Welcome to Lomax!

Welcome to Friends and Family Day! We are glad you are here with us. If you are visiting with us, you are our honored guest. We hope everyone will make plans to eat with us and stay for our afternoon service. Many of you will make the trip to Henderson some time this week (some will leave this afternoon) for part of the Freed-Hardeman lectures. These great lectures edify the church each year and I hope you get the opportunity to be encouraged by them.

You gave generously last week for our Youth Fund contribution. To all of our young people: I hope you can see just how important you are to this congregation. Each year this giving is a visible demonstration of the investment we make in you and you are worth it! My challenge to you is to show us that we think too small. Grow in your own faith and bring so many of your friends to church with you that we will have to take up another collection! You are not the church of tomorrow, you are the church of today. I am so proud of the way you actively contribute your time and talents to this Christian family. May you continue to do that and more.

Our hearts were touched Wednesday night as Donna Hinson responded to the invitation and asked for our prayers. It is our privilege to pray for her.

Our Youth Rally starts six weeks from this Friday! Please keep this event in your prayers and make plans to be involved. This is one time you can’t sit back; we need you! You can help in so many ways — just be available.

-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.

Friends and Family Day!

Come as a guest, leave as a friend

9 am — Bible Class
10 am — Worship
Fellowship Meal
1 pm — Worship

“Exercising Our Faith”

Reading through the New Testament in 2006

Make sure you pick up the latest devotional guide on the table in the foyer.
Jesus compared the scribes and Pharisees to whitewashed what? (answer next week)

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Because of Friends and Family Day, there will be no practices today. Speech and Bible Reading will meet next week, Feb. 12, at 4:30.
- Scrapbook will meet at 5:30 this Wednesday evening.
- There will be a mandatory Bible Bowl practice this Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6-9 pm. See Jarrod or Tiffany Jordan.

Sick:

- Dianna Owens has pneumonia.
- Martha Vaughan has been sick.
- Gene Bunch is in Maury Regional Hospital room 259 following surgery to remove scar tissue from his colon.
- Paul Spears’ heart surgery has been postponed.
- Osteen Hinson is home from the hospital. He will undergo rehab at home as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- Peggy Potts, sister of Marguerite Bullion, had surgery Thursday at Baptist Hospital.
- Ray Brown, father of Lisa Tatum and Trina Weak, had shoulder surgery in Franklin this past week.
- Pat Blackwood is in Maury Regional Hospital ICU stepdown.
- Continue to remember Beryl Wynne, John Smith, Cheryl Shields, J. R. and Juanita Page, and Dexter Beavers.

Shut-ins: Ruth Craig, Sharon Edwards, Cordell Hull, Carolyn Miller, and Howard Spears.

In Lewis County Manor: Lockie Sharp, Hazel Hinson, Anne White, Wilton Whitehead, and Michelle Huff.

Remember our military: Reuben Oaks, grandson of Judy Landis, David Sublett, brother of Kelly Willis, and Steven Haywood, boyfriend of Lynzie Tiller.

Any Senior who wishes to be included in Senior Night in May needs to give 25 — 30 pictures to Mitzi Edwards by March 1.

Elders, Deacons, and Preachers meet next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the CSC

It’s time!
Please start bringing canned drinks (Coke, Pepsi and Sun Drop) to the CSC classroom.

Baby Shower
There will be a baby shower honoring Cassidy Spicer (daughter of Rick & Cindy Morrow) today from 2-4 pm at the home of Connie Adcox. The shower will be hosted by Connie Adcox, Jenny Adcox, and Amanda Blanks. Bryan and Cassidy are expecting a boy.

New Youth Calendars are available on the back table in the foyer.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:
Jesus compared the scribes and Pharisees to whitewashed what? (answer next week)
A SPECIAL WELCOME to all our visitors. We are glad you came our way. You are always welcome at Lomax….A special welcome to Friends & Family Day. We hope you will stay for lunch and our afternoon worship service at 1:00...We plan to be out of town a couple of days this week attending the annual FHU Bible lectures. Let us know if you need transportation….You may still donate to the special fifth Sunday contribution earmarked for youth. We are really proud of our youth including our great Youth Rally in March, Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes, youth camps, Horizons, Bible bowl, etc., etc….We are proud of every person and every group at Lomax. We emphasize that we count everyone because everyone counts. Some folks tell us that they are looking forward to being a part of our Primetimer group because you folks have so much fun. We have calls asking what we do so I am including some information:

Primetimers...Who are these folks? This special group at Lomax is made up of folks fifty and above but all ages are invited. We know that “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine” (Prov. 17:22) and the following are a few of the activities we enjoy—A special outreach activity of sending cards to folks in Lewis County and throughout the U.S. We visit the sick, the lonely, bereaved, etc. and take food help in time of need. We enjoy monthly get-togethers, help with Disaster Relief, Blood-mobile, etc. and volunteer for numerous good works at Lomax and in the community. We assist with the annual Youth Rally and have a yearly social for special children. We visit the local nursing home and have special birthday parties during the year. We also balance our activities with monthly trips to special events, restaurants, plays, etc. In addition, we plan one extended trip each year to places like Branson, Pigeon Forge, etc., and at the top of our list is a Bible class on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 with a number of folks from area congregations who take an active part in most everything. We invite all to join us as we have fun in being “workers together with God.” Also, thanks to our elders for all the marvelous groups at Lomax.

On The Lighter Side: Joe called a company to speak with Bob. “He’s on vacation,” The clerk replied. “Would you like to hold?” Also, how does one angel greet another? Answer: “Halo!” And finally: Gina: They say you should wash your hands after handling money because the bills are covered with germs. Sophia: I’m not in any danger—even a germ couldn’t live on the money I make!

Sentence Sermon: People don’t care how much we know until they know how much we care.

Youth Rally Mailout
A group will be meeting at the CSC tomorrow evening, Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm to put together Youth Rally registration packets for mailing. Please come and lend a hand if you can. See Kim Bryant if you have any questions.

Next Sunday, Feb. 12, we will meet at the church building at 3:30 to deliver Valentine’s Day decorations to the nursing home.

Freed-Hardeman University Basketball Game — Sat., Feb. 18. We will leave from the building at noon. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to go.

New Address:
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Hohenwald, TN 38462
796-7488
Mailing address:
P. O. Box 25
Centerville, TN 37033
And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” Matthew 21:13

In Isaiah 56:7 God looks ahead to the time when all people everywhere would be able to worship Him, and He says, “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” In Jeremiah 7:11 God laments that His people are not acting as they should. Instead of holiness and righteousness, they are practicing all kinds of sin and lawlessness. God looks at them and asks, “Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of thieves in your eyes?” In Jesus’ day, He comes to the temple and finds it full of people who are making a profit from their religion. They are changing money at exorbitant rates; they are selling animals for sacrifice at high prices. And Jesus drives them all out and reminds everyone of the purpose of the house of God. God’s house is to be a welcome place for all people to come and worship, a “house of prayer for all nations.” But it is easy to get so focused on ourselves and our own needs that we forget our purpose. It is easy to build buildings and create programs that provide for our own wants and desires but do not reach out to the community to share the gospel. When that happens, we steal from God. We rob Him of His glory, because we make worship all about us instead of Him. We rob Him of our time and money because church just becomes ritual, not a life changing time of worship, so we do not give as we should. When that happens, we make God’s house a “den of thieves.”

We must never lose sight of the fact that the Lord’s church is a city set on a hill. We are a light to our community and to our world. People should always be welcome here and feel as if they have a place here. We must never lose focus of the fact that the church exists to spread the gospel. Everything else that we do must come second to that great purpose.

May this congregation always be known as a “house of prayer for all nations” and may people in our community always know that they are welcome and wanted here.

-David