



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

A place to belong. A place to be loved. A place to serve God and others.

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Welcome to Lomax!

We've had a great week and are looking forward to another one! Our annual Youth Rally starts this Friday and we will need "all hands on deck" for it! This will be our 16th annual Youth Rally and the challenge of having a great program year after year is that it can get to be a routine for those involved. I heard a speaker this week talking about church programs say "Your passion for a program will dictate the congregation's passion for it." When it comes to our Youth Rally, our passion will dictate the passion our attendees will have for it. The way to get excited is to get involved! Pray for the Youth Rally every day this week and sign up to be involved! Make plans to be here Friday and Saturday. There will be plenty of work to be done, but you should also enjoy the singing and the sessions as you're able.

Travis Amacher, Brian O'Cain, and Erik Pfaff traveled to Henryville, IN this past week. They took a trailer full of canned goods, soaps, shampoo, and 30 cases of water to the victims of the tornado there. They also spent some time helping with the relief efforts. FEMA and other aid groups are arriving now and so further aid is not needed at this time. We are grateful to these men for their efforts done in the name of the Lord and for the cause of His church.

There are lots of good things happening and about to happen at Lomax! Please continue to remember our elders in your prayers and support them with your contributions of your time, talent, and finances. If you have an idea for a new ministry that you would be interested in working on, please let me know. Our God is an awesome God and He works mightily!

-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.

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**Lomax Youth Rally 2012
March 16-17**

***"I am the Way, the Truth,
and the Life." John 14:6***

Youth Rally Sign-ups!

This weekend is Youth Rally!

Anyone planning to attend Youth Rally needs to print their name on the list in the foyer. **Kids**, please indicate your grade. Even **adults** need to sign the sheet!

Please sign up on the sheets in the foyer for **jobs during Youth Rally**. Please help!



Don't Forget!

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

ATTENTION!

Individual pictures of all LLL participants will be made this morning after services.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Barbara Baker is sick at home.
Dinah Poore will be having a heart procedure soon.
Andrea Spears will be starting chemo and radiation soon.
Ed Cogdill, father of *Lori Cogdill*, is in St. Thomas hospital.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to *Martha Vaughn* on the passing of her granddaughter *Heidi Schwendimann Cothran*, who passed away this past week.

Continue to remember: *Brooke Duncan, Rose Lynn Depriest, Gwen Hinson, Dale Hull, 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*).



Food For Friends:
Team 4, March 15

Going Away Party

We are sad to announce that *Drew and Melissa Wills* will be moving to Memphis very soon. Everyone is invited to a special party next Sunday night, March 18, after our evening services to say goodbye to them. Please bring finger foods, drinks, desserts, and lots of fun stories to tell.



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

March 25 — Area Wide Youth Devo at Kimmins

March 28— Teen Meal

April 1 — LLL Presentation

April 5-8 — LLL Convention

April 8 — Elders/Deacons & Preachers Meeting

April 8 — LLL Awards Banquet

April 21— Youth Trip



A \$1000 donation was made by one of our retired couples for *Disaster Relief*. If anyone would like to give through the church, please see *Bill Lawson* or one of the elders.

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Speech will meet today at 4:00. Little Disciples and Bible Reading will meet at 5:00.
- Pictures that can be used for the group scrapbook need to be emailed to *LomaxCofCL2L@yahoo.com*.
- Song Leading/Songs of Praise will meet next Sunday, March 18, at 4:00.
- All Art Says It projects need to be turned in to *Heather Powell* by next Sunday, March 18.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What brave Israelite woman became queen of Persia and used her influence to protect her people, the Jews?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom



Tree of Knowledge

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...We will miss seeing you folks today since I am scheduled to speak at Little Swan....The Wed. morning class is reminded of our birthday pizza following class this week...Yes, we are excited that our annual *Youth Rally* is this week and only time and eternity will show all the rewards of this great event. The following excellent material with the emphasis on youth came my way with wisdom for all:

A Controlled Lifestyle....In Titus 2:6 Paul urges the young men to be *self-controlled* including the ability to curb desires and to be in one's right mind. An article by Adam Faughn lists three areas where young people need to be under control.

1. Be self-controlled when facing a failure. Elijah (1 Kings 19) tried to be alone, and asked to die, and thought he was the only faithful one. David, on the other hand, failed but then repented and learned from his adulterous relationship with



Bathsheba (Psa. 51). Youth are to be prompted to excellence but also remain under control when they fail. Failure need not be final.

2. Be self-controlled when figuring your future. Ambition can be ok if kept under control. Material things can be enjoyed and useful but only as we never leave God out of our plans. We must remember to include "if the Lord wills" in our plans (cf. Jas. 5:13-15). We should seek His path for our life and handle the ups and downs with His aid.

3. Be self controlled when finding a new Freedom. Maybe it's the first date, or the first personal cell phone, or the first car that we earn, etc. These are tremendous moments in the life of a young person, but they also carry new temptations and new responsibilities. Decide ahead of time that God will rule your entire life. Don't wait until the "moment" to decide whether to be faithful or not. Parents—you have a right to know how your child is handling these freedoms (yes, when they are texting!). Remember to "*seek first the kingdom of God*" (Matt. 6:33) and be a "*living sacrifice*" (Rom. 12:1). See 1 Cor. 10:13 and know true rewards!

On The Lighter Side: Have you heard about the new candy invented for those on diets? It is called "Fudge-A-Little".

Words of Wisdom: It has been said that cooing may stop when the honeymoon is over, but the billing goes on forever....Some men are born meek, and others get married....If it ain't broke, don't fix it....The head begins to swell when the mind quits growing....Alcohol kills the living and preserves the dead....A good way to judge another person is not what others say about him, but what he says about others.

2, 3 and 4 year olds — Books of the New Testament Song

Darby Salisbury
Will Salisbury

4 and 5 year olds —

John 3:16

Jed Amacher
Cole Farr
Andalyn Himes
Reed O'Cain
Wyatt O'Cain
Will Swinea
Carden Venable

1st and 2nd Grades —

Deuteronomy 6:5

Luke Lawson
Colton O'Cain
Paige Roberson
Luke Roberson
Abby Salisbury
Kaylee Shannon

3rd and 4th Grades —

Deuteronomy 6:5

Bella Bates
Ethan Hamblin
Scott Mullinicks
Grant Spears
Reagan Webb

Ten Commandments

Ethan Hamblin
Scott Mullinicks
Reagan Webb

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 3/4	
A.M. Bible Class	182
A.M. Worship Service	252
P.M. Worship Service	148
Wednesday PM	161
Contribution:	\$6,439.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Herod
(Matthew 2:16)

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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Malcom George - Minister

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

"For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 1 Samuel 17:26

The story of David and Goliath is legendary. Many preachers have noted how David accurately sees Goliath. The rest of the army saw a well armed, well trained, giant warrior. David saw a mere mortal soldier trying to defy the Almighty God. David also had an accurate view of himself and his power. The army saw a young boy with no battle skill and no armor. But David never once thought he could defeat Goliath on his own, not even if he had the king's own armor. But with the power of God behind him, David knew that he was unstoppable. But there is one more thing that the young man David saw correctly that all the veteran soldiers missed. David looked at the army and saw that it was not the army of Saul or even of Israel — it was the army of the living God.

I think it is easy to make the same mistakes in vision that the Israelite army made — to see our obstacles as insurmountable. But when we see our problems as challenges to our faith, not to our planning or skill, then we will have the proper perspective. It becomes clear that we need to be faithful to God no matter what. We may not be able to figure out a solution to the problem, but that's not our job. Our job is to be faithful and trust God. It's easy to look at ourselves and ask, "What can I do? I have no skill or experience." But eyes of faith will see that we represent the Almighty God today. What can stop us when we have God's power behind us?! And perhaps one of the easiest mistakes to make is to look at the church and see merely a human institution. It is easy to see the failings of individual Christians and decide that the church as a whole is failing. We can focus on negatives about everything from our singing to our Bible study. But to do so is to forget that the church is the bride of Christ. The church does not belong to any individual or even a group. The church belongs to Christ and it is through HIS power that she will grow and flourish. We serve Him!

- DAVID

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