

# Lomax Messenger



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## Welcome to Lomax!

What a beautiful way to start the new year as we worshiped together on the first day of 2012! Our hearts were touched Sunday morning as *Evelyn Tatum* responded to the invitation and asked for our prayers and forgiveness. She is a wonderful lady and a great example for us all. Sunday night we enjoyed a special service with singing led by *Houston Hamblin*, prayers from our elders, and readings from the Bible by *Eli Dye*, *Braden Powell*, and *Blake Farr*. Thanks to all those young men and our elders!

We introduced a new/old opportunity Sunday morning. We are bringing back the *Our Daily Walk* devotional guides this year. *Barbie Cameron* is writing these guides that will help us spend a few minutes each day focusing on living out our faith. These are designed to be used in conjunction with your daily Bible reading plan (whichever one you are following) and help you have a practical application for the Scriptures. I'm thankful to Barbie and I'm excited to "walk together" again this year as a congregation!

I had a great visit this past week with another couple that was blessed by our Community Christmas meal. They may visit with us soon if they are able. It is always a joy to see the name of the Lord glorified in our community because of the work we were able to do!

Our Lads to Leaders program kicks into high gear starting today! Please keep this program in your prayers and be sure to encourage any of the young people or adults working with it!  
Thanks for all you do in His service!

-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.



## Our Daily Walk

Please pick up a weekly devotional guide in the foyer. These sheets are designed to encourage us in our daily devotional times!



## Pump It Up

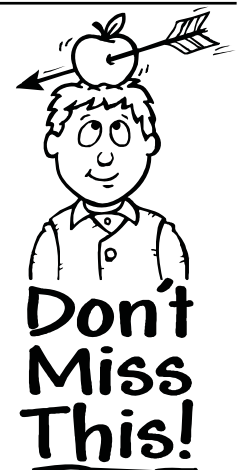
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Tweenagers  
will be going

to Pump It Up on Monday the 16th! We'll be leaving at 10:45. See Kara Farr if you would like to go.

## Don't Forget!

This month's  
5th Sunday  
contribution  
will go toward  
the Youth Fund  
on the 29th.



**Don't  
Miss  
This!**

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

### Sick:

*Gary Hinson* is home from the hospital

*Jan Ammons* is recovering from kidney stones.

*Dale Hull* is in room 201 at the Lewis County Nursing and Rehab Center. He will begin chemotherapy and radiation treatments this week.

*Jewell Tatum* is critically ill.

*Margie Graves* is in rehab.

*Sandy Tatum* had out-patient surgery on Thursday.

*Ed Williams*, father of *Mylie McKissack*, will have a procedure on the 27th to remove another tumor.

*J. W. Hankins*, known to many, is critically ill.

**Continue to remember:** *Gwen Hinson, Dennis Reynolds, Jackie Williams* (sister of *Bonnie O'Brien*), *Rosetta Shann* (sister of *Nadine Turnbow*), *Ed Williams* (father of *Mylie McKissack*), and *Jimmy Griner* (son of *Pickard and LaFon Griner*).

**Shut-ins:** *Bessie Edwards, Carma Edwards, Carolyn Armstrong, Sharon Edwards, Tiny Hinson, Willie Matt Hinson, Estelle Mercer, Jewel Tatum, and Minnie Sue Willis.*

**In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:** *Gladys Baxter, Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Marjean Doyle, Gertha Mae Duncan, Michelle Huff, Dale Hull, Ilio Miller, J. R. Page and Ava Provance.*

**Remember our military:** *Dustin Brugmann* (grandson of *Jim & Sharon Grinder*), *Justin Conkle and Kerry Conkle* (grandsons of *Ralph & Sue Conkle*), *Mickey Mohrmann* (grandson of *Ava Provance*), *Matthew Pfaff* (nephew of *Erik Pfaff*), *Brad Pierce* (son of *Judy Smith*), and *Kevin Wade* (brother of *Ryan Wade*).

## Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- The LLL Meeting schedule is available in the lobby.
- Boys and Girls Speech will meet today at 4:00.
- Bible Reading and Little Disciples will meet today at 5:00.
- Song Leading and Songs of Praise will meet next Sunday at 4:00.



### Food for Friends

Our Food for Friends program begins this week!

Team 1 will be preparing and delivering meals

this Thursday, Jan. 12. For more information about this new ministry, see Betsy Tiller.

## New Arrival!

Congratulations to Judy and Earl

von Dollen on

the birth of a new great granddaughter. Abby Nicole Wolfe, born last Tuesday.



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

**Jan. 16**—Pump It Up Tween trip

**Jan. 28**— Leadership Planning Breakfast

**Jan. 29** — Youth Fund Sunday

**Feb. 5** — Friends /Family Day

**Feb. 12**— Elder/ deacon meeting

**March 3**— 60+ Banquet

**March 16-17**— Youth Rally

### BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

How many cities did King Solomon give to King Hiram?

(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 Wednesday at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM... Thanks to all who have started the New Year by seeking first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness as we join together in Worship according to His Divine will. Also, thanks again and again to all who make Lomax a growing church for a coming Lord... We are proud of all age groups at Lomax and count everyone because everyone counts. However, we give special honor to Robena Gunter who will be 95 on the 18th and has been a part of Lomax for 64 years. Congratulations to a great lady.

**MAKING CHOICES FOR THE NEW YEAR:** Last week in our Wed.



## CHOICES!

morning class we talked about choosing or developing a mindset for the new year. We also plan to emphasize this in our lesson this morning. The Lord has given us the privilege of personal responsibility as we choose who we will serve. Victor Frankl talked about living in a

concentration camp and seeing folks who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of his freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given circumstances, to *choose* one’s own way.

I also like the attitude of the young lad who was told he was not old enough to play baseball or football. He said, “I’m not eight yet. My mom told me when you start baseball, you are not going to be able to run that fast because you had an operation. I told mom that I would not need to run that fast. When I play baseball, I’ll just hit them out of the park. Then I’ll be able to walk.”

Someone else has said that “Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage.” Thus we decide what kind of day or year we will make. We were visiting with a special fellow this week who told about a friend of his who said as he arose each morning— *“This is the day that the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it”* (Psa. 11:24).

**On The Lighter Side:** Sunday School Teacher: “Why, in your prayers, do you only ask for daily bread instead of asking for enough for a week?” Young lad: “So we can get it fresh every day.” Another question: “What can you tell me about Aaron?” Young lad: “His name may be first in the phone book.”

**Sentence Sermons:** A smile is a gently curved line that sets a lot of things straight... Drive carefully and avoid the mourning after... Age is a matter of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter... Being told for your own good seldom does any good... Tell first by example... He who cannot forgive others destroys the bridge he must himself cross.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 01/01	
A.M. Bible Class	144
A.M. Worship Service	239
P.M. Worship Service	152
Wednesday PM	172
Contribution:	\$7,715.32
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

Last week's Know Your Bible answer: Passover (Exodus 12:2)	
Schedule of Services	
Sunday Bible Study	9:00 am
Sunday Service	10:00 am
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 pm
Wednesday: Primetimers	10:00am
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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

**DEACONS:**  
J.W. Churchwell—*Transportation, Facilities*  
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*

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

It is as if God knew that in the midst of our troubles and problems, we would turn to him and say, "How can you know just how hard this is? You're an all powerful, all knowing, all holy God who cannot be tempted. How can you possibly know what it feels like to face temptation?" And so, in His infinite wisdom, God inspired the words of Hebrews 4:15 to remind us that Jesus knows what it's like. J.B. Phillips translates this verse "*For we have no superhuman High Priest to whom our weaknesses are unintelligible — he himself has shared fully in all our experience of temptation, except that he never sinned.*" God wanted to remind us that Jesus understands. Look at what he says:

*He himself.* God could have sent an angel to tell Him what it was like to live life on earth. But instead, He sent His Son. Jesus came Himself and lived a human life, from birth to death. He knows what it's like to be a teenager and He knows the pains and stresses of adulthood, too. He knows because He has been through it all. He himself.

*Shared fully.* Jesus didn't come and live life as half God and half man. He was 100% human when He was here. He maintained His status as the Son of God, but for the time He was on the Earth, He referred to Himself as the Son of Man. He shared fully in this life.

*In all our experience.* Jesus faced every temptation. He knows about discouragement and pain from being hurt by other people. He knows about stress and strain. He knows about disappointment because he lived the stresses and strains of human life. And that means we have a friend who's been there even before we have. He knows and He cares. Praise God!

-DAVID

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