

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great day last Sunday as we worshiped together and later celebrated our national independence. Thanks to everyone who helped us with the festivities Sunday night. Special thanks to *Mike Hinson* and his crew for the fireworks and *Matthew Farr* and *Steve Edwards* for the cooking.

The best news of the week came *very* early Wednesday morning. About 1:30 in the morning *Eli Dye* and *Garrett O'Brien* were baptized at Horizons at FHU. *Ethan Dye* got to baptize his brother. What a special time! We are so proud of these two young men and their decision to give their lives to the Lord. We pray He will bless them with a long life of serving Him.

Today is a special day, too. This afternoon we will celebrate as *Malcom George* marks the 45th anniversary of his 35th birthday. We are blessed to have Malcom and Verlin here at Lomax and to have our lives be touched by his. After our evening service we will honor a special family here at Lomax. *Trent and Lori Hill* placed membership here the Sunday I tried out. We have enjoyed working with them the last 10 years at church and especially the friendship we have developed. Tonight we will join with you in wishing them a fond farewell and praying God's richest blessings on them and their family as they begin a new chapter of life in Columbia, TN. Come tonight and celebrate the memories we've made and the fun we've had as well as thank them for the influence they've had on each one of us.

- 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.

Baptisms!



We rejoice that **Eli Dye** (on the right) and **Garrett O'Brien** were baptized last week at Horizons!

You can send them a note of congratulations at:

Eli Dye
611 4th Ave. West
Hohenwald, TN 38462

Garrett O'Brien
1730 Rockhouse Road
Hohenwald, TN 38462




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:

Marjorie Graves has been moved to St. Thomas Hospital following a stroke. She will be going to the skilled care facility at MRMC for rehab when she is released.

Ethel Poore has returned to Lewis County Manor following a stay in the hospital.

Hilda Baker remains in the skilled care section of Maury Regional Medical Center for rehab.

Paul Kinzie, grandfather of *Lawrence Kinzie*, is in critical condition in Ohio.

Continue to remember: *Verlin George, Dianne Daniel, Tiny Hinson, Beryl Wynne, and Anderson Spears.*

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

In Lewis County Manor: *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Michelle Huff, 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*).



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

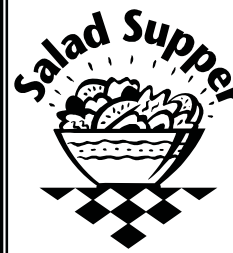
All Tweenagers (ages 2 through 6th grade) are invited to join us next Sunday, July 18, at 5:00 pm for Big D.O.G.S. Snacks will be provided. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



You Are Invited!

Brock and Kayla Spears would like to invite everyone to an Open House at their home on Sunday, July 25,

from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. Refreshments will be served. Please bring lawn chairs and fishing poles to enjoy the backyard and ponds. The church bus will be leaving from the building at 1:30 for those who cannot drive. Brock and Kayla live at 1315 Hurricane Creek Rd., Linden, TN 37096.



Ladies' Night Out

All the ladies are invited to the home of Betsy Tiller tomorrow evening, July 12, at 6:30 for Ladies' Night Out. Please bring a favorite salad and come ready for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Don't forget!

Elders, deacons, and preachers will meet today at 4:00 pm.



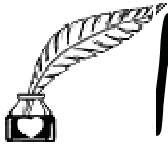
**A Look Ahead
Put these dates
on your calendar!**

- July 12—Monday Night Matters
- July 14 — Teen Meal
- July 16 — Art Says It Camp
- July 17 — Bowling Trip
- July 18 — Big D.O.G.S.
- July 19—Monday Night Matters
- July 25—Open House at Brock and Kayla Spears'
- July 25—All Age Devo
- July 26—Monday Night Matters
- Aug. 4—Teen Meal
- Aug. 6-8—Lomax Gospel Meeting

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Which prophet asked if God would be pleased with 10,000 rivers of oil?
(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...Thanks to Brother Yogie for teaching my class this past Wed. night since I was in a summer series at Fourth St. in Selmer...The Prime Timers are reminded of our pizza birthday party following our Wed. morning class this week....THANKS...Verlin and I express our gratitude, appreciation, thanksgiving, etc. for every prayer, card, calls, visits, food, and every act of kindness during her recovery from a fall resulting in surgery. She is planning on being able to be at services today.

WATCHING YOU! You will notice on page 721 in our hymnal a song entitled *Watching You*. This song reminds us that there is an *all seeing Eye watching us*. This all seeing Eye is continually aware and concerned about our welfare since we are made in the image of God. Jesus told his disciples prior to His ascension that He must go back home but He would send the Comforter and assure them that He would always be with them (Matt. 28:19-20). We also have the same assurance in passages like Heb. 13:5. The Hebrew Christians to whom the words of this text are addressed had undergone fierce persecutions in which much of their worldly goods had been confiscated. They were tempted to leave the faith and go back to a fulfilled law which was only a schoolmaster to bring them to Christ.



It is sometimes so easy to give way to bitter discontent. We begin to compare ourselves to ourselves or to others and forget the greater riches in Christ that no one can take from us unless we give them away. It is so easy to become bitter and complain when our happiness is built around circumstances. Yet, we are reminded to become better instead of bitter as we reflect on Heb. 13:5. We must remember that each of us is precious to Him who redeemed us by His blood and tears and that He has said "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Now, let us sing "Blessed Assurance"! (Song number 71).

On The Lighter Side: "Allow me to present my wife to you."
"Many thanks, but I have one."

Caller—"Good morning, Mrs. Smith. I'm from the gas company. I understand there is something in the house that won't work?"

Mrs. Smith—"Yes, he's upstairs."

Sermon Briefs: Kites rise against, not with, the wind....This past week we have emphasized the value of freedom Also, let us never forget that *only the truth will make us really free* (John 8:32). True wisdom begins with God (Prov. 1:7).

Guess Who's 80 Years Young?



The family of **Malcom George** invites you to his **80th Birthday Celebration** today at the Lomax Christian Service Center. The party begins with a short program at 2:00 pm and will last until 3:00 pm. The honor of your presence is the only gift requested.

Going Away Party



We will have a special party tonight after our evening services to say goodbye to the Hill family. Please bring finger foods (drinks and dessert will be provided).

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 7/4**

A.M. Bible Class	169
A.M. Worship Service	232
P.M. Worship Service	130
Wednesday PM	134
Contribution:	\$5,358.75
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
King Belshazzar
Daniel 5:5

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

“And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”

John 10:4

In John 10, Jesus says that He is the Good Shepherd. He also describes Christians as His sheep. Jesus says that the Good Shepherd leads his sheep and they follow him. But what is important is *why* they follow him. They don't follow him because they think he is the best looking shepherd or the shepherd who has the most fun. They don't even follow him because he is the shepherd who provides for their needs. They follow the Good Shepherd because they know his voice.

Too often I think we have missed this important point, both in our own spiritual lives and in our evangelistic efforts. In our own lives we have often failed to realize the importance of recognizing the voice of Jesus. When we make decisions in our lives, they should be based on what Jesus says. The good things we do should be because we have the voice of Jesus (also known as the Bible) that tells us to do them. We avoid evil because Jesus tells us not to have anything to do with sin and darkness. Being a sheep of the Good Shepherd means we follow Him because we know His voice.

Today it is in vogue to base our evangelistic efforts on what is popular and will “draw people.” But if we convert people to our fun activities or our entertaining worship service, then we have not introduced them to the voice of Jesus. Jesus said that He would draw all men to Him. If we preach the gospel and share the good news of Jesus Christ, the lost will be saved, the backsliding Christians will return and the church will grow — not because of anything new or faddish that we are doing, but because we have focused on the voice of Jesus. It is impossible to over-emphasize the importance of knowing the Scriptures because it is only in knowing them that we can know the voice of the Good Shepherd. Only when we are familiar with the Bible can we be familiar with the voice of Jesus so that we can recognize it at a moment's notice and follow it. May our ears ever be tuned to hear His voice!

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