



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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Welcome to Lomax!

What a blessing it is to work and worship with God's people here at Lomax! I'm so thankful for the wonderful spirit and willingness to work that you regularly demonstrate. This past week we added to the ministry and service we provide our community. Our monthly Food for Families program will meet a serious need for 10 families in Lewis County as well as giving us an opportunity for further evangelism. In the spirit of Jesus, we are meeting needs and reaching out to our community. This program is in addition to our Food for Friends ministry that happens every Thursday, providing meals for nearly 30 shut-ins.

Our hearts were touched last Sunday as *Heather Powell* responded to the invitation and asked for our prayers for restoration and strength. It is a joy to pray for her and gives us the opportunity to examine our own lives as well.

Next Sunday is our 5th Sunday contribution that will go toward our building fund. We are making good progress paying down the loan for our new classrooms and the little chapel. At the last elders, deacons, and preachers meeting *Bill Lawson* announced that our debt was down to about \$58,000. These facilities have been a wonderful blessing to us and we use them regularly. Thank you for the way you have generously given to help pay for them. We trust that we will be able to retire this debt soon and enjoy the financial freedom that comes with being debt-free. Please make plans to give generously!

We are looking forward to celebrating some special 50th anniversaries over the next two weeks. What a great example of how marriages were designed to last!

-*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.

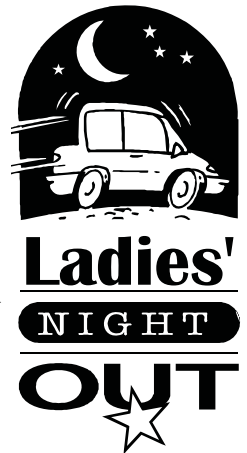
At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

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.



There will be an All Age Devotional tonight following services. Johnny Clayton will be the speaker. Please bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts.

The ladies of the congregation are invited to the home of Verlin George tomorrow night at 6:30 for a fellowship meal and devotional. Please bring your Bible and a favorite dish.



5th Sunday Contribution

Our 5th Sunday contribution on Sunday, April 29, will go toward our new classroom addition.

Please plan to give generously. If you have any questions, please see Bill Lawson.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Evelyn Tatum has a compression fracture in her back. She is recovering at home.

Candis Pelfrey's cancer has returned. She has started radiation treatments.

Sallie Millsbaugh has been sick at home.

Dinah Poore is at home recovering from her surgery.

Minnie Sue Willis is in Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center for rehab.

Theresa Whitehead will have ear surgery May 1.

Koty Roberson will have ankle surgery May 21.

Roy Burns, father of *Carolyn Duncan*, will have heart surgery Thursday at MRMC.

Christine Richardson, mother of *Barbara Hensley*, had heart valve replacement surgery last week. The surgery went well.

Elton Jackson is in St. Thomas Hospital.

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, and Estelle Mercer.*

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

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*).

John, Amber, and Carden Venable have moved to Waynesboro. Their address is:

John and Amber Venable
1632 Natural Bridge Road
Waynesboro, TN 38485



New Address



Food For Friends:
Team 4, April 26



We Need You!

All the men of the congregation are asked to sign up in the lobby to mow the church yard this summer if you can help us. We need everyone to take a turn (or two!) to help out. Please do your part! See Jeff Dye if you have any questions.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- April 29** — Sunday contribution to the Building Fund
- April 29** — Singing Service PM
- 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 Meeting
- June 3** — Hannah Hill Shower
- June 6** — Teen Meal

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Christians are baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3). Into whom were Jews baptized?
(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 & 7 PM. Remember that the *SON* always shines at Lomax...The Primetimers are reminded of our birthday party at Lewis Co. N. & Rehab this Wed. at 2:00...Thanks to all who helped celebrate our eldest class member this past Wed. noon (MF 96)...Last call to Primetimers to join us on our annual May trip to Pigeon Forge (21-23)...Don't forget the big 50th coming up this weekend for Jerry and Alice....Remember GYIDE Annual Fish Fry on May 5...Earmark the earlier date for our gospel meeting on July 20-22 with Bryan McAlister....We will miss seeing you folks tonight since I am scheduled to speak at Sweetwater.

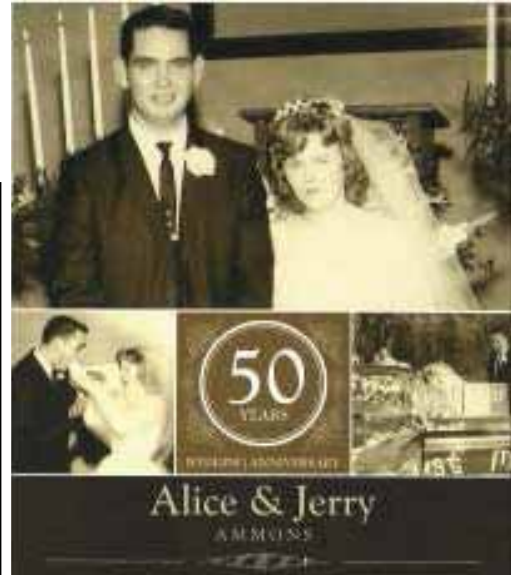


In My Opinion

Quite often in discussing religion someone will say, "That is your opinion or your interpretation." "I don't see it that way, etc..." Yes, I realize the value of the prized slogan that says "In matters of opinion *liberty*...In matters of faith *unity* and in all things *charity*." This simply reminds us that in matters of faith our opinions need to be checked by the standard of faith which is the Word of God. Opinions should be avoided if not backed by scriptures. Diligent effort should be made to see exactly what the Bible says on certain subjects and not just a few selected verses to suit our feelings or opinions. Our study should include related verses as we harmonize the word of God.

For instance, it is the opinion of many that John 3:16 , Acts 16:31, etc. teach salvation by *faith only*. However, we are now studying the book of James in the Wed. night Aud. Class and we have just noted Jas. 2:24 "*You see then how a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.*" Sometimes the word faith is all inclusive and when it harmonizes scripture, we note that we are not saved by anything only. When we go to the apostolic examples of conversion in the book of Acts, we find that people heard the word of God...they believed the word of truth...they were taught to repent of their sins...had the privilege of confessing their faith in Christ...and upon this good confession they were baptized for the remission of their sins...and in the same process the Lord added them to the church (Acts 2:37-47). Thus, we are saved by grace through an obedient faith and can go on our way rejoicing (Acts 8:39).

On The Lighter Side: Comic Dictionary: An American is a person who yells for the government to balance the budget and borrows money until payday....Creditor—A man who has a better memory than a debtor....Courtship—The period during which the girl decides whether or not she can do better....Echo—The only thing that can cheat a woman out of the last word....Praise—What you receive when you are no longer alive....Yawn—The only time some husbands get to open their mouth.



You are invited to step back into the 50's and celebrate with Alice and Jerry Ammons on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday April 28, at 6:00pm.
Lomax Christian Service Center
Casual attire... no gifts, please.



Together they have found a friendship, raised a family, and built a beautiful marriage. The children of Larry and Sandy Tatum invite you to participate in the celebration of our parents' 50th anniversary at a reception in their honor held at the Christian Service Center at Lomax Church of Christ, Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 2-4pm.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 4/15	
A.M. Bible Class	171
A.M. Worship Service	219
P.M. Worship Service	126
Wednesday PM	159
Contribution:	\$4,280.47
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Manasseh
(Joshua 22:7)

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

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

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

These thoughts on repentance are always good to remember!

Repentance is a funny thing. It feels like going backward when you want to go forward. There are two Greek words for repentance. One means “to be sorry for, to change your mind.” The other one means “to turn around.” Together they convey the full picture of Biblical repentance: to be sorry for what you have done, to change your mind and turn around mentally and spiritually. When we have taken a wrong turn on a road, we look for a way from our current path back to the right one. I may see if the road I am on leads back to the road I want to be on. But spiritually this is never the case. There is no way to go forward on the wrong road and end up on the right one. This is the meaning behind the popular expression “Two wrongs don’t make a right.”

And yet, while we know this, we fight against repentance. I don’t want to have to admit that I am wrong. But to truly repent, I must return to the place where I made the wrong turn and declare “That was the wrong way to go; I should have stayed on the right road.” The way that works spiritually is that we confess our sins. We go back to the moment we made the wrong decision and we go before God in prayer and declare, “That was wrong and I’m sorry. I’m changing my mind and I’m turning around to get back on the right path with You.” If our sin has impacted others, we need to let them know of our new decision. It may even be that we need to publicly declare our repentance. We push back against that, but remember, you cannot keep going down the wrong road and hope for an intersection with the right one. You must turn around, change your mind, and take a different path.

We sometimes forget that at the same time Peter told people to be baptized, he also commanded them to repent. Without repentance, there can be no salvation from sin. It’s that important!

- *DAVID*

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