



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 crazy busy weekend last week! Thanks to everyone who worked to make Kids Rally, Friends and Family Day and Devo in the Park a success! It is just great to be surrounded by hard working Christians, and I am thankful for each of you! Last Sunday we had a lot of visitors. I talked to one lady who said she couldn't come, but she received four different invitations! Even though she wasn't here, you made a great impression on her. I'm thankful to work and worship with people who try hard to show the love of God at every opportunity. Keep bringing guests and continue to shower them with love. We regularly say that Lomax is a place to belong, a place to be loved and a place to serve God and others. That was definitely on display last weekend!

As we look ahead we are making plans for a busy fall, too. We just finished the ad for *House to House: Heart to Heart* that will go out mid-November telling our community about the Christmas meal and coat drive. We're also making plans for our *Fall Festival* and our *Lomax Ladies' Day*. These are all wonderful opportunities to invite your friends to share in. Please also keep these events and many others in your prayers.

Thanks to those who helped out this past week in the *Food for Friends* ministry. I love that when you see a need, you go and meet it! This work does a lot of good, but we receive an even greater blessing than we give when we visit with these friends!

Make it a point this week to find someone who needs some encouragement and offer it to them. A compliment or a kind word can go a long way! Be a blessing!

-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.

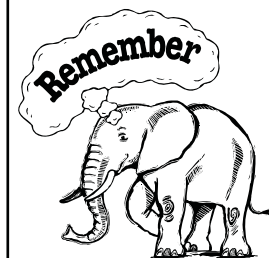
At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

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 on Sunday, September 30, will go toward paying down our debt on the new classroom addition.

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



Youth Committee Meeting

The Youth Committee will meet today at 4:00. If you have any suggestions for the Youth program or would like to volunteer to help with any youth events, please see Jeff Dye or any member of the Youth Committee.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick:

Sharon Edwards is in Hickman Community Hospital for rehab following surgery for a broken hip.

Lynn Ammons had knee surgery on Friday.

Dinah Poore will have surgery September 26.

Easton Rider, grandson of *Steve and Mitzi Edwards*, has been in the NICU in Chattanooga but planned to go home Friday.

Halle Williams, granddaughter of *Richard and Sue Amacher*, has been in the NICU in Johnson City. She was released to go home on Friday.

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

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to *Joyce Sealey* on the death of her mother, *Willa Culberson*. She passed away Wednesday and her funeral was Friday.

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*).



Food For Friends:
Team 1, September 20
If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:45 am.

Food for Families

"For I was hungry and you gave me food."

All Food for Families items need to be brought in **today**. Distribution day is this Thursday. Please see Betsy Tiller or Kay Long if you have any questions.



A Look Ahead
Put these dates
on your calendar!

Sept. 20 — Food for Families Delivery

Sept. 30 — Sara Easley Bridal Shower

Oct. 6 — GYIDE BBQ

Oct. 25 — Fall Festival

Oct. 28 — Trunk or Treat

Nov. 3 — Lomax Ladies' Day

Nov. 11 — Friends & Family Day

Dec. 15 — Community Christmas Dinner and Coat Give Away



Day School Donations

The following are items that the Day School needs donated:

- Gold fish/whales
- Animal Crackers

Please put these items in the box in foyer.

Thank you!

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

On what mountain did Noah's ark land after the flood?

(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 and on Wed. at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM... Be sure and add the GYIDE Barbecue, etc. on Oct. 6. All profits go to Christian education...I am scheduled to speak at the Salem Homecoming today at 11:00 and 1:30 but we will be looking forward to seeing you folks at our evening services.

Homecomings are basic. We need to go back home and be reminded of parents, friends, and home congregations that had such an impact on our lives. We should never forget those who gave so much to us and thank them while there is time and opportunity.

Yes, we live in a mobile society. Yes, *Home is where the Heart is*, but regardless of the changes, we need to be reminded of *Home Sweet Home*.

My oldest brother moved to another state and worked for years but came



back home for those retirement years. I am sure he had been told that he could not go back home again, but was aware of changes and adjusted as he felt a need. He did not know everyone, but could also look into the eyes of some who recognized him instantly. He could feel the love which time cannot dim.

Yes, the winds of change are to be expected but as someone reminds us "Home is the flame which refuses to flicker—like love for others, like the church, like the cross, like God."

However, as David and I emphasize in sermons and memorial services, we are not yet home. We use the word to show that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us (Jn. 14:1-6) and we must go home by the way of the cross (1 Cor. 15). We talk about that indescribable home of Rev. 21:1-4, etc. and encourage folks to keep their house in order so all can look forward to *going to our real home* where our treasures are laid up *somewhere beyond the blue*. (Note Acts 2:37-47 and Rev. 2:10).

"Oh, For A Home With God..." Thank God for giving us this opportunity as we accept this gift by an obedient faith.

On The Lighter Side: He was studying his menu when the waitress came to take his order. "Have you frog's legs?" he asked. "No," she replied, "Its my arthritis that makes me walk this way."

"Why don't you go to church?" asked the minister of the non church goer. "Well, I'll tell you. They tried to get me in the water and they tied me to a woman I've had to keep ever since."

"Yes," said the minister. And unless you change your mind the next time you go they will throw dirt on you."

Sermon Briefs: It is said that 65% of folks communicate without words. Folks are more prone to believe this kind of terminology. Cf. Mt. 5:16.

One joy scatters a hundred griefs...Folks never grow old. They just get old when they stop growing. They may die of old age but they die young.

**BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 9/9**

A.M. Bible Class	137
A.M. Worship Service	228
P.M. Worship Service	98
Wednesday PM	150
Contribution:	\$4,425.07
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:
In the Temple
(Luke 2:49)**

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 Spears

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Walt Thompson

Lynn Tiller

The Last Word

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 1 Timothy 1:15

You may not know the name *Csanad Szege*di or the Jobbik Party of Hungary which he represents, but his story has been told a lot lately. Szege

di was a rising star in the Jobbik Party, which is one of the very few political parties in Europe that are openly anti-Semitic. He himself had railed against Jews in speeches, and the presidential candidate from his party called Israeli Jews "lice infested, dirty murderers."

All that changed in 2010 when Szege

di was confronted with evidence that he himself was Jewish. Not only was he forced to admit that his mother was Jewish (which, according to Jewish law, makes him Jewish too), but his grandparents had survived the Holocaust, too. For obvious reasons, he was forced to resign all his leadership positions in his party. For him, the moment has caused a great change of heart. He met with an Rabbi Shlomo Koves and apologized to the Jewish people for his remarks and actions. He has planned a trip to Auschwitz, where his grandmother was imprisoned, to "pay his respects to the Holocaust martyrs."

As one person commented on this news article, "You've got to be careful who you hate. You might find out you are one!" Certainly this story should give us all a reason to pause and consider the hypocrisy we exhibit when we condemn specific sins above others. For the moment we condemn those who practice one type of sin, we are condemning all sinners, including ourselves! Nowhere is this more evident than when Christians complain about the church. When we gripe about what the church doesn't do but ought to do or what the church does but should refrain from doing, do we realize we are griping about ourselves? The truth is, we *are* the church! And if there is a problem in the church, we are part of that problem, and we should work to be part of the solution! May we repent of the moments we have accused the church and instead resolve to work together to make her better each day!

- DAVID

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