

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

It's been an incredibly busy week for us here at Lomax! I've lost count of all the good works so many of you are involved in to help those who've been devastated by the flood. Your servant spirit is amazing. Thank you for all you have done in the name of the Lord Jesus and His church! We announced last week a change to our summer mission trip. During that time we will be working every day here in our local area to help with disaster relief instead of traveling to Menifee County, KY. We plan to travel again next year for a mission trip, but this year it seemed that the wisest course of action was to work at home. If you couldn't take off several days to be with us in Kentucky, perhaps you can find one day to join us locally. We'll have more information soon. If you have any suggestions about work we could do, please see *Bob Burklow* or *Joe Shannon*.

We mourned with the Spears family this past week as *Paul Spears* passed away early Tuesday morning. Paul was a man of great influence in our community and that was evident by the great number of folks at the funeral home. But more than that, I was always impressed with the way Paul used his influence. He would use any tools at his disposal to help you in your time of need. He didn't store up influence for a rainy day; he used it to make a difference in the world around him. What a great example! Never miss an opportunity to help someone and never miss a chance to use that influence to point people toward Jesus Christ! May God help us to reach our world for Him every day!

- *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.



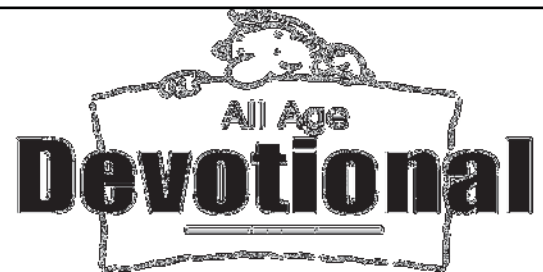
**Big D.O.G.S.  
(Doers Of  
Good Service)  
All Tweenagers**

(ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
are invited to join us today  
at 5:00 pm in the foyer  
for Big D.O.G.S. Snacks will  
be provided. Parents are  
welcome and encouraged  
to attend.



**New  
Photo  
Directory**

**Today is the last day to get  
your picture made for the  
new directory. Stop by the  
Green Room after services!**



There will be an All Age Devo next  
Sunday night. Please bring finger  
foods, drinks, & desserts.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**Sick:**

*Ethel Poore* was taken to Maury Regional Medical Center last Wednesday because of heart problems.

*Beryl Wynne* will be having surgery this Monday at St. Thomas Hospital. She will be in the hospital for about one week recovering.

*Donise Bates* is recovering from back surgery.

*Roy Burns*, father of *Carolyn Duncan*, had outpatient surgery last Monday.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to the family of *Paul Spears* who passed away Tuesday morning. The funeral was Thursday.

We also extend sympathy to the family of *John Downs*, brother of *Beryl Wynne* and uncle of *Cherry Guzy*. He passed away Thursday.

**Continue to remember:** *Ilio Miller*, *Marjean Doyle*, and *Larry Blackburn* (brother-in-law of *Rosey DePriest*).

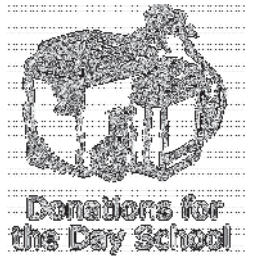
**Shut-ins:** *Bessie Edwards*, *Sharon Edwards*, *Carma Edwards*, and *Tiny Hinson*.

**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*).

## We Need Your Help!

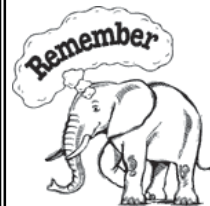
The day school is in need of some items. If you are willing to donate any of these, please see Sue Amacher.



- VCR
- Riding Toys (tricycles, big wheels, small bikes, etc.)
- Yard furniture (benches, chairs, etc.)

## Don't Forget!

Please be sure to put your completed involvement forms in the baskets in the foyer.



## A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!



**May 22**—Jade Woodall's wedding

**May 23**—Youth Committee Meeting

**May 23**—All Age Devo

**May 30**—5th Sunday contribution

**June 2**—Teen Meal

**June 3-5**—Local Mission Work

**June 6**—Friends and Family Day

## Day School Graduation

**Day School Graduation is this Monday and Tuesday, May 17 & 18. 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.**



## Mowing Schedule

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

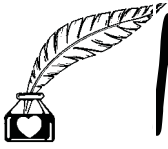


## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Whose picture was on the Roman denarius during the time of Jesus?

(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to all our visitors. We rejoice that you have come our way and welcome you to all of our services... A group of the Primetimers enjoyed a marvelous trip to Pigeon Forge this past week, and we thank Ralph Conkle for driving the bus... Precious memories flood our souls this week as we reflect on the passing of Paul Spears. He contributed to our Wednesday morning and evening adult Bible classes and attended all services when he was able...and at times when he wasn't. We will miss his presence at church, in the community, and in all areas where he would use his wisdom to brighten the corner wherever he was. A book could be written about his life. We join the family in thanking all who helped in so many ways to lighten the load in his passing... Congratulations to our Day School Graduates and we thank all who make this good work a reality.

**We Find What We Are Looking For:** We used the following illustration in a recent Wednesday night class. The idea has been used in various ways and it reveals a great truth:

A traveler nearing a city asked a woman seated by the wayside, "What are the people like in this city?"

She proceeded to ask him. "What were the people like where you came from?"

"A terrible lot," the traveler responded. "Mean, untrustworthy, detestable in all respects."

"Ah," said the woman, "you will find them the same in the city ahead."

Scarcely was the traveler gone when another one stopped and also inquired about the people in the city before him. Again the old woman asked about the people in the place the traveler had left.

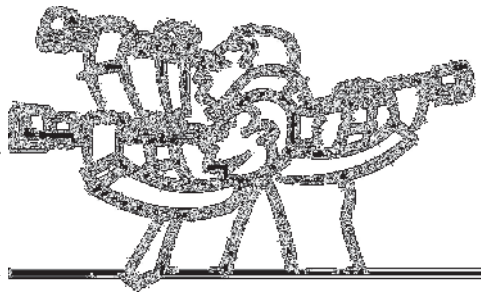
"They were fine people; honest, industrious, and generous to a fault. I was sorry to leave," declared the second traveler.

Responded the wise woman, "So you will find them in the city ahead."

This same truth is expressed in the hummingbird and the buzzard. They find what they are looking for. Also, cf. 1 Cor. 13:7.

**On The Lighter Side:** It is a well known fact that opposites attract — that's why people who can't remember anything wind up with people who can't forget. Usually he can't remember her birthday and she won't let him forget that he can't remember.

**Sentence Sermons:** A smile is a light in the window of your life that says your heart is at home. Also, I read this past week that a *smile* is a cheap facelift...Every pessimist in history is buried in an unmarked grave...If we reach for the stars we may not reach them today but we are assured we won't come up with a handful of mud. See Phil. 4:11-13.



*You Are Invited!*

*Because you have shared in their lives by your friendship and love, we*



*invite you to join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents, John and Janie Ellis, on Saturday the 22nd of May from 2 until 4'oclock in the afternoon at the Hohenwald church of Christ. From Mike, Steve, Karen, Cheryl and families*

## Special Donations

A donation has been made to the Building Fund by Bill and Jane Lawson in memory of *Freddie Roth* and his mother, *Gertie Roth*, for their love of the church and family.

The Lawsons also made a donation to the Building Fund in memory of *Bill Rogers* for his dedication to the church and his family.

Through these new classroom facilities the future leaders of the church can be trained.



BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 5/09	
A.M. Bible Class	189
A.M. Worship Service	302
P.M. Worship Service	153
Wednesday PM	195
Contribution:	\$6,054.75
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:**  
The Almighty will be your gold  
and your precious silver.  
(Job 22:25)

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*

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8

As I try and write this article, it's proving to be difficult. I've got a lot on my mind and it's hard to focus. It doesn't matter so much what these things are as that they continue to crowd in on my thoughts and specifically crowd out the thoughts I want to have. I know this is common for us all. You may not have bulletin articles to write, but you've tried to focus on spiritual matters before and found it difficult. Maybe you try to pray but find yourself lost in thought about the very things on your prayer list. Suddenly you realize, "Wait, I was praying about these!" It's hard to focus. Maybe you are reading your Bible and suddenly realize you've read a chapter but your mind was a million miles away. Your eyes passed over the words, but your heart remained untouched because you couldn't focus. So what do you do?

I find this to be a constant battle many Christians fight. I wonder if it isn't what David was dealing with in Psalm 4. He tells us to "ponder in your own hearts on your beds," and he talks about what to do when we are overwhelmed with questions about God and His goodness. And isn't that the heart of our experience, too? It's not that we struggle with doubts or the "big questions" about God and the Bible. No, we are more often overwhelmed with a thousand little questions that nag at us and refuse to go away. They swarm around in our heads like gnats.

David's answer is to look to the Lord alone for peace, sleep, and safety. I think sometimes my spiritual Attention Deficit Disorder results from the fact that I'm not fully trusting in the Lord alone. I pray things like, "Lord, help me to ..." and "Lord, I know that together you and I can get through this..." Too often I find myself still trusting in my own ability to find a solution or work something out. But the peace I'm searching for only comes from surrendering completely to God's Sovereign will.

What about you? Where is your focus? What worries trouble you and keep you from worshiping and trusting in Christ alone? Let's surrender to the Lord and trust Him fully!

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