

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great but busy Sunday last week! Sunday afternoon we celebrated with *Malcom* and honored him on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Some of the stories that came out that day were priceless! What a special joy to get to show him a portion of the honor and respect we have for him and to get to say thank you for the way he has touched our lives. We are blessed to have Malcom and Verlin here at Lomax. Sunday evening we honored *Trent and Lori Hill* and their family with a farewell get-together. Trent is going to be the new principal of the lower school at Columbia Academy and the Hills have moved to Columbia. We wish them well in this new phase of life! After such a busy day I went home to rest, but I didn't know the day wasn't over yet! Later that evening I got a phone call that *Houston Hamblin* was going to be baptized. About 25 of us gathered to witness Houston begin his life in the Lord. It was a fantastic end to what had already been a great day. Then we got even more great news Thursday evening that *Kayla Spears* was baptized by her husband *Brock*! It's been a wonderful week!

Our gospel meeting is just a few weeks away. Now is the time to begin inviting your friends to be with us for this special time of fellowship and Bible study. *Andy Connelly* will be our speaker. Andy is a friend of mine and I am excited to have him with us. You will enjoy hearing Andy present the gospel and challenge mature Christians in his lessons. Make plans to be here and bring a friend!

- 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 Houston Hamblin was baptized last Sunday evening. He is pictured with his grandfather, Don Hinson, who baptized him.

Kayla Spears was baptized Thursday evening. We will have a picture in next week's bulletin.

You can send them a note of congratulations at:

Houston Hamblin
463 Goodman Branch Road
Hohenwald, TN 38462

Kayla Spears' address is on page 2.



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

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

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Jon Paul Hinson was in a car wreck last Sunday and suffered two broken vertebrae in his back. He is recovering at Rosie's.

Marguerite Flowers is recovering at home following a fall.

Nychelle McKissack had wisdom teeth surgery this week.

Shelia Carroll has pneumonia.

Ethan Dye had wisdom teeth surgery this week.

Marjorie Graves has been moved to MRMC room 100 for rehab.

Hilda Baker has gone to her daughter's house in Kentucky as she continues to recover. She will be there at least 2-3 weeks. Her address is Hilda Baker, c/o Kenda Jones, 1508 Oak Ridge Court, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

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

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*).



Monday Night Matters

7th-12th Graders!

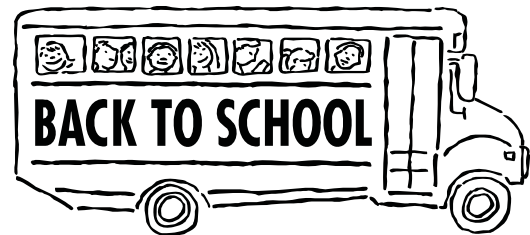
Meet at the building tomorrow night at 6:30!

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



You Are Invited!
Brock and Kayla Spears would like to invite everyone to an Open House at their

home next 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



Back to School Devo

Next Sunday, July 25, after evening services we will have an All Age Devo. Please bring finger foods and desserts (drinks are provided). We will have a special gift for all the kids who are with us that night. If you would like to contribute toward that project (we are trying to raise about \$100), please see Fran Hamblin or Heather Powell.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

July 19—Monday Night Matters

July 25—Open House at Brock and Kayla Spears'

July 25—Back to School Devo

July 26—Monday Night Matters

Aug. 4—Teen Meal

Aug. 6-8—Lomax Gospel Meeting

Aug. 15 — Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting

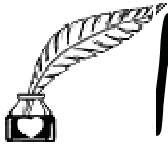
Aug. 15 — Big D.O.G.S.

Aug. 22 — All Age Devo

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "These are a shadow of the things to come but the substance belongs to Christ"? (answer next week)

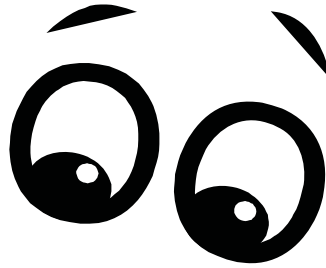
KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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 beyond words for continuing to keep Verlin on the prayer list as she recovers from surgery. Also, thanks for all that shared with me in my fourscore celebration. I will treasure the memories of that day...We plan to be away July 18-21 for a gospel meeting at Shiloh Park. Thanks in advance to David for arranging to teach my Wed. classes. He always does an excellent job....Don't forget that our gospel meeting is just around the corner —Aug. 6-8 with Andy Connelly....Speaking of age...I was given the following list: Marguerite Flowers 4/1916...Minnie Sue Willis 7/1916...Hershel Spears 9/1916...Robena Gunter 1/1917...Jennie Burdette 9/1918...and Ethel Poore 10/1918...Did we miss anyone in this age bracket?

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking...I have recently observed a number of folks doing good deeds when they thought I wasn't looking and the following (author unknown) source came to my mind. It is thought to be a tribute of a daughter to her mother.



When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake just for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there was a God I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night, and I loved it.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

On The Lighter Side: At my granddaughter's wedding, the DJ polled the guests to see who had been married the longest. It turned out to be my husband and I who had been. He then asked us, "What advice you would give the newly married couple?" I said, "The three most important words in a marriage are, "You're probably right." Everyone then looked at my husband. He said, "She's probably right." —Submitted by BN...

Sentence Sermon: "It is more blessed to give than receive" (Acts 20:35).

Memorial Contributions

The following memorial contributions have been received recently by the church:

To the building fund from Bob & Lovada Burklow in memory of Paul Spears.

To the cemetery fund from Waylin & Janie Spears in memory of Jack and Myrtle Williams.

To the cemetery fund from Butch & JoAnn Lawson in memory of Horace and Jesse Lawson

To the cemetery fund from the Isham and Lois Lawson-Hooks family in memory of Paul Spears.

Also a donation was made to the building fund by Dennis & Janet Johnson in honor of Malcom George's 80th birthday.

The church gratefully acknowledges these donations in honor and memory of these great Christians. If you would like to make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, please see Bill Lawson.

Communion Announcement

We have changed the way the grape juice is prepared for the



communion each week. The outer ring of each tray is left empty to receive the used cups. To ensure that you are the first person to use a cup, please take one from the inner circles and place it in the outside ring when you are finished. Thank you for your help with this!

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 7/11	
A.M. Bible Class	165
A.M. Worship Service	
P.M. Worship Service	165
Wednesday PM	168
Contribution:	\$4,660.12
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
The prophet Micah
Micah 6:7

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*
Jeff Spears — *Education, Youth*
Larry Tatum — *Maintenance*
Walt Thompson — *Benevolence*
Lynn Tiller — *Facilities Usage*

The Last Word

“Go therefore... and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.” Matthew 22:9

There is a certain tone to the preacher’s voice that often signals the end of the sermon. Generally, as I begin to wrap up a lesson, one can hear people putting their Bibles away and even taking out their song books to prepare for the singing of the invitation song. Yet what happens at the end of a sermon is a grand moment that should not be taken for granted. When the invitation is offered, it is not my invitation. It doesn’t come from the elders. It is a time when we acknowledge that God’s invitation is *always* open to anyone who desires to be saved or restored. All of heaven holds its breath every time the gospel is preached and an opportunity to respond is given. Will this be the moment that a soul will decide to be saved or an erring child choose to come home? And yet, it seems that the period of time in which heaven is most interested, many of us are bored or preoccupied.

I know that an invitation is our tradition, not a command of scripture. I’m not trying to elevate it to the level of a divine directive, but I think it’s a good tradition and one that we should honor and respect. Satan knows that lost souls are most vulnerable in that moment, so he will capitalize on any opening to keep folks from responding. Make sure that you do not provide him with the distraction he needs.

Here are a few suggestions for how to respect this moment of decision:

If you must leave early, do so before or after the invitation.

If you are out of the auditorium, wait until the end of the song to return to your seat.

While the song is being sung, if you do not feel the need to respond publicly, pray for those who do.

When others respond, go down front with them and give them a visible sign of our love and support. Responding to the Lord’s invitation should never be a lonely process! May God help us to support those who desire to respond! - *DAVID*

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