

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

I heard had a great Friends and Family Day last week! I am very thankful to everyone who helped me out last week. A stomach bug made sure that no one from our family got to be here. I definitely would have preferred to be worshiping with you to being sick at home! I heard several people compliment *Matthew Farr* on the lesson he presented Sunday morning. Thanks also to *Steve Edwards* for teaching my class and *Malcom* for preaching at the afternoon service. Also thanks to *Eric Amacher* for driving the church van so that our kids could go to the Area Wide Youth Devotional at the Northview congregation. It is such a blessing to be a part of a church family that can pull together and help out in a time of need. What a blessing you are!

Don't forget to stop by the "Green Room" in the new addition to get your picture made today for the upcoming photo directory! We want our new directory to be as complete as possible.

Also don't forget that we are still collecting t-shirts to send to Haiti for the Shirts Off Our Back campaign. We will be collecting those through the end of this month. Our young people are reminded of the work night on Thursday night as well. If you have any questions, please see *Jane Tatum* or *Judy Smith*.

If you are interested in going on our summer mission trip to Menifee County, Kentucky, then don't miss the meeting this morning after services! Thanks to *Matthew Farr* for heading up this great effort. Find your place and do your part! *-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 are taking pictures for the directory **today**. Please stop by the Green Room by the chapel after worship for a few minutes to have your picture taken. We will be taking pictures next Sunday as well if you cannot make it today.

Don't forget!
There will be an elders,
deacons, and
preachers meeting
today at 4:00.




Mission Meeting

There will be a meeting **this morning** after services for anyone interested in going on the mission trip to Menifee County this



summer,
The trip
will be
the first
week of
June.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Marjean Doyle is in ICU at Centennial Hospital.

Carma Edwards is doing well after surgery.

Jerry Flowers is improving slowly.

June Graves had a stroke last week. She is in Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville.

June Bates, *Bonnie O'Brien's* sister, is in Lewis County Manor following a stroke.

Larry Blackburn, brother-in-law of *Rosey DePreist*, is having surgery for cancer on Wednesday at St. Thomas Hospital.

Continue to remember: *Ilio Miller*, *Paul Spears* and 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*, *Tiny Hinson*, 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*).

Bridal Shower



Bridal Showers

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

☞ You are also invited to a bridal shower for **Ashley Brown**, fiancée of **Alex Edwards**, next Sunday (April 25th) from 2:00-3:30 in the CSC.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

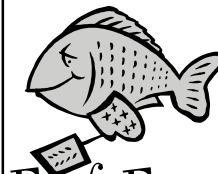
➤ Event leaders, please turn in your folders to **Trent or Lori Hill.**

Shirts Off Our Backs

We are still gathering t-shirts for Haiti. Put your donated shirts in the box in the foyer. If you are willing to help stamp and fold the shirts, we will be meeting on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00. See **Judy Smith** or **Jane Tatum** with questions.



GYIDE Planning Meeting



Fish Fry

There will be a planning meeting for the **GYIDE Fish Fry** this **Tues., April 20th**, at **6:00** at **Yogie's office**. Please bring **hot dogs or hamburgers** to be cooked at the meeting.



A Look Ahead

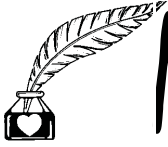
Put these dates on your calendar!

- Apr. 20**—GYIDE planning
- Apr. 24**—Flatrock ladies' day
- Apr. 25**—All Age Devo
- Apr. 25**—Ashley Brown's shower
- May 1**—GYIDE fish fry
- May 2**—Senior night
- May 5**—Teen meal
- May 7**—JUG Night
- May 9**—Elders/deacons meeting

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What are the words **Aleph, Beth, Gimel, and Daleth (Ps. 119) ?**
(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 and 7 PM...The Primetimers are reminded of our birthday party at the Lewis Co. Manor on the 28th...This past Wednesday morning we celebrated the birthdays of three special ladies, including Marguerite Flowers, who will be 94 this Wednesday. Others in the “over ninety” bracket include Hershel Spears, Robena Gunter, Minnie Sue Willis, Jennie Burdett, and Ethel Poore. Please let us know if our list is incomplete! Our May 10-12 trip is full....Remember the GYIDE Fish Fry on May 1st...Thanks to all who send information my way; the following is worthy of thought:

The Ancient Rich King Who Had Four Wives...Once upon a time there was a rich king who did not know Gen. 2:24 and thought it was ok to have four wives.

He loved the fourth the most and adorned her with rich robes and gave her the very best.

He also loved the third wife and enjoyed showing her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he feared that one day she would leave him for another man.

He also loved his second wife because she was always kind and considerate. She would help him get through difficult times.

The king's first wife was a loyal partner and made great contributions in maintaining his kingdom. However, although she loved him, he hardly took notice of her.

One day the king fell ill and knew that his time was short. Thus, he asked the fourth wife if she would keep him company. “No way!” she

replied and walked away without another word. He asked the third and second wife the same question, but they also refused to stand by his side. The king was devastated. Then a voice called out: “I’ll go with you. I’ll follow you no matter where you go.” The king looked up and saw his first wife. She had suffered

malnutrition and neglect and the king was grieved and said to her...“I should have taken better care of you when I had a chance!”

Which do you neglect?

- ♦ Our fourth wife is our body—and it will deteriorate in time.
- ♦ Our third wife is our status, wealth, etc. and it will go to others.
- ♦ Our second wife is our family and friends who stop at the grave.
- ♦ Our first wife is our spiritual health. We often neglect it in pursuit of other things. We must cherish it now for it is what will matter throughout eternity. (See Mk. 8:34-37; Acts 2:37-47)

On The Lighter Side: The preacher's wife wanted to surprise her husband with a computer for his birthday. “What about a laptop?” asked the salesman. She burst out laughing and told the salesman that her husband had not had a lap in twenty years! He then tried suspenders.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 4/11	
A.M. Bible Class	183
A.M. Worship Service	267
P.M. Worship Service	140
Wednesday PM	173
Contribution:	\$4,425.10
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Paul was on the island of Malta (Acts 28:1-6)

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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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

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Psalm 22:1

When Jesus uttered these words while hanging on the cross, He was quoting from Psalm 22. As He hung there suspended between Heaven and earth, He knew what it felt like to be forsaken by God. As God literally turned His back on Jesus, Christ cried out from the horror of what He was experiencing — rejection by God. He suffered great physical agony on the cross, but far greater than any pain he felt was the spiritual anguish of knowing what it felt like to be truly separated from God. None of us can fully know this side of eternity what that is like.

Sometimes we are prone to cry out to the Lord and complain that He has forsaken us. There are times when His presence seems shielded by our circumstances and we may even feel as if He has forgotten us. But we are not forsaken. To compare our problems to what the Lord faced on the cross is the difference between having the sun go behind a cloud and having the sun be permanently extinguished. It only seems that we have been forsaken, but in Christ's case he actually had been!

In our case, we cry out in unbelief. We feel forsaken even though we have not been. In His case, Jesus knew for a fact that He had been forsaken by God the Father. Now, knowing how terrible the *thought* that we have been forsaken is, imagine how much the actual experience must have hurt the Lord. And remember that our sin means we deserve to be separated from God, but Jesus had no sin. He volunteered to take our place that day on Calvary.

We must ask, what could possibly motivate Him to make such a great sacrifice? He endured the physical pain, the mocking, and the anguish of the cross. But he also endured that indescribable spiritual agony of separation from God. Why would He choose to do that? It is because He loved us. When we realize the full weight of what Jesus went through on the cross, it causes us to appreciate His sacrifice of love even more. It motivates us to endure and persevere, even in the face of hard times, to serve the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

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