



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!

Next Sunday is a Friends and Family Day for us! These are great times to bring a guest with you to worship. Bring a dish of food and plan to stay with us for a fellowship meal and our afternoon service. Then, we'll meet back later for our annual Devo in the Park. This is always a fun, family friendly event! It's a great time to relax and enjoy some fun and fellowship together. The perfect ending to a great evening is our campfire devo. Every Sunday we enjoy one of the great privileges of being a Christian family: worshiping together. But next Sunday offers you a special opportunity to enjoy being together in a different way, so make plans to be here!

Congratulations to *Scott Mullinicks* who had perfect attendance last quarter in the 3rd and 4th grade class on Sunday morning! We appreciate everyone who makes our Bible classes a priority and all those who give of their time to teach, as well. We are blessed at Lomax to have some great teachers. *Boo Spears* is the deacon over the education program, and he does a great job. This quarter, the AC 20/30 class will be taught by *Rick Morrow* and *Dan Spears* and will be doing a study called *Balancing Life's Demands* and talking about priorities and finding peace in midst of stressful times. Make Bible class a part of your Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights! It's a great opportunity to learn more and to be a blessing to others in a class! You'll be glad you joined a class and be a stronger Christian for the commitment you've made and the teaching you receive.

Let's continue to remember the victims of Hurricane Isaac in our prayers. It is a time of tragedy, but also an opportunity for God's people to show a servant heart!

-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.

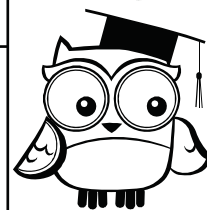
If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help you, please let us know while you are here or call 796-5381.

Friends & Family Day



Next Sunday will be a **Friends and Family Day!** Following our morning worship, we'll enjoy a fellowship meal and then an afternoon service. Please bring food for our meal and invite a guest!

Wise



Lomax Kids' Rally

This Saturday

9:00-2:00

For children in Grades 1-6. Come join us for a fun day of classes, crafts, and learning to be wise and live God's way! For more information, see Matthew or Kara Farr.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Judy Smith is home from the hospital and will have more tests soon.

Abbe Lawson will have surgery this week.

Candis Pelfrey is home from the hospital.

Bill Millspaugh will have tests done this Wednesday.

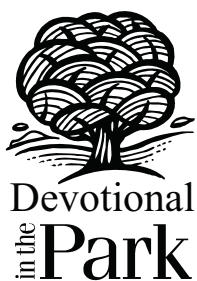
David Quillen, brother of *Jane Lawson*, is in serious condition in the hospital in Michigan.

Continue to remember: *Harriett Anderson, Chris Christian, Brooke Duncan, Jimmy Griner, Robena Gunter, Gwen Hinson, Dale Hull, Candis Pelfrey, and Ava Provance.*

Shut-ins: *Carolyn Armstrong, Robbie Breece, Bessie Edwards, Carma Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Loyce Harris, 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, Robena Gunter, 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*).



Our annual Devo in the Park is next week! Following the afternoon service next Sunday, we will meet at 4:30 and go out to the Meriwether Lewis Park for games, food, wading in the creek and a campfire devotional.



Happy 90th Birthday!

The family of **Hilda Baker** invites you to celebrate her 90th birthday today from 2-4 pm in the CSC. They are assembling a memory book, so please bring a picture, story, or a note for the book. No gifts, please.



**Food For Friends:
Team 5, September 6**
If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:45 am.



All young people are invited to a Teen Meal this Wednesday night at 6:00 in the CSC. Please see Deena Reeves or Kathy O'Brien if you can help with the food.



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

Sept. 5 — Teen Meal
Sept. 8 — Kids' Rally
Sept. 9 — Friends & Family Day
Sept. 9 — Devo in the Park
Sept. 30 — Sara Easley Bridal Shower

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

How many days did it take Nehemiah and the Israelites to rebuild the walls?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom

A Special Welcome to all our visitors. We are glad you came our way. All of our visitors are truly honored guests. As we stated last week, it is a joy to honor special birthdays this month and don't forget the special celebration for Hilda this afternoon from 2-4...Remember the Kids' Rally on the 8th and our Friends & Family Day on the 9th....Don't forget the Topsy gospel meeting on Sept. 9-11.....We hope that everyone is having a great Labor Day weekend, and we are glad you are sharing some of it with us at Lomax.

A Biblical View of Work...Many folks think that work was a consequence of the fall, but work was part of God's plan from the beginning. Before the fall, *"the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to dress and keep it"*(Gen. 2:14).

Adam and Eve were given a work to do.

On the first Monday in September, America celebrates Labor Day. On this day we recognize the dignity of work and the rights of the worker. Someone has said that the best way to kill time is to work it to death. The Bible declares that if a man will not work, he shall not eat (2 Thess. 3:10). Laziness is condemned throughout the Book of Proverbs. Yet, some folks forget the dignity of labor. One man named his son-in-law Arch since he had to support him.

Labor Day



However, we must understand the priority of work and not become a "workaholic." All of our life is regulated by *"seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."* (Matt. 6:33). Folks in this area know that Lomax is a working congregation and plans to go forward in the greatest work in the world. We praise all age groups for co-operation and working under the oversight of our elders. We count everyone because everyone counts. The Son always shines at Lomax. Our parents teach their children to work and praise them on a regular basis. Someone has said that *workers never grumble and grumblers never work.*

Not everyone can whistle while he works because diversity may not allow it. However, we can always have the proper attitude toward work and folks can say that "he died climbing!" Let us look forward to hearing these words, *"Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joys of the Lord"* (Matt. 25:34-46).

On The Lighter Side: Labor Day Story...Employer— "No, I can't find you a job. I have so many people here after jobs that I can't even remember their names."

Applicant— "Couldn't you give me the job of keeping the record of them?"

Sermon Briefs: Beauty without virtue is a flower without perfume....A reminder that anger is one letter short of danger....If there is anything better than to be loved, it is loving..... "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 8/26	
A.M. Bible Class	146
A.M. Worship Service	222
P.M. Worship Service	136
Wednesday PM	176
Contribution:	\$6,110.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Ethiopia
(Acts 8:27)

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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Richard Amacher

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Bill Lawson

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Yogie Spears

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Jeff Dye

Matthew Farr

Jeff Spears

Larry Tatum

Walt Thompson

Lynn Tiller

The Last Word

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11

It is popular today to talk about the church as a failed experiment or a man made misinterpretation of Scripture. Even those who call themselves a Christian may rail against what they term the "institutional church" or "organized religion." They often advocate a freer form of worship that is not centered around a gathering place and lacks any structure to the worship service. They will tell you that you need Christ, but you do not need the church.

But consider this: If you were going to build a new house, one of the first and most important things you must do is pour a good foundation. It is vital that your foundation be solid and correctly done for anything else in your house to be considered sound. However, once the foundation has been poured properly, you wouldn't be quite ready to move in yet, would you? No one wants to live in an unfinished basement with no house over the top. While a foundation is absolutely vital, no one would confuse a foundation and a finished structure.

In the same way, Christ is the foundation of the church. Any group of people that builds on a foundation other than Jesus Christ may be an excellent group of individuals, but they cannot claim to have a New Testament church. If your "church" is centered on the teachings of Buddha, Mohammed, or Frank the Flying Falzinni, it is not a church as the New Testament describes.

But if you correctly take as your foundation Jesus Christ and decide that is all you need, then you have a foundation with no structure. And no one in their right mind would call that complete. If Jesus Christ and His teachings are a foundation, then something is going to be built on them. In 1 Corinthians 3 Paul speaks of the work he did among the people of Corinth as building the church. To take Christ without the church is try and take the foundation without ever building anything on it. It is impossible to read the New Testament and miss the importance of the church that Jesus died to establish! May we live up to the high calling of God in Christ in the church!

- DAVID

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