

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We're glad to have you here today! Tonight we will honor and celebrate with our three graduating high school seniors: *Katelyn Collison*, *Hannah Hill*, and *Paxson Spears*. Our Senior Night is a special time for us every year. Please plan to be here tonight and join us for a great evening!

Special thanks to *Barbara Hinson* and *Annette Peery* for all their hard work in the landscaping and flower beds this week! With summer time fast approaching, our church yard has begun to grow and need mowed. All the men of the congregation are asked to take at least one turn mowing the church yard. Often this is the first impression many visitors have of our congregation. The way the outside of our building looks says a lot about how much we care about the work we do here and about our visitors. Sign up today and make a big statement that we love visitors and we care enough about the ministry here to keep our facilities neat and ready to use!

We got word this week that *Paul Spears* has asked to be restored and wants our prayers and forgiveness for any offense in his life. Paul's desire to be right with God and with his church family is one we would all do well to emulate.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the GYIDE Fish Fry yesterday! It was a delicious meal and a great way to support Christian education in Lewis County. The future of the church is bright because of the young people today who will be leaders tomorrow!

-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.

Senior Night

Tonight, following services, we will be congratulating our seniors. Please bring finger foods (dessert will be provided) 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.



We are taking pictures for the new directory **this morning after services.**

If you have not had your picture taken, please be sure to stop by the Green Room today.

Mowing Schedule

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Please help us keep the grounds trim!



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Ava Provance is in the Senior Care Center at Perry Community Hospital.

Paul Spears is in critical condition at NHC in Franklin.

Larry Blackburn, brother-in-law of *Rosey DePreist*, is at St. Thomas Hospital following cancer surgery.

Dean Dobson was in MRMC with pneumonia, but is home now.

Halley Richardson, daughter-in-law of *Bob and Lovada Burklow*, is undergoing tests and treatment.

Continue to remember: *Ilio Miller, Marjean Doyle, June Bates*, 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*.

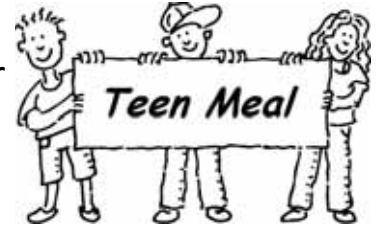
In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Michelle Huff, Ilio Miller*, and *Ethel Poore*.

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 will be this Wednesday at 6:00pm.

If you can help with food, see Kim

Atkinson or Heather Salisbury.



Just Us Girls Night

If you are a girl in 7-12 grade, come for a fun night. You will be meeting at Melissa Wills' house at 6:00pm this Friday.



Just Us Girls

A Look Ahead
Put these dates on your calendar!

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

May 22—Jade Woodall's wedding

May 23—Youth Committee Meeting



We Need Your Help!

The day school is in need of some items.

If you are willing to donate any of these, please see Sue Amacher.



Donations for the Day School

•VCR

•Riding Toys (tricycles, big wheels, small bikes, etc.)

•Yard furniture (benches, chairs, etc.)

Don't Forget!

Please be sure to hand in your completed involvement forms in the basket in the foyer. You may pick up the forms when you get your directory picture taken.

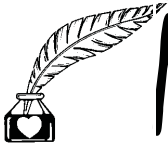


BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Where was Lydia when Paul met her in Philippi?

(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 10AM and 7 PM...Thanks to all who did a great job this past week in supporting GYIDE and Christian education...Congratulations to our graduates that we are honoring following services tonight...Our Lord was concerned about the care of His mother (John 17:27 etc.) and the following is a gentle reminder of this coming Sunday and the woman whose price is far above rubies:

MOTHER'S DAY... A couple of soldiers finally received weekend passes and decided they needed to get away and spend the weekend on the beach. They thought this would be a break from the mosquitoes and C-rations of eastern Alabama.

Their camp that year was early and the May weather was delightful, so they cruised into Birmingham and decided to stop and phone their mothers before resuming their journey. Reaching mom by phone, she could tell that they were not spending the special day at church and with the family. However, she wished them well and a safe trip. As a result they both decided to send flowers.

Pulling into the parking lot of a florist, they made a purchase and scribbled a note thinking that this would salve their conscience. They waited while the clerk assisted a little boy who was selecting a floral arrangement, obviously for his mother.

The little boy beamed with pride as he made the selection and turned to the clerk to pay for his order. "I'm sure my mom would love these," he said. "These are carnations. Mama always loved carnations. I'm going to put them with some flowers from our yard," he added, "before I take them to the cemetery."

"Have you fellas made a selection?" asked the clerk, barely able to speak.

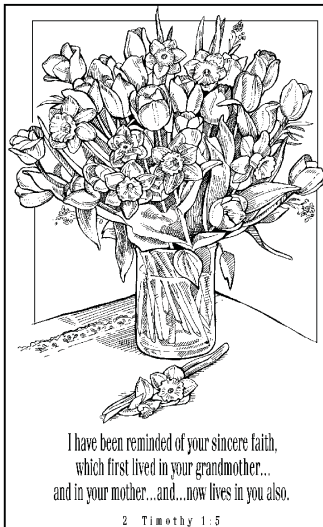
"I guess we have," answered one. They dropped their notes in the trash can and headed to the car in silence.

"I'll pick you up Sunday afternoon at five," said one soldier as he pulled up in front of his buddy's house. The beach would have to wait.

—Adapted

On The Lighter Side: A traveler saw a fellow sweeping outside the church building. He stopped and asked him how he got to Nashville from here. The fellow replied, "My brother usually takes me."

Sermon Briefs: What we weave in time we shall wear in eternity... "What we had, we spent; What we saved, we lost; What we gave, we have..." There are times when silence is golden; other times when it is just plain yellow. Don't neglect to be an encourager!



BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 4/25	
A.M. Bible Class	210
A.M. Worship Service	272
P.M. Worship Service	184
Wednesday PM	185
Contribution:	\$5,125.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
King Josiah
(Matthew 1:10)

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
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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

“Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!” Jeremiah 16:20

The Israelites suffered a great deal because of their love of idolatry. They regularly forsook God and turned to the idols of the peoples around them or to the gods their ancestors had worshiped. Often when we unearth archeological evidence from that time period, we find images of the gods they worshiped. Every culture had a few gods and some cultures had lots of gods. Whether the images were carved from wood or chiseled from stone, they all represent a false god.

Even early Christians struggled with idol worship. Today many Christians believe the culture of idol worship has mostly passed. Certainly Christians today are not regularly tempted to bow down and worship an image of stone or wood and call it a god. But while Baal and Ashtoreth have largely vanished from the people of God's pantheon, as Charles Spurgeon says, “Mammon still intrudes his golden calf and the shrines of pride are not forsaken.” Our culture worships many idols for which we do not carve an image. And that idolatrous culture still exerts pressure on Christians today.

Jeremiah wisely said that the idols we make for ourselves are not gods at all. Indeed, their promises ring hollow. What comfort they do offer is dangerous at best and poisonous at worst. While they may in fact help us in one situation, they inevitably draw us into a far worse one. A man may find relief from his pain in a bottle of alcohol, but where will he find relief from his new addiction? A woman may feel better about the problems she is facing if she blows up and loses her temper, but what will she do to feel better when her anger consumes her? The idols we worship are no gods at all. In our darkest hour of need they remain silent and powerless. Our culture teaches us idolatrous values that were created by mankind. Why would we believe that we can create something great enough to save us? The Bible teaches us that God made us, knows us, and loves us and that salvation belongs to Him alone. Let us put our trust in Him!

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