

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great week last week! Our hearts were touched Sunday night as *Shelia Carroll* responded to the invitation and asked to be restored. What a joy to pray for her and to see the great example she sets for all of us. I've thought a lot about her statement, "I don't want to let anything stand in the way of my going to heaven." We would all do well to make that same decision!

As Abby looked over the bulletin last week she asked me, "Daddy, does that say Fish Fry?" When I told her yes, she got very excited and said, "The GYIDE Fish Fry is my favorite meal!!" I think there are a lot of us who can second her opinion! Don't forget this Saturday is a great opportunity to support Christian education and enjoy a delicious meal, too. Make plans to come and eat with us. GYIDE stands for Giving Youth an Invaluable Devout Education and is a scholarship fund that helps Lewis County teens attend a Christian school. Several of our Lomax youth have received GYIDE scholarships to help with their college costs. Every dollar spent by GYIDE is a direct investment in our community and in Christian education! And you get a great meal for helping out, too!

Speaking of young people, next Sunday night we will honor our three graduating seniors: *Katelyn Collison*, *Hannah Hill*, and *Paxson Spears*. Special congratulations to *Paxson Spears* for being 6th in his graduating class. Plan to be here and celebrate with all three of our seniors! God has blessed us richly and it is always a pleasure to celebrate His goodness!

-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.



New Photo Directory

We are taking pictures for the directory **after morning and evening services today** in the Green Room by the chapel. We will be taking pictures next Sunday as well if you cannot make it today.

All Age Devo
Make plans to stay after services this evening for a special devo at the amphitheater

(weather permitting). There is a food sign up sheet in the foyer.



Ladies'
Night Out
All ladies are invited to the home of Sallie

Millspaugh (139 Ashley Marie Dr.) this Monday for Ladies' Night Out. Bring your favorite dish (drinks will be provided) and your Bible.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Paul Spears is in critical condition at NHC in Franklin
Marjean Doyle is home from the hospital but still very sick.
Patsy Hinson is back home and improving.
June Graves has moved to a rehab facility in Maryville.
June Bates, Bonnie O'Brien's sister, is in Lewis County Manor for therapy following a stroke.
Larry Blackburn, brother-in-law of *Rosey DePreist*, had cancer surgery last Wednesday at St. Thomas Hospital.

Continue to remember: *Ilio Miller* 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*).

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to *Hershel Spears* and *Bessie Edwards* with the death of their sister, *Sarah Ashworth*.

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*).



Don't Forget!
 Please be sure to hand in your completed involvement forms. You may pick them up when you get your directory picture taken.

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. This week is your last chance to donate shirts!



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- April 25-28**—Pineview meeting
- May 1**—GYIDE Fish Fry
- May 2**—Senior Night
- May 5**—Teen Meal
- May 7**—JUG Night
- May 9**—Big D.O.G.S.
- May 9**—Elders/deacons meeting
- May 17-18**—Day School Graduation



Bridal Shower
 You are invited to a bridal shower **today** for *Ashley Brown*, fiancée of *Alex Edwards*, from 2:00-3:30 in the CSC.

GYIDE Fish Fry

Don't forget to support the GYIDE Fish Fry on May 1st! This good work helps young people get a Christian education.



Senior Night

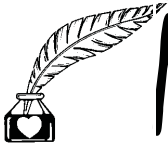
Next Sunday evening we will be congratulating our seniors. Please bring finger foods and encourage our young people! Our graduating seniors are **Katelyn Collison, Hannah Hill, and Paxson Spears**. If you would like to donate to a money tree, see *Gwen Hinson* or *Sherri Dye*.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who was the grandson of Manasseh?
 (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 this Wednesday afternoon at 2:00...and speaking of birthdays, remember that our own DS will be a year older this week...the GYIDE Fish Fry is May 1st from 4:30 till 7:00. Thanks to all who make this great effort a reality.

ACTION AND REACTION...Someone has reminded us that you can take a piece of wax, a morsel of meat, a handful of sand, a pinch of clay and some wood shavings and put them on a fire. The wax melts; the meat fries; the sand dries up; the clay hardens; the shavings blaze.



Reaction to circumstances

This is a reminder of how individuals also react differently to the same circumstances. Subjected to hardships and despair, one person grows stronger, while others weaken or wither away. Some folks are able to handle prosperity while others let it lead to idolatry. One person hears the word of God and is made better. Others hear the same message and grow angry and rebellious.

Some folks wake up to a new day and quote Psa. 118:24 *"This is the day that the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it."* They decide if they are going to use the day or waste it. Some recognize that when tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever. Even the moments are precious. I recall the following: *Lost somewhere between sunrise and sunset two golden hours. Each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered because they are gone forever.*

The following came my way: There is never a day so dreary but God can make it bright...And to the soul that trusts and obeys Him, He giveth songs in the night...There is never a path so hidden but God will lead the way if we seek His spiritual guidance and patiently work, wait, and pray. There is never a cross so heavy but the nail-scarred hands are there outstretched in tender compassion the burden to help us bear. (Matt. 11:28-30). Therefore let us take heed how we respond to His Word and the circumstances in our lives.

On The Lighter Side: Dad: *"Why do our twins cry so loud at night?"*
Mom: *"Each one cries so loud so that he wont have to hear the other."*

Sermon Briefs: Christian joy is a flower that bears its fairest blossoms only when it grows on the grave where self is buried...The hardest secret for a man to keep is his opinion of himself...Our greatest glory is not always in never failing, but in rising every time we fall...A Christian must keep the faith but not to himself...A good reputation is more valuable than money (Prov. 22:1).

Birthdays:

- 2nd Keegan Reynolds
- 3rd Adrienne Pfaff
- 5th Hannah Hill
- 7th Abbe Lawson
- Judy Smith
- 8th Wilma Churchwell
- Dale Hull
- Blaine Turner
- 10th Mitzi Edwards
- 12th Dona Lawson
- 14th Lance Crowell
- Yogie Spears
- 16th Estelle Mercer
- 17th Ralph Conkle
- 21st Pittman Baker
- 22nd Ethan Hamblin
- 24th Dianne Daniel
- 25th Gladys Baxter
- 31st Kristen Alford
- Darby Salisbury
- Will Salisbury
- Clifford Turnbow

Anniversaries:

- 1st Bill & Sallie Millspaugh
- 3rd Stephen & Shana Tanner
- 9th Rick & Cindy Morrow
- Jeff & Rose Spears
- 15th Erik & Adrienne Pfaff
- 30th Trent & Lori Hill
- 31st Lynn & Betsy Tiller

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 4/18	
A.M. Bible Class	169
A.M. Worship Service	253
P.M. Worship Service	144
Wednesday PM	168
Contribution:	\$5,027.53
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
The first four letters of the Hebrew alphabet (Ps.119)

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

“For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?” 1 Samuel 17:26

I love the lessons from David and Goliath. Many have noted how David accurately saw Goliath. The rest of the army saw a well armed, well trained, giant warrior. David saw a mere mortal soldier trying to defy the Almighty God. David also had an accurate view of himself and his power. The army saw a young boy with no battle skill and no armor. But David never once thought he could defeat Goliath on his own. Not even if he had the king's own armor could he defeat that giant. But with the power of God behind him, David knew that he was unstoppable. But there is one more thing that the young man David saw correctly that all the veteran soldiers missed. David looked at the army and saw that it was not the army of Saul or even of Israel. It was the army of the living God.

I think it is easy to make the same mistakes in vision that the Israelite army made. It is easy to see our obstacles as insurmountable. But when we see our problems as challenges to our faith, not our planning or logic or skill, then we will have the proper perspective. We may not be able to figure out a solution to the problem on our own, but that's not our job. Our job is to be faithful and trust God. It's easy to look at ourselves and ask, "What can I do? I'm unskilled and inexperienced." But eyes of faith will see that we represent the Almighty God today. What can stop us when we have God's power behind us?! And perhaps one of the easiest mistakes to make is to look at the church and see merely a human institution. It is easy to see the failings of individual Christians and decide that the church as a whole is failing. It is easy to get discouraged with news of low attendance or low spirituality. We can focus on negatives about everything from our singing to our Bible study. But to do so is to forget that the church is the bride of Christ. The church does not belong to any individual or even a group. The church belongs to Christ and it is through HIS power that she will grow and flourish. We serve Him!

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