

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

There's so much going on today at church that it's hard to decide what to tell you about first! This afternoon we will bid farewell brother *Artie Collins* and his wife *Marie* who have given 30 years of their life to ministry in Lewis County with the Springer congregation. It has been a blessing to work with Artie, and I have always enjoyed the time we spend together. I'll miss being able to call on him for wisdom and guidance as well as the encouragement he always offers. I join with all of you in celebrating his ministry here and wishing him nothing but the best for the future. This evening we'll have an All Age Devotional after services. I hope all of you will stay for it and enjoy the meal afterward. Next Sunday promises to be a busy one as well! There's plenty to do at Lomax! If you want to be involved, you'll get the chance!

Our college kids have just about all returned to school now. *Nychelle McKissack* is spending a semester in Europe and her address appears on page three. Drop her a note!

We have been missing several of our regular members lately, too. Some are sick and others are travelling. When you notice someone is absent, be sure to call and check on them. They may just need a word of encouragement and your call could do the trick! If there is something the church can do to help, please be sure to pass that information on to me, Malcom, or one of the elders. It takes all of us working together and looking out for each other to be the Christian family that God intends us to be!

- 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.



There will be an All Age Devotional tonight after evening worship. Matthew Farr will be speaking and Tyler Hinson will lead the singing. Please bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts.



LADIES'
Night Out

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to the home of Alice Ammons tomorrow night at 6:30 to enjoy a Ladies' Night Out. Please bring your Bible and a dish of food.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Shelia Carroll is at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for treatment.

Zachary Atkinson had his adenoids removed Friday at Vanderbilt.

Elvis Williams, minister at the Flatrock church of Christ, is home from the hospital. He did not have a heart attack.

Continue to remember: *Margie Graves, Brooke Duncan, Dianne Daniel, 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*).



Day School Donations

Our Day School year is well underway and they are in need of the following items. If you can help, please put these items in the box in foyer. Thank you!

- napkins
- baby wipes (refills, please)
- Kleenex
- gold fish/ graham crackers
- apple juice



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

Aug. 29 — Fifth Sunday
Contribution to Day School

Aug. 29 — Youth Committee
Meeting

Aug. 29 — LLL Kickoff Banquet

Sep. 1 — Teen Meal

Sep. 11 — Kids Rally

Sep. 12 — Friends & Family Day
Teacher Appreciation Day

Sep. 12 — Elders, Deacons,
Preachers meeting.



It's that exciting
time of year
again! Our Lads
to Leaders/
Leaderettes
Kickoff Banquet
will be next
week!

Sunday, Aug.
29, after

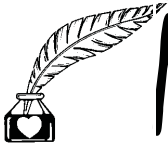
evening worship we will meet in the CSC
to officially begin our Lads to Leaders
2010/2011 year and sign up for events. If
you can help with food, please see Traci
Amacher. If you would like to help direct
an event, please see David.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

**Which prophet did God
call to be a watchman
over Israel?**

(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 Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM...The Primetimers are reminded of our birthday party at Lewis Co. Manor this Wed. (25th) at 2:00...We have a chance today from 2-4 in the afternoon to honor and thank Artie and Marie for their excellent ministry in Lewis Co. and surrounding areas. As you know they plan to move to Florence this Monday...Which age group has greater temptations? We plan to discuss the answer in the PM sermon.

A Riddle from the Bible: Why was the paralyzed man who was brought to Jesus feel sad? (His four friends let him down)

Of course, you know that the opposite is true. He was fortunate to have such friends and *What A Friend He had in Jesus!* Note the following: *"He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was...they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." (Mk. 2:1-5) NKJV.*



Yes, you know the rest of the story—how that Jesus healed the man along with forgiving him his sins. We see a *4-H Club* in this story. The *Hindersers* were shocked that that He forgave the man who had been lame. They were shocked by these words because they did not accept Him as the Son of God. Immediately, they started a plan to have Him put to death. On the other hand, the *Helpers, Healer, and Healed* provide us a miracle that will forever be precious or a pearl of great price. Let us rejoice that we can first and foremost have the forgiveness of sins by our submission to Him. See Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:37-47; 1 John 1:7, etc.

On The Lighter Side: Two young ladies were chatting one day and one told the other that she had been asked to get married a number of times. By who?, came the reply. Oh, if you must know...it was by my mom and dad!

Sentence Sermons: God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage..... You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.....The will of God never takes you to where the grace of God will not protect you.....If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.....Don't let what you can't do interfere with what you can.

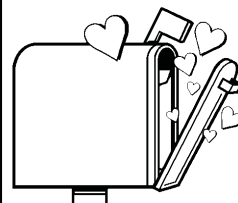


Everyone is invited to a farewell party for **Artie and Marie Collins** today from 2-4 p.m. at the Lomax Christian Service Center. Artie has been the minister of the Springer congregation for 30 years. He and Marie will be moving to Alabama this week to live with their son.

5th Sunday Contribution



Next Sunday, August 29, will be a fifth Sunday and our contribution that day will go to our Day School.



Nychelle Mckissack is studying in Belgium this semester. You

can write to her at :
L'Eglise du Christ
Nychelle McKissack
50 rue Ortman
4800 Verviers, Belgium

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 8/15	
A.M. Bible Class	166
A.M. Worship Service	
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	136
Contribution:	\$
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Joseph
(Acts 4:36)

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

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,” Ephesians 4:11

“Are you the Pastor?” I get asked that question a lot. Sometimes people who visit with us will ask; other times when I am in town folks will ask me which church I pastor. By far the most common time though, is when people call the church office. “Can I speak to the Pastor?” they ask. I think most people who call me a pastor are well intentioned but misinformed about how that word is used in the Bible.

The word pastor literally means “shepherd.” It comes from the Greek word *poimein*. The word pastor appears in your English translation in Ephesians 4:11 where Paul says that some people are given the ability by God to be pastors and teachers. The Greek word is used elsewhere in the New Testament, but every other time it is translated as “shepherd.” It can refer to a literal shepherd who keeps sheep, but when used of the church, it refers to the elders (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:1-2). That is why I don’t take the title “pastor” for the work I do. I’m not an elder of the church, and so it doesn’t apply to me.

I know that many people use the word to describe my job and some have asked me, “So what are you if you’re not a pastor?” I tell them I prefer the title minister or preacher for the work I do. A preacher is one who proclaims the Word of God and a minister is a servant of the church. Both of those describe my job more correctly than the term pastor.

And really, while the call to shepherd the flock of God is unique to those men who preside as elders, the call to ministry and service in the church is for all Christians. We are all to share the gospel with those around us and we are all to be busy serving the Lord. Each and every one of us must find the gifts that God has given us and work to use them for the advancement of His kingdom. We can’t all be apostles, prophets, or even pastors, but we can all be ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

May He help us to find our place and do our part! - *DAVID*

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