

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

God is good and it is wonderful to be a part of His family, the church! Thank you for being here today. Our hearts were touched last Sunday as *Ava Provance* responded to the invitation and asked to be restored. Wednesday night, *Kim Atkinson* asked for prayers for strength and restoration as well. What a great example these two godly ladies have given us! It is a privilege to pray for them both.

Our annual Leadership Planning Breakfast is this Saturday. Please pray for our elders, deacons, and ministers and the work that will be done at this meeting. May God give us big dreams, great goals, and the strength and courage to accomplish them!

Every fifth Sunday of the year our contribution goes toward a special goal. Next Sunday it will go to our youth group. What we give next Sunday will serve as the entire budget for the year for our youth program. From Lads to Leaders to our Youth Rally and summer church camps, we have an active youth group! I am so proud of the way the young men and women in our youth group are growing into godly Christians. They face many different challenges to their faith each and every day. The work we do here plays a vital role in helping them become the people God wants them to be. Our giving next week is a way to "put our money where our mouth is" and show the youth how much we appreciate them.

Rocco Pierce will be with us tonight to report on his work in American Samoa. It's always a treat to visit with Rocco and his family, so plan to be here!

- 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

All ladies are invited

to the home of
Sallie Millspaugh
tomorrow at 6:30.

Bring your Bibles and a
favorite dish; drinks
will be provided.



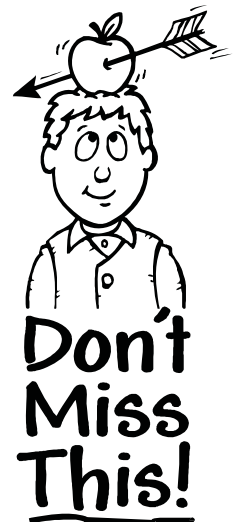
LEADERSHIP PLANNING
BREAKFAST

All elders,
deacons, and
preachers
will meet at
the CSC next

Saturday, Jan. 28, at 8:00 am
for the Leadership Planning
Breakfast.

Don't Forget!

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



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Dale Hull will start cancer treatments soon. He is home now.
Brooke Duncan will have more tests this Thursday.
Dennis Reynolds will have knee surgery soon.
Anderson Spears, great-grandson of *Jane Spears*, had surgery Friday at Vanderbilt to repair a shunt in his head.
Elton Jackson will have surgery tomorrow.
Bob West, *Boyd & Jeanette West's* son, recovers from surgery.
Ed Williams, father of *Mylie McKissack*, will have a procedure this Friday to remove another tumor.

Continue to remember: *Gwen Hinson*, *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*, and *Minnie Sue Willis*.

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: *Gladys Baxter*, *Marguerite Bullion*, *Jennie Burdette*, *Marjean Doyle*, *Gertha Mae Duncan*, *Michelle Huff*, *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*).



7-12th grade youth will be going to the Perry County basketball game this Saturday. The van is leaving at 5:00. See Jeff Dye for more information.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Boys and Girls Speech will meet **today** at 4:00. Little Disciples will meet at 5:00.
- Art Says It camp will meet **this Saturday** from 2:00-5:00.



Food For Friends:
Team 3, Jan. 26

Directory Updates

If you have any updates to the directory (address, phone, birthdates, etc.), please see **Adrienne Pfaff**.

Church Photo Directory



The Day School needs a volunteer to rake the yard. If you can help, please see **Sue Amacher**.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- Jan. 23**—Ladies' Night Out
- Jan. 28**—Leadership Planning Breakfast
- Jan. 28**—Youth Trip
- Jan. 29**—Youth Fund Sunday
- Feb. 1**—Teen Meal
- Feb. 5**—Friends /Family Day
- Feb. 12**—Elder/ deacon meeting
- Feb. 19**—Special Youth Meal
- Feb. 23**—Art Says It Camp
- March 3**—60+ Banquet

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What places did Moses warn the plague of frogs would invade?
(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 for all who helped us have an excellent attendance at all services this past week. Isn't it wonderful to worship the Lord in Spirit and truth!... Special dates to remember: Church planning session on the 28th (Note: Pass on to the elders any suggestions you have for church planning and growth), Youth Fund on the 29th, Friends & Family Day on Feb. 5, and the annual FHU Bible Lectures on Feb. 5-10... Thanks to our Wednesday morning folks for inviting visitors to this class. We often have some grandchildren visiting when school is out.



THIRSTY? Most folks know that our physical bodies demand water. This is a drink that God created and our survival depends on getting enough water. The common suggestion is eight glasses per day, but I often forget to get the full amount. Someone has figured that a 2% deficiency can mean that we are dehydrated. The Primetimers, on special outings, often order water with the meal. This is not always to save money, but as preference.

As essential as water is to the body, we must remember that the spiritual thirst is even more important. You have read the story of the woman at Jacob's well in John 4. It was our pleasure to visit this area some time ago. We made a point to use our left hand in drinking from the available dipper!!! However, Jesus pointed her to *living water* and that she could drink this **water** and never thirst again. She said to Him "Sir, *give me this water*" (John 4:15).

Jesus also says in John 7:37-38 "*If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*"

Now, the question is: how do we come in contact with this living water? Peter told believers to repent and be baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38). Paul reminds us that we are to be buried with him by baptism unto death...(Rom. 6:4). Also, look at Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21, etc...

Once we put on Christ and drink of this water, we need never thirst again. We can sing the song available at Lomax. "*As the deer panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God*" (Psa. 42:1).

On The Lighter Side: Funny Signs — Sign outside a secondhand shop: "We exchange anything—bicycles, etc. Why not bring your husband along and get a wonderful bargain?"... Sign seen in a field: "The Farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges"... David has just put up a new sign in his office: "\$5.00 Charge for Whining!"

Sermon Briefs: Those who complain the most, usually work the least... A squeaky wheel doesn't always get greased; it is often replaced... We can't hold a man down without staying down with him.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 01/15	
A.M. Bible Class	189
A.M. Worship Service	262
P.M. Worship Service	157
Wednesday PM	176
Contribution:	\$5,007.75
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

Last week's Know Your Bible answer: Simeon (Luke 2:25)	
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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David Salisbury - Minister

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ELDERS:
Richard Amacher
Steve Edwards
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

I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 1 Corinthians 9:22

I love the story of firefighter Somchai Yoosabai from Bangkok, Thailand. He's a hero. A superhero to be more precise. His unit got a call that an eleven year old autistic boy was on the ledge of a third floor balcony. The boy was very agitated and refused to allow anyone to come near him. He was nervous about the first day of school. Somchai overheard the boy's mother and teacher talking about his love for comics and superheroes. Somchai rushed back to the station where he kept a Spiderman costume that he used to liven up school fire drills. He changed into the Spiderman costume and swung into action. Climbing out on the ledge he told the boy, "Spiderman is here to save you." The teary eyed boy smiled and walked into his arms.

How far are we willing to go to save the life of a child? Some would say that virtually no cost is too great. If it takes special machinery to rescue them, we'll find it. If money is needed, we'll raise it. If a surgical procedure is required, we'll locate the specialist and set it up. Even if it means risking our own life to save the life of a child, most of us wouldn't think twice about it. We'd even put on a Spiderman costume and risk our life to save a child's life.

What about their soul? How far are we willing to go to help save a soul? If it means changing some of our traditions so that we can reach more people, is it worth it? If it takes sitting somewhere other than "your spot" in the auditorium so that a visitor can have a more comfortable seat, will you do it? What if it means doing something more difficult? Can you let go of a grudge and forgive? Can you welcome folks who have made mistakes and are coming back to the Lord? Will you be the one to step out of your group of friends and speak to a visitor? If it takes money, will you give it? If it takes time, will you serve? If it takes making an emotional investment in someone else's life, can we count on you? I don't know what we'd need him for, but if we needed Spiderman, could I call you? Would you be a super hero?

-DAVID

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