

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

This past week has been a busy one! I enjoyed getting to speak at two area congregations. On Tuesday night I spoke at Church Street church of Christ in Lewisburg, TN to the adult class at Vacation Bible School. *Justin Morton* is the youth minister there for a little while longer. He will be starting a new work with the Karns church of Christ in Knoxville, TN in August. *Travis Amacher* and *Lee Hudgins* accompanied me on that trip. Their internship this summer is going well. Last Wednesday night I spoke at the Flatrock congregation here in Lewis County as a part of their summer series. It was great to be with them and worship together. As always, it is great to be back home at Lomax and I look forward to our time together in service to the King!

Next week will be our annual Independence Day celebration. We are thankful to be in a country that allows us to worship freely and we celebrate the blessings that God has poured out on America.

Our numbers have been down lately as several of our members have traveled for summer vacation. Know that you are missed when you are gone! We trust you will find a church with which to worship when you are away on a Sunday and we pray they will encourage you even as you bless them. Also don't forget that the work here at Lomax goes on even when you are away. Thanks to several of you who leave your contribution ahead or make it up when you return. The ministries of this church depend on your generosity!

- *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.

Congregational Independence Day Picnic and Games Next Sunday, July 4



Schedule:

6:00 PM — Evening Worship
Following Worship — Picnic
and Games

Hamburgers, hotdogs and buns will be provided. Bring chips, drinks, and desserts.
Dark (8:30ish) — Fireworks
Everyone is invited!

☆ **M.N.M.** ☆

Monday Night
Matters

7th-12th Graders!

Meet at the building
tomorrow night at 6:30!

Bring your friends and bring your Bible and plan to have a great time!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Verlin George got a good report from the doctor and continues to recover at home from a fall and surgery on her shoulder.

Hilda Baker is in room 581 at Maury Regional Medical Center.

Mann Nutt will meet with the doctors tomorrow to make plans for a heart procedure soon.

Jan Ammons had surgery last week and is recovering.

Continue to remember: *Ethel Poore, Annette Peery, Beryl Wynne, Dianne Daniel, Tiny Hinson, Anderson Spears, Ilio Miller and Marjean Doyle.*

Shut-ins: *Marjean Doyle, Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Carma Edwards, Tiny Hinson and Jewell Tatum.*

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Ilio Miller, J. R. Page, 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*).

"Do not grieve, for the joy
of the LORD
is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10, XIV



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

June 28—Monday Night Matters

July 4 — Special Independence
Day Service

July 5—Monday Night Matters

July 11— 80th Birthday party for
Malcom George

July 11— Elders/deacons
meeting

July 11 — Big D.O.G.S.

July 11 — Going away party for
the Hills

July 12—Monday Night Matters

July 14 — Teen Meal

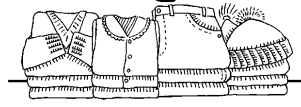
July 16 — Art Says It Camp

July 17 — Bowling Trip

Help for Menifee County

We need workers!

Clothing Drive



We will be meeting in the basement on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00- 8:30 to sort and box the clothes going to Menifee County, KY. Anyone who can help, please come and lend a hand!

For more information please see Judy Smith.

Going Away Party



After worship Sunday evening, July 11, we will have a special time of fellowship to say goodbye to Trent and Lori Hill and their family who will be moving next month. We will be presenting the Hills with a special memory book.

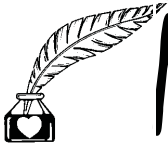
Please see Kara Farr or Heather Salisbury to get a page to fill out for the book. Please fill it out and return to Kara or Heather by **July 4**. The Hills know about the party, but we are trying to keep the memory book a secret.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Which gospel uses the
word "immediately" over
35 times?

(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom

A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors. We are glad you came our way. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 and on Wed. at 10 AM and 7PM....“Within Our Own Power” is scheduled for the evening sermon... Thanks again for your prayers and every act of kindness you continue to show following Verlin’s surgery....The following article was submitted by N. T. and is a Biblical reminder of the “Christian Athlete.”

A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS....On more than one occasion in the Bible, Paul speaks of the Christian athlete. He pictures himself as a runner getting ready for the race (1 Cor. 9). He also reminds Timothy that he had “finished the course” (2 Tim. 4). Thus as *disciples* we are to sit at the feet of Jesus and study His word...As *soldiers* we are to fight the good fight of faith (Eph. 6) and as *racers* we are to run with patience the race that is set before us (Heb. 12:1). However, as racers we are to remember the following:

We Must Enter The Race. Some are content to simply watch from the bleachers. Others say, “We are now ready to play the game according to what abilities we have been given.” (Cf. Acts 2:37-47)

We Must Play According To The Rules...Every contest has rules. Yet, we do not write our own rules but follow God’s instruction BOOK and not try to put our lives together without an inspired pattern (2 Tim. 3:16).

We Must Stay In Shape...(See 1 Cor. 9:24-27). These verses remind us to get in shape and stay in shape. Christians grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (Cf. 2 Pet. 1 and 3). Staying in shape requires a steady diet of the Word of God and a proper application of His spiritual food (1 Pet. 1:7; Matt. 4:4).

We Must Finish The Game To Win...2 Tim. 4:7... “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” Paul warned Timothy not to make a *shipwreck* of his faith. We are to be *faithful unto death* to receive the crown of life (Rev. 2:10). At the end of the contest we will be rejoicing as we hear *well done thy good and faithful servant!*

On The Lighter Side: Preacher: Do you want obey left out of the marriage ceremony? Bride: Oh no! I expect my husband to mind. Also, Mother: Jake, you have misbehaved, so eat your dinner on this table in the corner. Little Jake (asking blessing): Lord, I thank you for a table in the presence of my enemies.

Sentence Sermon: Many receive advice. Only the wise profit from it.



Birthdays

- 2nd Sue Amacher
- 5th Jacob Hill
- 6th Van Rasbury
- 8th Kim Atkinson
- 10th Malcom George
- 11th Cynthia Miller
- 13th Andolyn Carroll
- 15th Jane Lawson
- 18th Cole Farr
Amber Venable
- 21st Jed Amacher
Chelsa Beasley
- 22nd Ethan Dye
Jeff Dye
- 25th Melany Dunavant
- 26th Sandra Clayton
- 29th Pickard Griner
- 30th Carolyn Armstrong
- 31st Marguerite Bullion

Anniversaries

- 1st Danny & Carolyn Spears
- 2nd Tommy & Sandra Clayton
- 3rd Clifford & Nadine
Turnbow
- 11th Bobby & Dianne Daniel
- 20th Pop & Betty Hinson
- 23rd Boyd & Jeanette West
- 26th Malcom & Verlin George
- 28th J.W. & Jean Curry

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 6/20	
A.M. Bible Class	164
A.M. Worship Service	221
P.M. Worship Service	121
Wednesday PM	158
Contribution:	\$4,297.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Thirteen
(Joshua 6:1-4)

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 by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” Hebrews 10:14

Thanks to my friend Pat Odum for inspiring these thoughts. It's only happened 20 times in the recorded history of baseball. But it *should* be 21. Since June 12, 1880, only 20 professional pitchers have pitched a perfect game. 27 batters up, 27 batters down. Earlier this month, Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers retired the first 26 batters for the Cleveland Indians. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Jason Donald came to the plate. He hit a short ball to the first baseman and Galarraga came over to cover the play. Donald is a fast runner, but Galarraga clearly beat him by a step. Everyone turned to first base umpire Jim Joyce to wait for him to make the “out” call and set off a huge celebration. Joyce would say later, after seeing the replay, “It was the biggest call of my career.” And he blew it. At the moment, Joyce really believed that Donald beat the tag and was safe. He blew the call and cost Galarraga a place in the history books.

It's hard to be perfect. Just ask Armando Galarraga. Or Jim Joyce. But we don't have to ask them, do we? We know how hard it is to be perfect. To try and try but still come up just short. It's hard to be perfect even for a moment. And it's impossible to maintain it.

That's why it has to be God's work. In Christ, God has *perfected* us. That is, He made us perfect. Because we could never do it on our own. He has made us complete, brought us to the point where we have everything we need to be saved. In Christ. He did it because we couldn't.

After he realized his mistake, Joyce asked to meet with Galarraga and apologized. He even cried. The men did what we must all do when we are imperfect. They admitted their mistakes, apologized, and forgave each other. They chose not to let imperfection define them.

As long as we are in Christ, imperfection doesn't have to define us. We can be perfected in Him. The issue is settled, the conflict is over. Our sins are forgiven and we are perfect. Anyone who would say otherwise is just off base.

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