



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Welcome to Lomax!

This ought to be one of the easiest bulletin articles I have ever written, but I find myself at a loss for words. Wednesday night two precious young souls were added to the body of Christ. We rejoiced with the angels in heaven as *Jessica Hinson* and *Abby Salisbury* became Christians. When I asked Jessica who she wanted to baptize her, she didn't hesitate at all. She looked up at me with that big smile and said, "You!" and I felt as I do every time someone asks me to perform their baptism: humbled and honored. To witness the birth of a new Christian is a special moment. To be involved in the process is even more amazing. I'm thankful every time that happens. That being said, the Apostle John wrote, "*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth,*" (3 John 4), and I think perhaps I begin to understand that verse even more now. I will always remember baptizing my daughter into Christ. Watching all of you talk to Jessica and Abby after services, I also realized just how important a church family is in the teaching process. We have been so blessed to have great teachers in our Bible class program here at Lomax, in Lads to Leaders, and in those teachable moments that just happen in the course of being a church family. So many of you have shared your wisdom and given a piece of your heart to each child at Lomax. It is that combined effort and collective witness to the amazing power and love of Christ that leads a young person to make the decision to become a Christian. Thank you all for living out your faith and teaching both in deed and by example what it means to be a Christian. May God continue to bless us as we grow in Him! Remember, we are making an eternal difference!

-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.

Baptized!



We rejoice with Abby Salisbury (left) and Jessica Hinson (right) on their decision to become Christians Wednesday night! You may send an encouraging note to them at:

Abby Salisbury

872 Smith Ave.

Hohenwald, TN 38462

Jessica Hinson

251 Clifton Road

Hohenwald, TN 38462

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Dinah Poore was taken back to Vanderbilt Hospital but she is home now.

Carolyn Armstrong had surgery on her carotid artery this past Thursday.

Carolyn Duncan is having problems with her eye.

Tiny Hinson fell last week.

Damon Reynolds, brother of *Ryan Reynolds*, had back surgery last Wednesday.

Florine Gossett, sister of *Nadine Turnbow*, requests our prayers.

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

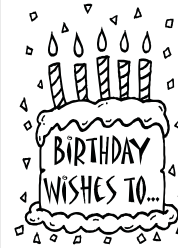
Shut-ins: *Carolyn Armstrong, Robbie Breece, Bessie Edwards, Carma Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Loyce Harris, Tiny Hinson, Willie Matt Hinson, Estelle Mercer and Minnie Sue Willis.*

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*), and *Brad Pierce* (son of *Judy Smith*).



Food For Friends:
Team 4, October 11
 If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:45 am.



Additional October Birthdays:

- Oct. 1 Britney Corvin
- Oct. 5 Jessica Corvin
- Oct. 18 Kay Long



Thanks to everyone who helped with the GYIDE Barbeque!



A Look Ahead
 Put these dates on your calendar!

- Oct. 16** — Golden Couples Potluck Supper
- Oct. 17** — Tie Dye Party
- 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



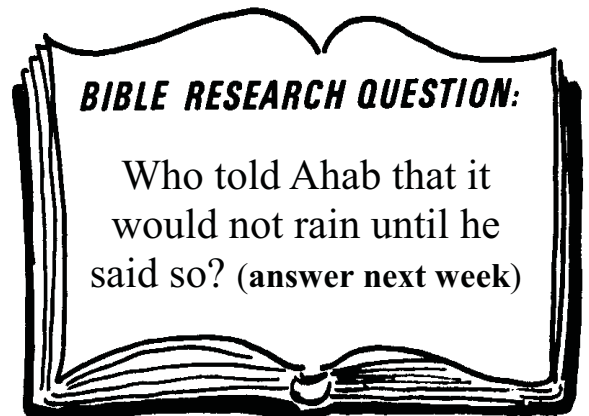
Golden Couples

All Lomax couples married 50 years or more are invited to a Potluck Celebration with entertainment by John Baker on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6 pm in the CSC. If you have any questions, please see Verlin George or Jeanette West.



Tie-Dye Party

All ages are invited to a Tie Dye Party on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 5 pm. Please bring a washed white t-shirt and money for pizza. Please sign up in the lobby so we can have enough supplies.



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who told Ahab that it would not rain until he said so? (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...Thanks to all who helped with GYIDE and the support of Christian education...Congratulations to Andy and Lauren who were married on the 6th...North Highland has a meeting this week with Hoyt Kirk...I am scheduled to speak in a Homecoming at Rogers Springs, TN today but I am looking forward to being at Lomax for the evening service...Note elsewhere that a 50+ is coming up at 6:00 on the 16th ...and plan ahead for Trunk or Treat on the 28th...Ladies Day on Nov. 3 and Friends & Family Day on Nov. 4...We count everyone at Lomax because everyone counts. The Son always shines at Lomax.

The Gospel Is For All...The Lord gave us a world-wide opportunity of sharing the good news of the gospel with approx. 7 billion people. His last words to the Apostles before going back to the Father were to preach *the* gospel to the whole world Matt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16; Lk. 22.



Someone has emphasized this today by saying that "It is the whole duty of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world." The Bible also emphasizes the urgency of this task. Others have reminded us that we are to be fishers of men and not just keepers of the aquarium.

However, we must remember that we have only one gospel but many methods to share *the good news*. Brother George S. Benson at Harding reminded us that there are some mission methods that never go out of style such as those used by the Apostle Paul. He emphasized that Paul established churches and prepared them to grow to the point of standing on their own. We used one of his methods while we were in the Middle East in that we trained "tentmakers." That is, we taught our students who were training for a particular job to also allow time for sharing the truth. We also trained folks who could devote full time to this great work.

Now, how do we go about this task? We train folks to preach the gospel (Rom. 10:13-17). Aren't we proud of such programs as LLL to assist in this marvelous opportunity? We are proud that Lomax is using this great opportunity. Another method that Lomax is using is what we call *Relief Evangelism* by supporting great programs like Disaster Relief, etc... and aren't you glad to be alive today and witness modern technology where the "whole world" could grasp the good news of the gospel via WBS, short-wave radio, etc., etc. See Rom. 1:16; 8:31, 37.

On The Lighter Side: Ole: Hello, Funeral Home? Funeral Home: Yes. Ole: My wife, Lena, died! Funeral Home: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. We will send someone right away to pick up the body. Where do you live? Ole: At the end of Eucalyptus Drive. Funeral Home: Can you spell that for me? Ole: How 'bout I drag her over to Oak street and you pick her up there?

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 9/30	
A.M. Bible Class	140
A.M. Worship Service	226
P.M. Worship Service	129
Wednesday PM	160
Contribution:	\$6,627.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

**Last week's Know
Your Bible answer:**
Samson
(Judges 15:4-5)

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

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Steve Edwards
Bill Lawson
Rick Morrow
Dan Spears
Yogie Spears

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

The Last Word

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! James 2:19

In the Presidential election cycle we have come to the debate season. It is traditional just as early voting begins for the candidates to go head-to-head and discuss their differences. As with any good debate, however, they must also acknowledge that they agree on some issues.

Perhaps no book of the Bible contains as much “debate” as the book of James. He sets up arguments of the enemy and then defeats them with Scripture and logic. As James speaks about faith, he says, however, that Christians and the devil do agree on some things, and I thought I would write to you today about where the Devil and I agree.

1) The Devil and I agree that God exists. The Devil is not an atheist! He knows God exists beyond any shadow of a doubt! There are those today who look at all of Creation and can call it a cosmic accident. They deny the existence of any higher power. But the Devil disagrees with them. Don't get me wrong, he's glad atheists exist and does what he can to help their cause. He just isn't one of them.

2) Satan agrees that the existence of God makes a difference in how I act every day. For the Devil, God's existence shapes his schedule and actions on a day-by-day and moment-by-moment basis. He is constantly thinking about the existence of God and how God's existence impacts his actions. As a Christian, I have to not only believe, but act. Obeying the gospel and becoming a Christian is the first step that my belief in God should drive me to do; it cannot be the last step of my Christian walk! The reality of God changes what I do, what I say, and even what I think about others!

3) Finally, Satan and I agree that baby steps are powerful. He knows that some times you get the big “home run” victory. But most of the time you make small advances on a regular basis that finally lead you to your goal. While his goal is to destroy faith, I have to realize that building faith takes time and consistency. As I take daily baby steps, I can build a great faith! We may disagree on almost everything else, but on these 3 things, the devil and I agree!

- DAVID

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