

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

I love to see the servant heart of the Lomax congregation on display and it definitely has been this past week! Certainly it has been hard to discuss anything this past week besides the weather and the destruction and devastation caused by the flood last weekend. But you did more than just talk about it. We took food to flood victims last Sunday night. This past week *Joe Shannon* made several delivery runs into Hickman county to deliver water and supplies. *Fran Hamblin* and *Heather Powell* coordinated an effort to help folks without water or power to wash clothes at the laundromat. We sent two groups of folks to help at the Disaster Relief Center in Nashville. These are just a few of the ways you have already responded to the great need in our area. Only time will tell how many doors of opportunity are being opened by the work we are doing now.

While all of these special efforts are under way, please don't forget about the ongoing works of the congregation. Thank you to all the men who signed up to mow the church yard this summer. *Jeff Dye* oversees this work and tells me there are only eleven slots left for the entire summer! Also this week we are signing up to help with our Day School graduation. This program is another fantastic outreach ministry and needs our support for their end-of-the-year festivities. Please sign up to help work one or both evenings of graduation.

This morning we will honor the mothers in our congregation and this evening we will (finally) celebrate with our graduating seniors. Make it a great day in the Lord! *-DAVID*

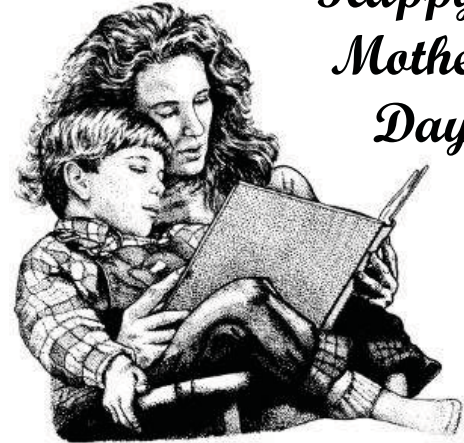
A special welcome to our guests!

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.

Happy Mother's Day!



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.**



We are taking pictures for the directory **this morning after services** in the Green Room. Please be sure to stop by and have your picture made.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Ava Provance has returned to the Lewis County Manor.
Paul Spears remains in critical condition at NHC in Franklin.
Gary Hinson suffered from a heart attack while he was in Michigan. He is back in Hohenwald now.
Donise Baur had back surgery on Wednesday. She is home recovering.
Dean Dobson has been diagnosed with cancer.

Continue to remember: *Ilio Miller, Marjean Doyle, June Bates, Jewel Tatum 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, Ava Provance, 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*).

Don't Forget!

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



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.)

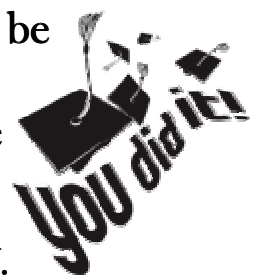
Teen Meal will be this Wednesday at 6:00pm.



If you can help with food, see Kim Atkinson or Heather Salisbury.

Day School Graduation

May 17 & 18 will be the Day School graduation. There are sign up sheets in the foyer if you can serve or help in the kitchen. See Betsy Tiller if you can donate money for the cost of food.



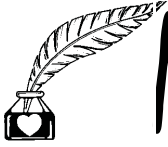
A Look Ahead
Put these dates on your calendar!

- May 12—Teen Meal
- May 16—Big D.O.G.S.
- May 16—Elders/deacons meeting
- May 17-18—Day School Graduation
- May 22—Jade Woodall's wedding
- May 23—Youth Committee Meeting
- May 23—All Age Devo

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

According to Job, what will happen if you lay your gold in the dust?
 (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom

A SPECIAL WELCOME A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors. We rejoice that you have come our way and welcome you to all of our services...Thanksgiving is the only time of the year we dismiss our Wednesday morning class, but the class (or devotional this week) will be held in the mountains. We plan to leave this Monday morning at 7:00 AM for Pigeon Forge and return this Wednesday in time for our 7:00 PM service. Thanks in advance to Ralph Conkle for driving the bus...Thanks to all who help with the Disaster Relief program in Nashville and to all that are involved in special areas of help during the recent flood damage. Let us continue to work and pray for all that are in need.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY... We are to honor our mother's every day of the year, but our nation has set aside a special day this time of the year to let them know how special they are. More calls are made this time of the year than any other day. Many folks will be taking their mom somewhere for lunch following church today. Gifts will be given to show mom that she has not been forgotten and to bid her joy and happiness.

There are others whose mothers have passed from this life to the next. While these mothers are not around us physically, we can certainly relish and enjoy those precious memories that grow sweeter as the years go by. We continue to profit from their example, instruction, and boundless love. Some will, perhaps, visit the grave of their mother. Others may simply quietly reflect upon their mother's love. Memories of mom remind us that she even walked thru the valley of shadows that we might live. She held our hand when we learned to walk and while we were by her side she taught us how to pray. However we celebrate Mother's Day, mothers will always hold a special place in our hearts. We can never repay the debt we owe our mothers. No wonder we rise up and called them blessed (Prov. 31:28).



On The Lighter Side: Fanny J. Crosby, the famous blind writer of many of the hymns we sing today, often told the story of a minister who was a guest speaker at a service one Sunday. His young son had accompanied him that day.

After the service, the minister recalled that no collection had been taken. As he was in the habit on Sunday of never going to the Lord's house without presenting an offering he left fifty cents in the offering plate. As he and his son walked from the building, one of the men from the church ran after him and said, "It is the custom to give the preacher whatever is in the offering plate after service."

Looking up into his father's face, the little boy said, "Papa, if you had given more you would have gotten more, wouldn't you?"

—Selected

Sentence Sermon: Very little is ever achieved without enthusiasm!

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 5/02	
A.M. Bible Class	120
A.M. Worship Service	162
P.M. Worship Service	88
Wednesday PM	185
Contribution:	\$3,700.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
By the riverside
(Acts 16:13)

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

But let justice roll down like waters, and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amos 5:24

We've all been reminded this week of the power of water. With all the rain even a lowly creek could become a dangerous river of white water. The images coming out of Nashville and the surrounding areas have impressed upon us all that we can never truly control something as mighty as a river. As the waters rose last weekend, the flooding defied all projections and estimations. Areas that were never supposed to flood found themselves under several feet of water. And through it all, the water just kept coming. It is amazing to think about how a river can flow hundreds of thousands of gallons of water in one direction without ever running dry.

Amos uses the imagery of the power of a river to describe the justice and righteousness of God. Just as it is impossible to stop the mighty river, so the justice of God will roll down over all the earth. None shall escape it. We may be tempted at times to think that some have "gotten away" with living lives in rebellion to God, but his justice is complete and no one cheats God. Satan may tempt us with the lie "No one will ever know," but the Lord will always know and we will not escape the river of his justice.

There is another side to Amos's point, though. While we should never think we can escape the justice of God, we should also remember that we who belong to God live in His righteousness. It is said that the fish only knows that it lives in the water after it is already on the river bank. But we must remember daily that we are blessed by the grace of God to live in a right relationship with Him. When we sin and "leave" the river of God's righteousness, we learn quickly what it means to be outside His grace. We hunger and thirst for it just as that fish on the river bank longs to return to the water. And by God's grace, we are allowed to repent and return to life in Him. What a glorious gift! His grace and His justice roll on like the might waters of a powerful river. Praise God!

-DAVID

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