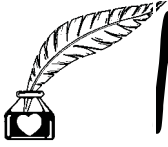
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

➤ There will be an awards ceremony tonight after services to honor everyone participating in the Lads to Leaders program. Please plan to attend.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

At the dedication of Solomon's temple, how many sheep were offered?
 (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom

A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors. We are glad that you came our way. Some folks are home for the holiday and we are so glad you chose to worship with us at Lomax....You will notice that a host of our crew are in Nashville for the LLL convention and will be returning home this afternoon. We are proud of this great training program and for Trent and Lori (along with a many others) who work so hard in training soldiers of the Cross....The Primetimers are reminded that John Baker will be with us this Wed. morning and that our birthday party at Lewis Co. Manor is the last Wed. in April...Also, remember our *Friends & Family Day* coming up next Sunday.

What If Christ Had Not Come? Henry Rogers, a brilliant lawyer of a few years ago, wrote a book entitled The Eclipse of Faith, in which he imagined some powerful hand had wiped the influence of Christ out of civilization, as a teacher might clear a board in a classroom. He imagined himself going into the library to discover that the vestige of Christ's life and influence had wholly disappeared. He opened the law books which had contained the legal safeguards protecting children, the poor, and innocent only to find that these laws had disappeared.



**A world
with Christ**

He turned to his histories of art and found that some of the world's greatest masterpieces, such as Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" etc...had vanished.

In like manner he turned to his books of literature. There he found blank pages where formerly there were great writings of Milton, Browning, Tennyson, Longfellow, etc. Stories like Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" were lost completely.

Next, he turned to the world of music and found that the great hymns used in church had vanished. Among these hymns were "Fairest Lord Jesus," "Joy To The World", etc.

Then it was that Rogers realized that if Christ were not, the schools, the hospitals, the orphanages, the missions, and many of our other great benevolent institutions would never have come into existence. At this point the lawyer cried out that he would not want to live at all in a world where Christ were not. (Note: We grieve for the reversals of our day!).

On The Lighter Side: A young preacher, fresh out of the university, thought it would help him better understand the fears and temptations his future congregation faced if he first took a job as a policeman for a few months. He passed the physical exam; then came to the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in a emergency. Among other questions he was asked, "What would you do to disperse a crowd?" He thought for a moment and then said, "I would take up a collection."

Sentence Sermon: "...and be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15).

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 3/28	
A.M. Bible Class	161
A.M. Worship Service	256
P.M. Worship Service	201
Wednesday PM	170
Contribution:	\$4,725.49
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Three gospels
(Matt.13:1-23;
Mk. 4:1-9; Lk. 8:4-8)

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

I will be to him a father and he shall be to me a son...
2 Samuel 7:14

Thanks to my father-in-law, *Herb Woollard*, for the idea for this article! Imagine you are working on your family genealogy and for sake of example, let's say that your great-great uncle, Remus Starr, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889.

A cousin has supplied you with the only known photograph of Remus, showing him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture are the words: "Remus Starr: Horse thief. Sent to Montana Territorial Prison, 1885. Escaped 1887. Robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives. Convicted and hanged 1889."

Pretty grim situation, right? But let's revise things a bit. We simply crop the picture, scan in an enlarged image, and edit it with image processing software so that all that is seen is a head shot. Next, we rewrite the text: "Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad.

"Beginning in 1885, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when a platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

We can't change who our ancestors are, even if we try to "dress them up" a bit. But the good news is that we are not chained to our past. If you have a parent or parents that made poor decisions, you don't have to repeat those decisions in your life. You can choose to set a new standard for your children and grandchildren. While we may not have a choice about who our earthly father is, we certainly can choose to have God as our Heavenly Father! Our earthly brother may be a poor example follow, but we can choose to have Jesus Christ as our older brother and follow His example. Regardless of where you come from, God has a plan for you and your life! He wants you to leave your descendants a reputation of godliness.

-David

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