



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

# MESSENGER

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## Welcome to Lomax!

As I write this article we are preparing to leave for the Lads to Leaders Convention. If you were with us last Sunday night then you've already gotten a taste of what these young people have been working on this year. I am so proud of these young men and women (I just can't call them boys and girls any more!) for their desire to develop their leadership skills at such an early age. This past weekend we were part of over 19,000 people nationwide who attended one of the Lads to Leaders Conventions. The future of the church is bright, indeed! I hope you will join us tonight as we pay tribute to these young people and show you some more of their hard work. They are a great example for us all.

In addition to the young people, I am deeply indebted to the large team of adults who work with this program. When I took over the Lads to Leaders Program two years ago, I was terrified of all the work that was involved. The task before me seemed impossible. But then I discovered all the work that so many different adults put in and I realized that the force behind me was equal to the task. Lads to Leaders is possible because of all the adult helpers and organizers behind the scenes. I won't name them all because I would hate to leave someone out, but if you work with us on Lads to Leaders, thank you very much!

Today the world stops and remembers the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As someone reminded me this week, Jesus said "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46) so that we would never have to utter those words! Praise God for an empty tomb and abiding presence today!

-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.

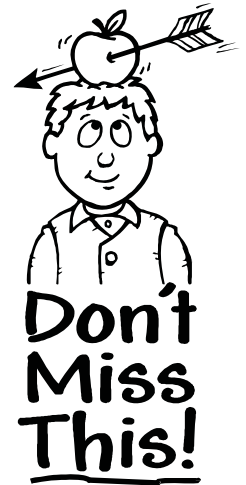
At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

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.

## LLL Awards Banquet

We will have a special awards banquet after services tonight to honor our Lads to Leaders participants.

Their artwork and other accomplishments will also be on display. Please make plans to join us!



The Elders,  
Deacons, **RESCHEDULED**  
and  
Preachers meeting has been moved to next Sunday at 4:00pm.



Thank you to all the participants and supporters of our LLL program this year!

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



**Sick:**

*Dinah Poore* had surgery Wednesday at Vanderbilt Medical Center to repair a ruptured artery in her leg.

*Jan Hill* is home from the hospital but requests no visitors at this time.

*Martha Vaughan* is improving.

*Jackie Williams*, sister of *Bonnie O'Brien*, is in intensive care in Dickson with a serious infection.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to *Carolyn Duncan* on the loss of her aunt who passed away last week in Nesbit, MS.

**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, Robbie Breece, 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*).

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**Congratulations** to *Jade & Nathan Sampler* on the birth of their baby girl *Charlsie Vaughan Sampler*, who was born on March 30 weighing 9lbs. 14oz. She is the granddaughter of *Scarlette Woodall* and great-granddaughter of *Martha Vaughan*.



*Food For Friends:  
Team 2, April 12*

**GYIDE Planning Meeting** this Tuesday, April 10th at 6pm in *Yogie's* offices.



Bring your hot dogs and/or hamburgers to cook.



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

**April 10** — GYIDE planning meeting

**April 15** — Elders/Deacons & Preacher Meeting

**April 22** — All Age Devotional

**May 2** — Teen Meal

**May 5** — GYIDE Fish Fry

**May 13** — Elders/Deacons & Preachers Meeting

**May 14 & 15** — Day School Graduation

**May 20** — All Age Devotional

**May 20** — Youth Committee

**BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

What is the first recorded parable Jesus told?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom

**A Special Welcome to all our visitors.** We are glad you came our way. Some family groups are with us today and isn't it great to come together to worship in spirit and truth! A number of our folks are still at the LLL convention in Nashville and plan to be here tonight. Last Sunday afternoon and night was a good example of some of the results from this training series, and we are so proud of all who are involved in this good work....Remember the gospel meeting at Riverside this week....Our Wed. morning class is reminded of our birthday pizza following class this week....We have a number of special prime timers who are having birthdays in April but the eldest member of our morning class is *Marguerite Flowers* who will be 96 on the 21. A pot-luck meal is planned in her honor following class on the 18th.

**The Resurrection Is Central:** In the center of ancient Athens, then the intellectual capital of the world, there was a high hill known as the Acropolis. It is visible from every part of the city and its top was flat, so on the top ancients built their temples. The magnificent Parthenon occupied the central position. Many of you have seen the reproduction in Nashville. It was our privilege to stand on this hill a few years ago.

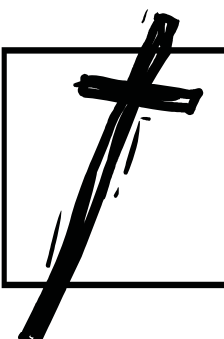
It was in this ancient city that the apostle Paul walked on his second missionary journey. Eventually, he was invited to ascend to this hill and preach. You are familiar with his great sermon as it is recorded in Acts 17. We summarize in this article by emphasizing that his main theme was the resurrection of Christ. Note his conclusion beginning in verse 29. *"Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like unto gold or silver or stone, or something shaped by art and man's devising.....because He hath appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He hath ordained. He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."*

Also, note that when Paul wrote to the Corinthians or wherever he visited and taught, the resurrection was central. Thanks be to God that the resurrection can be central in our lives. Now is the accepted time!

**On The Lighter Side:** The Sunday-school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt (Lk. 17:32), when little Jimmy interrupted. "My mother looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and turned into a telephone pole!"

Also, a forgetful little old lady was talking to a friend of hers who asked how she was getting along. The lady replied, "It's really not so bad being senile. Now I get to hide my own Easter eggs!"

**Sentence Sermon:** It is better to give than lend and it can cost the same.



## Food for Families



*For I was hungry and you gave me food. Matthew 25:35*

A few months back we asked the school system to let us know if we could help meet any needs for students. Working together with Betsy Tiller, they identified 11 families that could use some help with food each month. So today we are announcing a new benevolence and outreach program! We are calling this Food for Families and it will be a sister program to our Food for Friends distribution that we do. On the third Thursday of each month, we will put together a box of food to deliver to these families. To help with this work, we are asking you to sign up in the lobby.

*It is important to note that you will need to bring the same item each month, not just one time.*

*Please put your items on the back table in the CSC classroom.*

This is a new ministry for us and we are continuing to learn how best to do this, so see Betsy Tiller or Kay Long if you have questions or suggestions.

**BY THE NUMBERS  
For the week of 4/1**

A.M. Bible Class	168
A.M. Worship Service	223
P.M. Worship Service	172
Wednesday PM	153
Contribution:	\$5,138.39
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:**  
Chief priests and Scribes  
(Matt. 2:4-6)

**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

*The Last Word*

...and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. Luke 23:26b (KJV)

The story of Simon of Cyrene offers us some timeless truths.

Simon of Cyrene was selected by the Roman guards to carry the cross of Jesus. Charles Spurgeon says "We see in Simon's carrying the cross a picture of the work of the Church throughout all generations; she is the cross-bearer after Jesus." Today as many celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, let us remember that He rose for a reason. He rose so that we might live for Him. He rose so that we might honor Him and glorify Him with our lives. Jesus did not suffer and die to take away all our suffering. In fact, just like Simon, we must take up the cross today and bear it after Jesus. Jesus' words in John 16:33 are true: "In this world you will have tribulation." We should never see the cross of Christ as a way to avoid pain and suffering. It did not lead Jesus away from hardship, and if we are to follow Him, it will not lead us away from the difficult times of life.

Let us also remember that, just like Simon, we carry the cross *after* Jesus. We do not go this way alone. When we face hardships and trials, we are not alone. We are following the steps of the Savior and we have blessed company, indeed. He knows all about our heartaches and sorrows, and He walks with us to strengthen us every step of the way.

And last, we must remember that Simon's momentary pain earned for him an everlasting reward. Before that moment, very few people knew who Simon of Cyrene was, but since that day, the world has known his name. Because of his "slight, momentary affliction," God worked in Him "an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." (2 Corinthians 4:17). And the same is true for us. If we will persevere and endure in this life, we can look forward to an eternity of glory and honor in the presence of God. The cross of Christ is a lesson for us all and we must work to carry the message of the cross to all the world today. With His help and following Simon's example, we will do so.

- DAVID

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Steve Edwards

Bill Lawson

Rick Morrow

Dan Spears

Yogie Spears

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Jeff Dye — *Missions, Youth*

Matthew Farr — *Missions, Visitation, Youth*

Jeff Spears — *Education, Youth*

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Walt Thompson — *Benevolence*

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