

Lomax Messenger



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Welcome to Lomax!

We had one of our best Friends and Family Days ever last week! Many of our regular members were out of town last weekend so we didn't quite hit our goals for attendance, but we had lots of visitors. Several of our visitors last week were coming to Lomax for the first time and many of them do not currently attend a church anywhere! These are excellent opportunities! I know Lomax has a wonderful heart for service and is a welcoming place, but I always love to see us demonstrate that spirit to our guests.

A few weeks ago *Betsy Tiller* enlisted the help of several of our ladies to start the *Food for Friends* program. Every Thursday a team of men and women cook meals and deliver them to about 23 shut-ins. If you would like to help with this either by cooking or delivering, see Betsy for more information. We especially need more drivers who can deliver meals at 11:00 on Thursdays. You will be greatly blessed by any part you play in this good work!

Our Youth Fund contribution stands at \$6,600. If you meant to give to that but haven't yet, you can see *Bill Lawson*.

Our Youth Rally is just over four weeks away! We'll have sign up sheets out soon and lots of opportunities for you to help. It takes everyone working together for us to have a successful Youth Rally. There is a job and a place for you! Let's all be in prayer for the lives that will be changed that weekend. Make plans to be here, too! We'll need the help and you won't hear better singing this side of heaven!

- 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.

Youth Valentine Dinner



All 7-12th graders are invited to a Valentine Dinner in your honor next Sunday evening, February 19, after worship. In addition to a semi-formal banquet, the evening will feature a hypnotist. To help us plan accurately for food, please sign up in the lobby if you plan to attend. If you will be bringing a guest, please sign their name, too.

Don't Forget!

There will be an Elders, Deacons and Preachers meeting today at 4:00 pm.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Dinah Poore will have heart surgery at Vanderbilt this Tuesday and hopes to come home Wednesday.

Nell Bunch has been in MRMC with congestive heart failure.

Hilda Baker is home from the hospital.

Nadine Turnbow has been sick.

Boyd West is undergoing tests.

Rose Lynn DePriest got good test results and will have cancer surgery soon.

Brooke Duncan is taking injections and new medicines.

Dennis Reynolds is recovering from knee surgery.

Gary Hinson will have surgery at St. Thomas Feb. 21.

Randy Imel, minister in Menifee County, KY had open heart surgery Wednesday in Lexington, KY.

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

Shut-ins: *Carolyn Armstrong, Bessie Edwards, Carma Edwards, 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, 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*).

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Boys and Girls Speech will meet today at 4:00.
- Little Disciples will meet at 5:00.
- Song Leading and Songs of Praise will meet next Sunday, Feb. 19, at 4:00.
- Hotel money is due to Steve Edwards by Feb. 26.



Food For
Friends:
Team 6, Feb. 16

Youth Rally

Rather than ask everyone to bring drinks, we are taking donations so we can buy them in bulk. If you would like to contribute, please see Steve Edwards.



Dale Hull needs someone to travel with him to his cancer treatments. If you would be willing to take a day to go with him, please see **Pittman Baker** or sign up in the lobby.



A Look Ahead
Put these dates
on your calendar!

Feb. 19 — Valentine Banquet
Feb. 20 — Ladies' Night Out
Feb. 23 — Art Says It Camp
March 3 — 60+ Banquet
March 16-17 — Youth Rally
March 25 — Area Wide Youth Devo at Kimmins

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

On which night watch did Jesus come walking on the sea? (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 Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM....Wasn't it great to see the host of folks at our Friends & Family Day last weekend! We were only five short of our goal of 300. It is a good thing that David and I were not counting, ha!....We will have to leave early today since I am scheduled to speak at Sweetwater....Yes, we have an opportunity to join multitudes this week in expressions of love and gratitude since Tuesday is *Valentine's Day*. My special gift for my companion for this day is a dental appointment. Could I do better? Ha! Seriously, we should always *take the time* to share love and appreciation. Note the following for a busy society:

TAKING THE TIME....I vividly remember some time back being caught up in the undertow of too many commitments in too few days. It wasn't long before I was snapping at my wife and our children, choking down my food at mealtimes, and feeling irritated at those unexpected interruptions through the day. Before long, things around our home started reflecting the pattern of my hurry up style. I was becoming almost unbearable.

I distinctly recall after supper one evening the words of our younger daughter, Colleen. She wanted to tell me something important that had happened to her at school that day. She hurriedly began, "Daddy, I wanna tell you something and I'll tell you really fast."

Suddenly realizing her frustration, I answered, "Honey, you can tell me...and you don't have to tell me really fast. Say it slowly."

I'll never forget her answer: "Then listen slowly." —Sel...



The Gift... Bennet Cerf relates the story about a bus that was bumping along a road in the South. In one seat was an old man who sat holding a bunch of fresh flowers. Across the aisle was a young girl whose eyes came back again and again to the man's flowers. The time came for the old man to get off. Impulsively he thrust the flowers into the girl's lap. "I can see you love these flowers," he explained, "and I think my wife would want you to have them. I'll tell her I gave them to you." The girl accepted the flowers, then watched the old man get off the bus and walk through the gate of a small cemetery.

On The Lighter Side: One preacher tells about riding the elevator in the hospital and overhearing the following from two doctors. "How is that patient you are treating?" asked doctor one, and the other replied, "She is enjoying poor health every day." Which reminds me of the fellow who always felt bad when he felt good for fear that he would feel worse when he felt better.

Sermon Brief: "I have learned in whatsoever state...to be content" Phil. 4. If you don't want the fruits of sin, stay out of the orchard.

| BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 01/29 | |
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| A.M. Bible Class | 188 |
| A.M. Worship Service | 295 |
| P.M. Worship Service | 163 |
| Wednesday PM | 155 |
| Contribution: | \$5,002.85 |
| Weekly Budget | \$5,700.00 |

| Last week's Know Your Bible answer: Your prophet (Exodus 7:1) | |
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| 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
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Bill Lawson
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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 what does the Scripture say?
Romans 4:3a

For all the men out there who are prone to forgetting, this is your reminder that Valentine's Day falls on February 14 this year. But be careful where you turn for advice on a gift for that special someone! I saw an ad that said if you didn't know what to get your spouse for Valentine's Day, you should imagine trying to arrange their funeral. It was from a local funeral home (not ours!) that thought a pre-arranged funeral would be a wonderful way to say "I love you" to your sweetheart. As one person commented, "Guess who would be the one in the coffin after a gift like that!"

This world offers us all kinds of advice on every subject available. Would you like to know how to invest your money, plan your time, succeed at your job, succeed at school, succeed in friendships or relationships? There's someone out there who would love to tell you how — for a price. There are two key questions we need to ask about information we get: 1) Do I trust the person giving me the information? If all the facts are straight, but I don't trust the individual, I'm probably not going to act on his information. And 2) Is the information good? My best friend may completely accidentally give me bad advice based on bad information. It doesn't mean he doesn't like me; it just means his information was wrong.

The same thing is true of us as Christians. When we look for advice, we turn first to the Scriptures. We know that the advice we find there is true and from a trustworthy source. The second place we can look is to godly people at the church. Paul tells Titus in Titus Chapter 2 that older men and women are to instruct the younger men and women in the skills needed for living a Christian life. We should find wise men or women who can teach us what we need to learn. Always hold their advice up to the light of Scripture, but look to them and their experience to give you guidance. We are blessed here at Lomax with many good examples for us to follow!

- DAVID

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