



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 had a great week last week. Several of our young people enjoyed a week of church camp, and many of them are leaving again today for Horizons. Horizons is a leadership training camp at Freed-Hardeman University. While church camp is more oriented toward fun and fellowship with some Bible class time, Horizons is more focused on Bible classes. Knowing young people, however, they manage to work in plenty of fun and fellowship, too! The theme this year is "Really?" and they will be focusing on what is real in life and in their relationship with God as opposed to the lies Satan sells us as reality. It should be another amazing week!

We were privileged last Sunday morning to pray for *Dawn Dickey* as she responded to the invitation and asked for our prayers about the problems she is facing in her life. It is a joy to pray for her.

Don't forget our annual 4th of July celebration tonight! We'll have a regular evening service before we meet in the CSC for a meal and some games (all indoors due to the heat!). Finally, at dark (between 8:30 and 9:00) we'll go out to the parking lot and enjoy some fireworks. We have a large crew of men who are overseeing the fireworks and the safety precautions. Plan to be here and enjoy the show. Invite your neighbors and friends!

Finally, I shared a story from our vacation last week as part of the sermon. We did have a tire come apart as we tried to travel to Holiday World, and we did end up back at Heather's parents' house that day. BUT we also DID go to Holiday World two days later! I neglected that very important detail last week and I'm happy to set it straight here. Have a blessed week!

-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.



Celebrate the 4th!

Everyone is invited to join us tonight for a time of worship, fellowship, food, fun and FIREWORKS!

Schedule:

6:00 PM — Evening Worship
Following Worship — Picnic
and Games

Hamburgers, hotdogs and
buns will be provided.

Please bring drinks, sides
and desserts.

Dark (8:30-9:00) —
Fireworks

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Bobby Daniel had surgery Thursday.
Chris Christian will have surgery to remove his left kidney.
Gary Hinson will have to have another surgery soon.
Florine Gossett, sister of *Nadine Turnbow*, is sick.

Continue to remember: *Harriett Anderson, Brooke Duncan, Carolyn Duncan, Bessie Edwards, Jimmy Griner, Robena Gunter, Gwen Hinson, Dale Hull, and Candis Pelfrey.*

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, 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).*



Food For Friends:

Team 2, July 5

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:45 am.



Elders, Deacons, and Preachers will meet **next Sunday, July 8.**

Elders will meet at 4:00 pm and deacons will meet at 5:00 pm.



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

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

July 22 — Movie Night for Teens

July 29 — Back to School Devo

Aug. 1 — Teen Meal

Aug. 12 — Elders/Deacons & Preachers Meeting

Aug. 26 — Youth Committee Meeting



TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS

*Kristen Alford and
Trai Meadows*

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
 AT THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR UNION
 SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH OF JULY
 TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE
 FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
 LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

320 DARBYTOWN ROAD, HOHENWALD, TENNESSEE
 RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT THE STRAND THEATRE

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What prophet preached to a valley of dry bones?
 (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...We are often honored to have guests come our way and we recognize that a number of our members are away on vacations during the summer months. We missed the Salisburys and are glad they are back and we have others out this week at Horizons, Mtns., Camp Grounds, special July 4 events, Fla., etc. and we all know that the best part of most trips is returning home. Our summer schedule includes today at Kimmins, Selmer on July 11, Gospel meeting at Cypress near Selmer on Aug. 5-8, and at Topsy on Sept. 9-11. I am scheduled to speak at Homecomings at Salem on Sept. 16 and Rogers Springs on Oct. 7. We solicit your continued prayers for David and me and for our upcoming gospel meeting on July 20-22 with Bryan McAlister doing the preaching.

Will God Always Bless America? Someone said they saw a bumper sticker with these words *God Bless America And Please Hurry!*

Yes, God has blessed America, and we should pause each day and count our many blessings. The modern technology that we have in realms of health, convenience, etc. is indescribable. However, we must not forget that *Freedom* is not *free*. Independence Day coming up is a reminder and a celebration of our freedoms. We need all these reminders because we are prone to forget and take freedom for granted.



Will God always bless America? Yes, if we submit to 2 Chron. 7:14 *"If my people which are called by My Name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."*

May this holiday remind us to be grateful for the multitudes who fought and worked for the freedom we enjoy today and let us pray that we may open our eyes and never forget that *"Righteousness exalteth a nation."* And that when we lose this foundation, we head downward. In view of this, we suggest that, above all, **we reaffirm our dependence on God.** Generally every day is the Lord's but specifically each Sunday, every Lord's Day, is the Christian's Independence Day. We are glad you are at Lomax to help us celebrate this day as we work and worship according to the pattern set forth in God's inspired revelation.

On The Lighter Side: Have you noticed that only Americans have mastered the art of being prosperous though broke? Also, blessed are the ignorant for they are happy in thinking they know everything.

Sermon Briefs: If you think that change is dangerous, try idleness.....Let the feeling of discouragement prey upon you, and in the end you are sure to succeed....You never saw a fish on the wall with its mouth shut...Life is made up of a constant adjusting to circumstances...Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.



Tree of Knowledge

Congratulations to the following young people for their accomplishments during the Spring Quarter in our Bible classes! Our Tree of Knowledge program is available online, and you can see the results of it by stopping by the big tree in the education wing and looking at all the apples that are on it! If you haven't seen the tree recently, it's worth a fresh look! We are so proud of these children and thankful to their teachers and their parents. May God continue to bless us as we learn His word!

2, 3 and 4 year olds

Psalm 23:1

Rylee Roberson

4 and 5 year olds

Books of the New Testament

Jed Amacher

Wyatt O'Cain

Carden Venable

1st and 2nd Grades

Books of the Old Testament

Abby Salisbury

3rd and 4th Grades

Plan of Salvation (including Scripture references)

Scott Mullinicks

Grant Spears

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 6/24	
A.M. Bible Class	168
A.M. Worship Service	214
P.M. Worship Service	119
Wednesday PM	130
Contribution:	\$4,035.08
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Elisha
(2 Kings 13:20-21)

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

The Last Word

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

For almost half an hour on Friday, June 15, Nik Wallenda made his way across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. You may have been part of the millions who watched him on television. Nik is a seventh generation Wallenda, and his family is famous for their daredevil stunts. He certainly lived up to his family name as he walked 1800 feet across the falls at a height of 20 stories — all on a 2 inch cable! Nik may have looked all by himself as he walked, but he wore a headset and his father talked to him the whole way as he walked. Nik could also be heard praying many times. We admire people like Nik because they fearlessly follow their dreams. We admire them, but we don't intend to follow in their footsteps! Can you imagine what it must have been like trying to balance on that small cable while the winds blew, the mists swirled, and all the while the roar of the water reminded you of what was waiting if you made a mistake? Now, I don't intend to jump on a tightrope and go anywhere, but we are called to walk by faith. Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is being certain (convicted) where there is no visible certainty. It means being sure in an unsure situation. The truth is, we have a lot more in common with Nik Wallenda than we might think. We come from a long line of faith daredevils. The rest of Hebrews 11 describes men and women who did amazing things by faith. They are all our ancestors! And like Nik, we are not alone. Our Father is with us every step of the way, and we can talk to him at any time.

So what's your tightrope to walk? Is it time to walk across the street and invite your neighbor to the gospel meeting? Is it time to walk across the room and talk about the Bible with someone? Or maybe it's time to cross that divide in your heart and apologize to heal an old wound between friends or family.

Whatever your tightrope is, have the courage of Nik Wallenda to accomplish it! What seems impossible is within our grasp if we will walk by faith in the power of God!

- DAVID

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