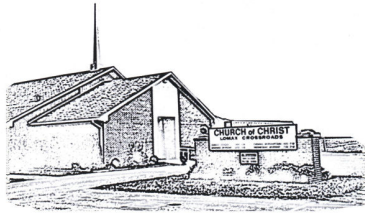


# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

We had a great Friends and Family day last week! Thanks to everyone who invited guests and to all who prepared and served food. I hated to miss it with sick folks at my house, but I know you had a good day. A huge thank you to *Malcom* for covering everything at the last minute. Our Ladies' Day was a success and I understand the women are already making plans for next year! This is always a busy and exciting time of year at Lomax!

We were sorry to hear that *Waymon Vickery* got sick this past week and is unable to be with us for our singing workshop. We will reschedule with him soon.

There is a great opportunity coming up for you to invite your friends to come to church. During the first week of December every home in Lewis County will receive a copy of House to House/ Heart to Heart from the Lomax church of Christ. It will include a special invitation for people to join us for our Community Christmas meal as well as an invitation to be with us for worship anytime. This is an easy open door for you to ask your friends about church and invite them to come visit with us. Recent studies have shown that 85% of visitors came to church because someone asked them to come. So speak up and invite a friend! Better than that, be sure to meet them as soon as they arrive and walk in with them. Help them find a Bible class for everyone in their family and then invite them to sit with you in the service. It really makes a difference — YOU can really make a difference!

-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.

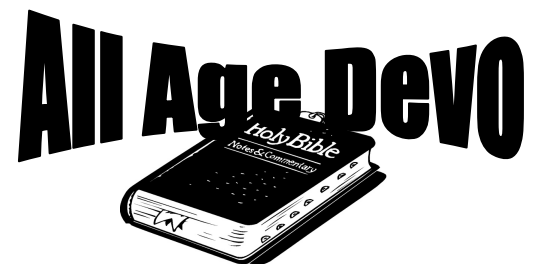
If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help you, please let us know while you are here or call 796-5381.



Ladies' Night Out will be tomorrow night, November 17, at 6:30 pm at the home of Betsy Tiller. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for food. Bring a friend!



**Don't Forget!**  
The Elders, Deacons and Preachers will meet today at 4 pm.



There will be an All Age Devo next Sunday, November 23, after evening worship. Please bring finger foods.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Sick:**

*Dianna Owens* will have a heart valve replacement procedure this Tuesday.

*Wanda Vineyard* had outpatient surgery last week. She is recovering at home.

*Estelle Mercer* is home from the hospital.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to the family of *Ersie Duncan* who passed away last week. Her funeral was Friday.

We also extend our sympathy to *Bonnie O'Brien* and her family on the death of her brother, *Anthony Winters*, last week. His funeral was Thursday.

We also extend our sympathy to *Rita Appleton* on the death of her brother last week.

**Shut-ins:** *Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Carma Edwards, and Jessie Mayberry.*

**In Lewis County Manor:** *Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Osteen Hinson, Michelle Huff, Carolyn Miller, Lockie Sharp, and Zina Mae Turner.*

**Remember our military:** *Matthew Swinea, Andrew Rogers, Tim Baur* (civilian contractor in Iraq), *Justin Conkle and Kerry Conkle* (grandsons of *Ralph and Sue Conkle*), *Tommy Iverson* (son of *Tom Iverson*), *Dustin Bruggmann* (grandson of *Jim & Sharon Grinder*), and *Matt Pfaff* (nephew of *Erik Pfaff*).



## Nursing Home Decorations

All young people in kindergarten through 12th grade will meet at 4:30 **today** to make and deliver Thanksgiving decorations for residents of the Lewis County Manor.

See Kim Bryant if you have any questions.

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Art Says It projects are due November 26 to Lori Hill or Traci Amacher.
- The registration fee for Convention (\$35 per person) is due to Trent or Lori Hill.
- The GIFTS class will meet Nov. 20 at 3:30.

## Silencing of God Class

Yogie Spears will be teaching a special class on the Christian heritage of our country and what is being done by our culture today to undermine our basic Christian values. This class will meet on Wednesday nights in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.



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

**November 23**— All Age Devotional

**November 26** — Congregational Thanksgiving service (no classes)

**November 30** — Cathey's Creek Youth Night

**December 3** — Teen Meal

**December 7** — Adult Christmas Party

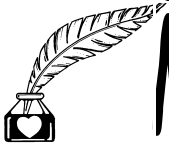
**December 7** — Nursing Home Decorations

**December 7** — West 7th Youth Rally

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

At what church was Paul accused of turning the world upside down?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

## Spotlight on the Day School

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to all our visitors! We are glad that you came our way. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 and on Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM...It was great to see thirty folks brave the rain last Wed. morning and the Primetimers are reminded to be at the CSC this Tuesday at 10:30 for our trip to the Renaissance. Also, pass the word about our ten week DVD showing of the *Silencing of God* on Wed. nights at 7:00. This is a call to reclaim our Christian heritage, return from the depths of moral depravity and restore Biblical values. Each session is to last thirty minutes with a ten minute question and answer session....The color of the fall leaves the past few weeks reminds us of God's power, presence, and promises (Psa. 19). It also reminds us at this season of the year to *Revive our spirits, Lord!* And to never forget to always count our many blessings:

**A JOYFUL HEART** and a *thankful heart* are necessary to appreciate and accept the blessings of God. With God as my source, I am blessed with guidance, resources, opportunities, and an overflowing abundance of joy that is indescribable. The Psalmist reminds us to always express such.... "*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*" (Psa. 86:12).

I have just read about an individual who complained about all his difficulties in life and an older and respected friend reminded him that it could be because he wasn't grateful enough. He told him about a law of living — that if you focus on your adversities you will attract more of them. Be grateful for the privileges of living and your life will become brighter. My advice to you, he said, is to be less of a complainer and more of a thanks giver and your troubles will become a lot more manageable.

Another was told to always use the therapy of forgiveness, to pick folks who had helped him and write a letter of thanks. He wrote a letter of appreciation to one of his teachers and she sent the following response. "When I read your letter my eyes were blinded with tears. Yours was the first letter of thanks I ever received and I will cherish it always."

### A NOTE OF



**On The Lighter Side:** In their later years a wife sat next to her husband and kindly removed his glasses and said, "Without your glasses you look like the same handsome young man I married." "Honey, he replied with a grin, "Without my glasses, you still look pretty good too!"

**Sentence Sermons:** Focus on what you've got. Not what you've not. (Submitted)...Quit griping about the church; if it was perfect you wouldn't fit in....To make a long story short, don't tell it.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 11/9	
A.M. Bible Class	166
A.M. Worship Service	250
P.M. Worship Service	123
Wednesday PM	178
Contribution:	\$4,301.85
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:**  
Edom  
(Psalms 60:8)

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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**DEACONS:**  
Greg Amacher — *Maintenance*  
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Ralph Conkle — *Maintenance*  
Jeff Dye — *Worship Assignments, Missions*  
Matthew Farr — *Missions*  
Trent Hill — *Youth*  
Pop Hinson — *Missions, Visitation*  
Jeff Spears — *Education, Youth*  
Larry Tatum — *Maintenance*  
Walt Thompson — *Benevolence*  
Lynn Tiller — *Facilities Usage*

## *The Last Word*

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 1 Timothy 2:5-6

There's been a lot of stress and worry in the air lately. A recent poll indicated that this year's Christmas season will be a tough one on retailers because many people are buying fewer gifts and decorating less for the holidays to save money. President-elect Obama has already begun to receive criticism for everything from how he speaks to the press to how he handles his staff. And through it all, there is this sense of hopelessness — the idea that things are bad and getting worse.

I'm not trying to be a pie-in-the-sky optimist, but I do know a few things that I'm absolutely confident about — not because I'm smarter than everyone else, but because I know God. I know that God has always blessed His people, even in hard times. I know that we are not called to be soft and lazy in this world but to be salt and light to this world. We pray for our political leaders, but Barack Obama will not be the savior of the world. John McCain would not have been either if he had been elected. That office has been filled and that job has been accomplished. And while your investments might make life on this earth a little easier if they earned more money, you could never have enough to even buy an upgrade for your mansion reserved in Heaven. God Himself knew that we needed saving and He sent Jesus to do just that long before America was even a gleam in the founding fathers' eyes. In so doing, He showed that salvation is not found in government, military might, economic strength or financial power. Instead, He accomplished your salvation with love, grace, mercy, and faith.

So let's not worry so much about politics and money and focus more on being the people of God in the country in which we live. It's not about being red or blue or in the red or black. Let's be Christians first and Americans second. So "Hail to the Chief." Absolutely. But first, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

*-David*

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