



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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Welcome to Lomax!

It's a great time of celebration at Lomax! We celebrated with *Mr. and Mrs. Paxson and Alina Spears* yesterday at their wedding. We have recently celebrated with *Hannah Hill* as she looks forward to a wedding soon and today the ladies will host a shower for *Kristin Alford* to celebrate her upcoming marriage. In a different type of celebration, many of you heard the news that *Emma Kate Hill* was baptized last week at Maury Christian Camp. She and her family are members at the West Seventh congregation in Columbia now. We love getting good news and celebrating with our church family!

From time to time we need to give honor to whom honor is due. This summer, *Jeff Dye* is doing a great deal of hard work. Jeff is the deacon in charge of our Youth Committee and he personally chaperones many of our youth events as well as teaching a class whenever he's needed. In addition to his full time job with the city, Jeff works a busy schedule in the summer mowing yards. He's also in charge of keeping the church yards mowed through the summer. And as if that weren't enough, this month Jeff has been serving as one of our worship assignment coordinators. There are more than 30 public positions each week that must be filled in order for our worship services and Wednesday night devos to happen. This month Jeff is in charge of getting all those men lined up each week. There are lots of people here who do a lot of work, and I hope you thank each one of them, but say a special "thank you" to Jeff this month!

Our hearts were touched Sunday as *Kim Atkinson* responded to the invitation and asked for our prayers. It is always a privilege to pray for our fellow Christians!

-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.

Big DOGS

(Doers Of Good Service)



All Tweenagers (1st-6th grade) will meet today at 5:00 for a service project and devotional. Parents are encouraged to stay, as well!

Boys' Devotional

This Thursday all the 6th-12th grade boys are invited to a devo on the banks of the Buffalo



River! If you'd like to go to the devo, there is an important meeting down front after services this morning.

Game Night!

Anyone is welcome to join



us tonight in the CSC following our evening services for a Pass the Pigs tournament! Come and play or just watch the fun!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Brooke Duncan is sick at home with pneumonia and a blood infection.

Carolyn Duncan has tick fever that has affected her eyesight.

Lee Hudgins has kidney stones.

Harriet Anderson will have abdominal surgery Wednesday.

Mitzi Edwards will have surgery this Tuesday.

Bill Millspaugh will have cataract surgery Wednesday.

Gary Hinson is home from the hospital.

Jace Fite, nephew of *Sandra Clayton*, had surgery Friday at Vanderbilt.

Bret Reynolds, son of *Dennis Reynolds*, had serious cancer surgery last Thursday in North Carolina.

Continue to remember: *Bessie Edwards, Steve Edwards, Jimmy Griner* (son of *Pickard & LaFon Griner*), *Gwen Hinson, Dale Hull, Candis Pelfrey, Ava Provance & Evelyn Tatum*.

Shut-ins: *Carolyn Armstrong, Robbie Breece, Bessie Edwards, Carma Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Loyce Harris, Tiny Hinson, Willie Matt Hinson, and Estelle Mercer*.

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: *Gladys Baxter, Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Gertha Mae Duncan, Robena Gunter, Michelle Huff, Ilio Miller, J. R. Page, 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*).



Food For Friends:

Team 5, June 14

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 11:00 am.

The Elders will meet today at 4:00pm. The deacons will meet with them at 5:00.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

June 12 — LLL Speech Camp

June 14 — LLL Speech Camp

June 14 — Guys' Devo

June 17 — All Age Game Night

June 18 — Calling All Cooks

June 21 — Food For Families Distribution

June 22 — Girls' Devo

June 24-30 — Mid South

July 1 — 4th of July Celebration

July 1-7 — Horizons

July 7 — Kristen Alford & Trai Meadows wedding

July 8 — Elders/Deacons & Preachers Meeting

July 8 — All Age Game Night

July 15 — All Age Game Night

July 20-22 — Gospel Meeting

Bridal Shower



The Ladies of Lomax invite you to a bridal shower honoring

Kristen Alford,

Bride-elect of Trai Meadows,

today from 1:00-2:30 at the Christian Service Center.

Kristen and Trai are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Belk.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Where was Barnabas born?

(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 Wed. at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM...Congratulations to Paxson and Alina who were married this past Saturday night....Remember the gospel meetings at Kimmins and Little Swan that begin today (10th). I am scheduled to speak at Little Swan on Tuesday night....Also, be sure and pass the word about our revival at Lomax on July 20-22.

Keep On Growing—Our emphasis with Prime Timers is that we never grow old but we get old when we stop growing. A friend of mine said that when he was in high school, he had a coach with an interesting philosophy about life and growth. He was a history teacher, and sometimes he would ask questions the students could not answer. The student would say, “I don’t know, coach.” He would respond, “Eddie, when a person stops thinking, they die: when they die, their body starts to decay; and when their body starts to decay, they start stinking. So, either you are thinking or stinking, which is it?” However, some have improper thinking which is described as *stinking thinking* and this kind is destructive.



The coach went on to emphasize that there are two laws of life: Growth and Death. Things are scheduled to grow but a gradual decline of thinking can lead to the point that death wins. This is true of gardening, animals, humans, church congregations, nations, businesses, etc.

But there is one kind of growth in which this need not be true—the growth that takes place within a person. The apostle Paul reminds us, “*Though the outward man perish, the inward man is renewed day by day*” (2 Cor. 4:16). All of us know that the Bible emphasizes growth. Note 1 Pet. 2:2... “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby.*” He also reminds us to add to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-7). Jesus gave us the perfect model for growth in Lk. 2:52 as he increased mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially.

Longfellow wrote, “That apple tree is very old, but I never saw prettier blossoms on it than those it now bears. The tree grows a little new wood every year, and I suppose it is out of the new wood that blossoms come. Like the apple tree, I try to grow a little new wood every year.”

Now, you know why we emphasize growth so that we can die climbing and live forever.

On The Lighter Side: Father’s day is coming up soon and we wondered if you heard about the beautiful girl who got her looks from her father? He’s a plastic surgeon.

Sermon Briefs: The art of life is constant adjusting to circumstances as we use the Word of God as our standard of authority....God’s children are to be *constant in prayer, consistent in example, and compassionate in love!*



Fireworks Celebration

Our annual 4th of July fireworks show is paid for by donations and this year we have to buy the fireworks early. This celebration always draws a crowd! If you can help cover the cost of this event, please give money to David Salisbury or Dan Spears.

Food for Families

All Food for Families items need to be at the church building **June 20** (except perishable items). Our next distribution date is June 21st. Please see Betsy or Kay if you have any questions.

LLL Speech Camp



Anyone who wants to get a head start on LLL Speech next year, please meet this Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00pm. We will work on speech ideas and start writing our speeches! See Heather Salisbury for more information.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 6/3	
A.M. Bible Class	143
A.M. Worship Service	
P.M. Worship Service	
Wednesday PM	172
Contribution:	\$5,293.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Lydia
(Acts 16:14)

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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Jeff Dye
Matthew Farr
Jeff Spears
Larry Tatum
Walt Thompson
Lynn Tiller

The Last Word

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12

It's been birthday season around our house. In the space of 10 days all three of my children celebrate a birthday. We keep telling people that we are celebrating biblically: by the time all the parties are done, I believe we will have gone on a full month! Celebrations are fun but they are also important! We celebrate milestones and victories not just to enjoy a party but because we need to be reminded of the good things that God has done for us and of just how far we have come.

In 1 Samuel 7 the prophet Samuel wants to remind the people of Israel of the blessings of God. So he sets up a stone marker and names it Ebenezer, which means "stone of help." It's a reminder that we got here by the grace of God! In Psalm 124 David says "Were it not for the Lord," we never would have made it through the tough times.

But celebrations aren't just about surviving hard times. A celebration is designed to make a good time memorable. When something happens that we don't want to forget, we celebrate it! In a few weeks our country will celebrate it's birthday. We've made that a holiday because it's something we never want to forget. In our families we celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and a host of other good things because we want to remember them.

What about in your life? What do you celebrate? Take time to celebrate the good things that God is doing in you. As a congregation, we need to always take time to rejoice together in celebration for the blessings of God. We should look for excuses to celebrate! It accentuates the positive and motivates us all to reach for our goals!

Of all the celebrations that take place among the people of God, perhaps the greatest is when we join with the angels in heaven and celebrate a sinner who is saved or a Christian who returns after falling away. Anytime a soul is saved, it's the greatest celebration! Let's all thank God for His blessings and pray that we will have many more reasons to celebrate soon!

- *DAVID*

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