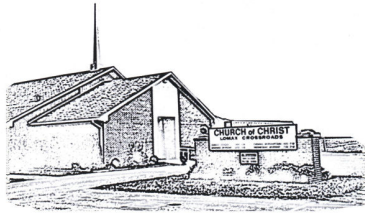


# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

Welcome to a very special Friends and Family Day! We're glad you are here today and we hope you'll join us for a meal after our morning services. The meal today is special because the elders and deacons are preparing and serving it. After our meal we'll have a second worship service and be done for the day. Please join us all day today! You'll be glad you did!

Congratulations to our ladies who hosted another fabulous Ladies Day yesterday! The ladies of Lomax do so much work for the congregation in many different areas and we are thankful they have chosen to take a day to develop and grow spiritually as well as enjoy some good fellowship.

This Saturday will be our Song Leading workshop. Any men or boys that are interested in learning how to lead singing or in improving their song leading skills is urged to join us as *Waymon Vickery* teaches us Saturday evening beginning at 6:30. Next Sunday we will enjoy a time of singing during our Bible class hour and then Waymon will lead at our morning service. Sunday night will be a singing service led by several of our song leaders. Please join us for what promises to be a great, great weekend!

We got word earlier in the week that *Erik and Adrienne Pfaff* arrived safely back in Russia and were greeted with snow, ice, and 30 degree temperatures. They are glad to be home, though, and ready to resume the work there. Please continue to keep them and their ministry in your prayers!

-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.

## Welcome to Friends & Family Day!

We're glad to have you with us! As a special way to serve the congregation, the elders, deacons, and



ministers have prepared lunch for everyone today. Please join us for the meal after our morning services. We will start our second service of the day immediately following the meal (about 12:45).

## Singing Workshop

*Waymon Vickery, instructor*

This Saturday at 6:30 pm we will have a session for song leaders or those interested in learning to lead congregational singing.

Next Sunday morning our service will be focused on our singing. Come to a special Bible class Sunday morning to learn new songs and enjoy a singing service Sunday night.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**Sick:**

Brooke Duncan has been sick and is waiting for test results.  
 Dianna Owens will have a heart valve replacement procedure Tuesday, November 18.  
 Paul Spears had a light stroke last week.  
 Sharon Miller, mother of Mylie McKissack, had heart surgery Friday.

Continue to remember: Estelle Mercer (MRH rehab for broken hip).

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to the family of David Miller who passed away last week. His funeral was Friday.

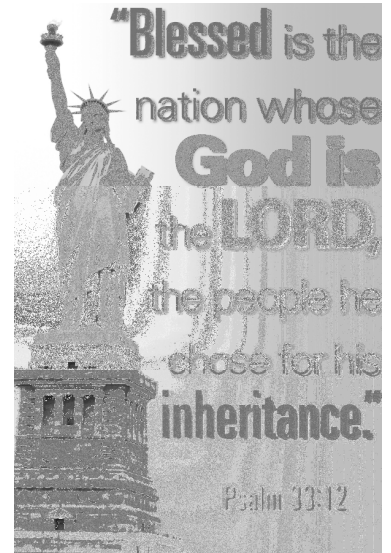
**Shut-ins:** Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Carma Edwards, and Jessie Mayberry.

**In Lewis County Manor:** Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdett, Ersie Duncan, 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).

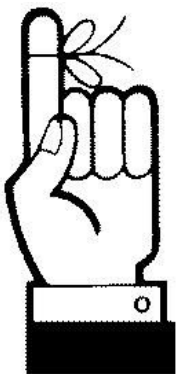
## Silencing of God Class

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 12** — Art Says It camp
- November 15-16** — Singing Workshop
- November 16** — Make decorations for the Nursing Home
- November 16** — Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meeting
- November 23** — All Age Devotional
- November 26** — Congregational Thanksgiving service (no classes)
- December 3** — Teen Meal



The Elders, Deacons, and Preachers will meet next Sunday at 4:00 in the Christian Service Center. If you have any items you would like them to discuss, please turn those in to Yogie Spears.

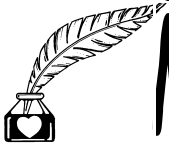
### Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- All Kids in Art Says It will have an art camp this Wednesday night at 6:00 in the CSC. This is for anyone who needs to finish, start, or choose a project.
- The registration fee for Convention (\$35 per person) is due to Trent or Lori Hill.

### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What nation did God toss His shoes upon?  
(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. We are especially thrilled to see you join us today for Friends & Family Day. We know you will enjoy David's lesson this AM on Friendship and don't forget to remain for the special meal. Immediately after the meal we will return to the auditorium where I am scheduled to talk about *An Attitude of Gratitude*. Thanks again for all who made it possible for us to be away a few days last week for vacation. The Primetimers are reminded of our birthday pizza following class this Wed. morning and our trip to the Renaissance on the 18th...Nov. is upon us and you may be reading several reminders like the following:

**TAKE TIME TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION...**Someone has said that they didn't think that it was the cruel and mocking torture in the halls of the High Priest and Pilate that wounded the heart and spirit of the Lord as much as the failure of the dearest and nearest who just stood by without expressing words of comfort, kindness and encouragement. Many times it is not the cruelty of the enemy that seeks to destroy us that wounds us the most. It is the ones we hope will help us carry our burden (Gal. 6:1-5) and express kindness, encouragement and love but are often as silent as the tomb.



You noticed in our article last week that it doesn't take an expert to criticize and find fault. Some people even think that it is the sign of virtue and strength to find fault and a sign of weakness to say "*I appreciate you.*" Praise is one of the greatest gifts we can give anytime during the year.

We often forget the harm we do to others, but remember the harm others do to us. We also forget that God's blessings toward us are countless and often take them for granted. Sometimes the presence of danger and the problems on the horizon cause us to seek the providence of God but we fail to show appreciation for what he makes possible on a daily basis. Let us continue to show our love and appreciation now and forever more.

**On the Lighter Side:** When a class of students was asked what they were thankful for, a little fourth grader wrote: "I'm thankful that I have to wear glasses." He was asked to explain why. He said, "Because my glasses keep the boys from hitting me, and they keep the girls from kissing me."

**Sentence Sermon:** Giving thanks doesn't mean much unless we are living thanks...To look at some folks you would think that God has something against smiling faces.... "....Be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15).

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 11/2	
A.M. Bible Class	181
A.M. Worship Service	246
P.M. Worship Service	143
Wednesday PM	194
Contribution:	\$4,583.15
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:  
A Sheepbreeder  
(2 Kings 3:4)**

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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Malcom George - Minister

**ELDERS:**  
Richard Amacher  
Steve Edwards  
Dave Guzy  
Bill Lawson  
Rick Morrow  
Dan Spears  
Yogie Spears

**DEACONS:**  
Greg Amacher — *Maintenance*  
J.W. Churchwell—*Transportation, Facilities*  
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*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Romans 13:1

I don't know who you voted for last week or even if you voted. The polls indicate that a record number of people voted in this election. Here in Lewis County, according to the results, 61% of us were disappointed with the outcome of the Presidential election. I've heard lots of folks bemoaning the "change" that is coming. But I wanted to remind us of a few things (thanks to Dale Jenkins for some of these thoughts, too!):

As a Christian I will honor my new president, Barack Obama. That means that I submit to his authority, honor him and respect him (Romans 13:1-7). That also means that I can't do anything to dishonor him or disrespect him. I do this not because he is such a good or Godly man, but because by showing respect and honor to my governing authorities, I demonstrate that I respect and honor my Lord. Remember, when Paul wrote his words in Romans, he was writing about pagan Caesars. So if Christians should honor a Roman emperor who doesn't share their religious beliefs and is opposed to Christianity, I can definitely honor my President, even if we disagree religiously.

The church was not born in a democracy, and we did not get to where we are today by the power of a President. Who sits in the Oval Office is of relatively little importance to the one who sits on the throne of heaven. Presidents come and go, but the Lord is forever. To Him alone belongs all glory and praise. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Lastly, may we remember that we are citizens of heaven before we are citizens of this country. We have a king to whom we have pledged our undying allegiance even above our allegiance "to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands." May we so live that it will be obvious to all that we follow the Lord and His principles. May we demonstrate our submission to God by submitting to our civil authorities and so show the world how great our God is.

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