



# 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!

Today is a special day! It's special because it's a Sunday—the Lord's Day—and we are gathered to worship Him. Each person here today makes this worship service unique and special, as well. It's also a special Sunday as we have set aside our contribution today to go toward our facilities and paying down the debt we owe on our recent construction of new classrooms. Tonight we will have a singing service that you won't want to miss! We invite any of our men who would like to lead a song to see *Steve Edwards* today.

*Tonya Shannon* responded to the invitation last week and asked that we pray for her to have patience in dealing with the struggles of her life. We celebrate with her that God has promised to provide the restoration and strength that she needs. It is a pleasure to pray for her and we pray that her example will spur us all on to greater patience and a greater experience of the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

What a special treat to celebrate with *Jerry and Alice Ammons* yesterday on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary! Next Sunday we'll get the chance to celebrate another golden anniversary when we honor *Larry and Sandy Tatum*. What a treat!

This Saturday is one of the best eating opportunities of the entire year! The GYIDE Fish Fry draws people from all around who want to enjoy some delicious fish and support Christian education. Make plans to be there Saturday from 4-7pm!

This time of year also marks the end of the school year and our teachers and students are getting excited. Next Sunday you're invited to celebrate the graduation of *B. J. Smith*, and Day School graduation will be May 14 & 15!

-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.

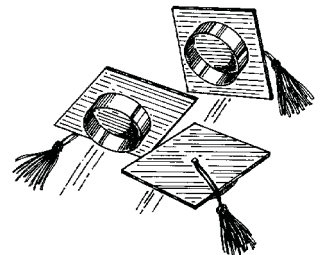
## 5th Sunday Contribution

Our 5th Sunday contribution TODAY will go toward our new classroom addition. Please give generously.



If you have any questions, please see Bill Lawson.

*You're Invited!*



Everyone is invited to join B. J. Smith next Sunday as she celebrates her high school graduation. B.J. is the daughter of Judy Smith and the granddaughter of Larry & Sandy Tatum. If you would like to contribute to a money tree, please give that to Heather Salisbury. If you can help with food, please see Betsy Tiller.



## Singing Night Tonight!

Tonight will be a special service focused on our singing. Please come and sit close to the front and join us as we praise to the Lord!

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Food For Friends:  
Team 5, May 3

Food for Friends

## 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.

*Gary O'Brien* is recovering from two skin cancer surgeries.

*Theresa Whitehead* will have ear surgery Tuesday.

*Sue Amacher* has been sick.

*Koty Roberson* will have ankle surgery May 21.

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

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



There will be a Teen Meal for all 7th-12th graders this Wednesday at 6 in the Christian Service Center. Please see Sherri Dye if you can help with food.



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

May 2— Teen Meal

May 5— GYIDE Fish Fry

May 13— Elders/Deacons & Preachers Meeting

May 13 — Mother's Day celebration

May 14 & 15— Day School Graduation

May 20 — All Age Devotional

May 20 — Youth Committee Meeting

June 3— Hannah Hill Shower



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, next Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 2-4pm.

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What Aramaic word is translated in the Bible as "Be opened"?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Meditations with Malcom



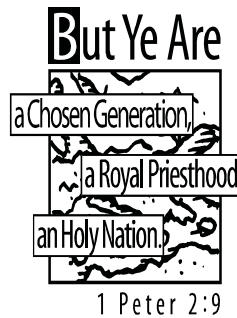
**A Special Welcome to all our visitors.** We are glad you came our way. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 and on Wednesdays at 10 AM & 7 PM. Remember that the *SON* always shines at Lomax ....Don't forget that our contribution today goes for the building fund debt and we have the joy of giving extra to this worthy cause.....The annual GYIDE Fish Fry is coming up on May 5 with an opportunity to help Christian education.

**THE DEAD CHURCH....**A person once called a preacher to say he wanted to "join" his church. But, he went on to explain that he did not want to worship every week, nor study the Bible, nor visit the sick, nor tell others about Christ, nor serve in any form of leadership or be involved in church activities.

The preacher commended the man for his desire to "join" the church, but he told him that the church he was looking for was in another part of town. The man took directions and thanked the preacher.

When the man arrived at the church building described by the preacher, he came to face with the logical result of his own apathetic attitude. There stood an abandoned church building, boarded up and ready for demolition.

We must be constantly reminded that the Lord's church is a living body (Cf Acts 2:37-47; Eph. 4-6, etc.). In 1 Pet. 2:9-10 Peter describes the church as a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a person belonging to God, that he may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a person, but now you are a person of God, once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



Peter is calling the church a glorious place of praising God and serving man. Aren't you glad that when folks attend Lomax they not only have the opportunity for scriptural worship but *numerous* opportunities of serving our fellow man? We count everyone because everyone counts.

**On The Lighter Side:** "Now, children," said the Bible class teacher, "I have told you the story of Jonah and the whale. Willie, you may tell me what this story teaches." "Yes ma'am," said Willie. "It teaches you that you can't keep a good man down."

**Sermon Briefs:** He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose (Note: From a recent sermon by David).....Beauty without virtue is a flower without perfume.....Some people make the world more special by just being in it.....To cultivate kindness is an on going process as we model the author of kindness (Cf. Eph. 4:32).

## Birthdays

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Keegan Reynolds
- Tonya Shannon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Adrienne Pfaff
- 5<sup>th</sup> Hannah Hill
- 7<sup>th</sup> Abbe Lawson
- Judy Smith
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wilma Churchwell
- Dale Hull
- Blaine Turner
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wyatt O'Cain
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mitzi Edwards
- 14<sup>th</sup> Yogie Spears
- 16<sup>th</sup> Estelle Mercer
- 17<sup>th</sup> Ralph Conkle
- 21<sup>st</sup> Pittman Baker
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ethan Hamblin
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dianne Daniel
- 31<sup>st</sup> Darby Salisbury
- Will Salisbury
- Clifford Turnbow

## Anniversaries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill & Sallie Millsbaugh
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stephen & Shana Tanner
- 6<sup>th</sup> Greg & Theresa
- Whitehead
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rick & Cindy Morrow
- Jeff & Rose Spears
- 15<sup>th</sup> Erik & Adrienne Pfaff
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lynn & Jan Ammons
- 31<sup>st</sup> Lynn & Betsy Tiller

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 4/22	
A.M. Bible Class	159
A.M. Worship Service	217
P.M. Worship Service	120
Wednesday PM	161
Contribution:	\$4,871.75
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know  
Your Bible answer:**  
Moses  
(1 Corinthians 10:2)

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*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Satan is a professional discourager. He steals joy and hope for a living. And he is good at what he does! None of us are exempt from his heists. But God is in the business of giving hope and joy. When Satan comes to steal our hope, he does so with facts that are twisted just enough to seem to logically justify his “doom and gloom” conclusions. He convinces us that we aren’t being negative, just realistic. But he always excludes one fact that we, as the people of God, must remind him about: The LORD our God is in our midst.

The fact that God is with us is the wildcard that Satan can never counter. Whatever you’re facing, remember that God is with you! When we are tempted to get negative and down, let us remind ourselves and each other that the Almighty is on our side! His desire is to replace or pessimism with praise and to turn our whining into rejoicing. He quiets our worries and calms our fears with His love. And through it all, we are encouraged because God is in our midst.

The challenge for each of us is to remember that when Satan whispers his words of fear, doubt, and pessimism in our ear, we must remind him that God is with us. But the truth is, we don’t need to remind Satan that God is with us. Satan is extremely aware that God is on our side. His goal is to make US forget that fact! It doesn’t matter whether or not Satan knows that God is with us: what matters is whether or not WE remember it in the face of Satan’s attacks.

May we each have the courage to face the devil with God on our side and may we repent for the times we have forgotten the fact that He is present with us. May we hold one another accountable that we may never get discouraged doing the work of the Lord. Our situation is never hopeless because the LORD God is in our midst! May we never become hopeless because we have forgotten that truth!

- DAVID

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