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Welcome to Lomax!

Many of you were travelling last week, and we're glad to have you back with us. We were blessed with a number of visitors, however, and that is always exciting. Our hearts were touched Sunday night as *Jan Hill* responded to the invitation to ask for our prayers. She has struggled lately with health problems, and she says they have caused her to struggle spiritually, too. Sunday night we lifted her up in prayer that God would strengthen her body and her spirit. Please continue to remember this godly sister in your prayers.

Also for your prayer list, we received word that *Dustin Brugmann*, grandson of *Jim & Sharon Grinder*, has been sent to a particularly dangerous part of Afghanistan with his military unit. Please remember him with some extra prayers for safety even as we remember all of our men and women in the armed services.

Next Sunday is a 5th Sunday which means our contribution will go toward a specific goal outside of our usual budgeted support. Our goal next Sunday is to continue to work to aggressively pay off the debt we incurred when we built the new education wing. Those classrooms and the little chapel have been a huge blessing to us in so many ways! Please plan to give generously next week and help us finish paying off these facilities.

We will also have a singing service next Sunday night. Any Christian men who are interested in leading singing need to see *Steve Edwards* next Sunday morning. These services are always a great time of praise, so plan to be here! This is a great opportunity to encourage others and be encouraged, too! It is always a blessing to focus on praising God!

- *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 D.O.G.S. (Doers Of Good Service)

All Tweenagers (6th grade and under) will meet today at 5:00 in the auditorium for a service project and devotional. Parents are encouraged to stay as well!

5th Sunday Contribution

Our 5th Sunday contribution next Sunday will go toward paying down our debt on the new classroom addition. Please give generously. If you have any questions, please see Bill Lawson.



Ladies' Night Out



All the ladies of the congregation are invited to

the home of Heather Powell (315 Willis Street) this Tuesday evening at 6:30. Please bring a favorite dish and a favorite Bible verse and hymn to share!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Harriet Anderson had a CT scan last week and will be continuing her chemotherapy treatments.
Jan Hill had surgery on Thursday to repair a hernia.
Dinah Poore will have surgery on Wednesday.
Carolyn Armstrong will have carotid artery surgery soon.
Chris Christian got a good report from his doctor.
Caroline Darden, daughter of *Chet & Andrea Darden*, had surgery to remove a tumor from her brain last week. She is recovering at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Continue to remember: *Harriett Anderson, 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*).

You're Invited!

Bridal Shower



You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Sara Easley, bride-elect of Andrew Rogers, next Sunday from 1:30-3:00 in the Christian Service Center. Andrew and Sara are registered at Walmart, Target, and Kohl's.



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Gal. 6:9



**Food For Friends:
 Team 2, September 27**
If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:45 am.

memorials & gifts

Recent donations were made by Dinah Poore to the Day School and the Youth Fund in memory of her mother, Ethel Poore. Also Bill & Sallie Millspaugh made a donation to Disaster Relief.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

- Sept. 30** — Sara Easley Bridal Shower
- Oct. 3** — Teen Meal
- Oct. 6** — GYIDE BBQ
- Oct. 16** — Golden Couples Potluck Supper
- Oct. 20** — Chili/ hotdog bonfire, hayride and devo
- Oct. 28** — Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 29** — Fall Festival
- Nov. 3** — Lomax Ladies' Day
- Nov. 7** — Teen Meal
- Nov. 11** — Friends & Family Day

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What king of Israel had a reputation for his fast chariot driving?
 (answer next week)

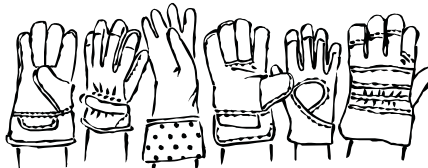
KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom

A Special Welcome to all our visitors. Remember our services tonight at 6:00 and on Wed. at 10 AM and 7 PM. You are always welcome at Lomax. We count everyone because everyone counts....Remember that next Sunday is building fund Sunday...Also, don't forget that the *GYIDE Barbecue* is coming up on Oct. 6.

THE BILITY FAMILY...I enjoy using unusual family members in sermons. I have used the *Tater Family, Bility Family, etc.* In this article I want to mention one member of the Bility family that must never be neglected but cultivated as long as we have opportunity: Responsibility. Jesus gives us the parable of the talents (Matt. 25) and reminds us that we all have talents and we are responsible for the use of these gifts. Also, if to use is to increase, it is equally true that to neglect is to lose. For example what would happen to David and me if we neglected to study? What happens if companions neglect each other? What about neglecting appreciation for precious friends? And above all—what happens if we neglect so great a salvation (Heb. 2:3)?



Are You Able?

God created each of us as individuals. He did not make us as puppets but responsible people (Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10). Yes, we are to take responsibility for our own actions, for our own choices, our own attitude to life, etc. Once we do this, we decide that our parents might be smarter than we thought they were. Our teachers are indeed very special folks. And we might even wake up to the fact that we are to stop blaming others and set our own house in order.

Yes, God takes care of the irresponsible but expects the capable to grow and develop and recognize that we are a part of the solution instead of the problem. A better world begins with us and a better congregation of the Lord's church begins with us. Often when we blame the church for something, we are blaming ourselves. I even like JFK's response to our nation when he said "*Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country.*"

We know that we cannot make it without the Lord's help, and we know that we are here to do good to all men, but being content with such as we are is a continual learning process (Phil. 4:4-13).

On The Lighter Side: One day while I was riding the elevator in the hospital, I overheard the following conversation between two doctors. "How is the patient that you have been treating?" said doctor one, and the other replied, "She is enjoying poor health every day." Which reminds me of the fellow who always felt bad when he felt good, for fear that he would feel worse, when he felt better.

Sermon Briefs: It is right to be contented with what we have, never with what we are....How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened....An ounce of example is worth a pound of advice.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 9/16	
A.M. Bible Class	134
A.M. Worship Service	205
P.M. Worship Service	153
Wednesday PM	172
Contribution:	\$4,791.51
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Mount Ararat
(Genesis 8:4)

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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The Last Word

“But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.” Galatians 4:18

As Paul is writing to correct the Galatians, he comments on their zeal for the Lord. We know what it means to be zealous — it’s that “on fire for the Lord” feeling that we get sometimes when we do something good. Paul commends the Galatians because they are zealous. Unfortunately, their zeal appears to have only been present when Paul was present. As soon as he left, their zeal died down. Paul says they should be zealous always, not just when he is with them.

But notice what else he says. It is good to be zealous *in a good thing...* Zeal is not enough. There must be something more than just a good feeling. What we desire must truly be a good thing. It’s easy to listen to our emotions and say that since something feels good or makes us feel holy or closer to God, then it must be a godly thing. But we must be careful that what we are doing is good. As with so many things in matters of faith, it is necessary to have both our brain and our heart working together. Just because it feels right doesn’t make it right.

But someone will say, “When I do this, I feel closer to the Lord.” They do not literally mean they are closer to God because the Holy Spirit lives in all Christians and He can never be any closer than that.

But they mean that some things make them *feel* more spiritual. That is to be commended. We are emotional beings and not robots. To do spiritual things with no emotion whatsoever makes them very difficult to do and offers very little reward. That being said, doing things based on our emotions without any Scriptural authority is also dangerous and will bring little reward.

The balancing point is to do what Paul says, be zealous always for good things. Not things we think are good or things that feel good to us, but things that God defines as good. It is good to be zealous for reading our Bibles and spending time in prayer. We should be zealous for worshiping God together and growing as Christians. May God help us to always be zealous to do good works and to grow stronger in Him!

- DAVID

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