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MESSENGER

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From the Elders:

We realize what a great pleasure, privilege, and responsibility it is to serve as your elders. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very special new year. *"For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is*

among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." (Romans 12:3-5)

Don Spear
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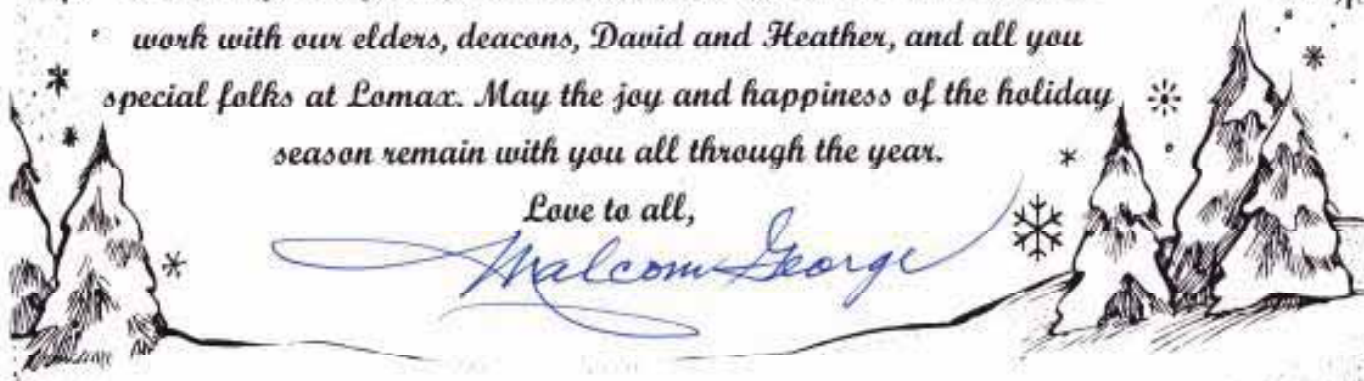
Merry Christmas From Our House to Yours!

At this time when our thoughts turn toward family and home, we are particularly thankful to be part of the Christian family here. We are proud to call Lomax home, and we love you all very much. It is a joy to work with the elders, deacons, and Malcom and Verlin. We pray the Lord will continue to bless this great congregation. Our future is bright and our direction is certain as we look toward the coming year. Thank you for all you do to make this place so special. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

* * Seasons Greetings and best wishes to everyone. It is a real joy to work with our elders, deacons, David and Heather, and all you special folks at Lomax. May the joy and happiness of the holiday season remain with you all through the year.

Love to all,

Malcom George



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Sick:

Sandra Thompson continues to recover at home from surgery on her esophagus.

Donise Bates has been sick at home with migraines.

Lillie Mae Davis, grandmother of *Caleb and Erik Odom*, has started radiation treatments.

Joe Turner, brother of *Sue Amacher*, is in Hospice care now. He is staying with *Richard and Sue* (491 Floyd Ave. if you would like to send cards).

Continue to remember: *Caroline Darden, Brooke Duncan, Marguerite Flowers, Florine Gossett* (sister of *Nadine Turnbow*), *Jimmy Griner, Jan Hill, Dale Hull, Candis Pelfrey, Aidan Turnbo* (great-nephew of *Betsy Tiller*), and *Ed Williams* (father of *Mylie McKissack*).

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*.

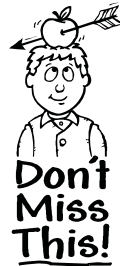
In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: *Gladys Baxter, Marguerite Bullion, Jennie Burdette, Gertha Mae Duncan, Robena Gunter, Michelle Huff, and Ava Provance*.

At The Bridge in Columbia: *Wylodean Edwards*

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:
Due to the Christmas holiday, we will not be delivering meals this Thursday. Meals will resume January 3



Special Devotional
All classes will meet in the auditorium this Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, for a special devotional.

5th Sunday Contribution Coming Up!

Our 5th Sunday contribution next week will go toward our building fund.



A Look Ahead Put these dates on your calendar!

Dec. 26 — Special Service

Dec. 28 — Youth Lock-In

Dec. 30 — 5th Sunday Contribution

Jan. 6 — All Age Devo

Jan. 9 — Teen Meal

Jan. 13 — Youth Committee Meeting

Feb. 2 — Leadership Planning Breakfast

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Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes News

- Please give your registration money (\$35 for those attending Convention, \$20 for participants not attending) to Steve Edwards or David or Heather Salisbury as soon as possible.
- Practices will start Jan. 6 with Speech meeting at 4pm and Bible Reading and Little Disciples meeting at 5pm.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who wrote the book of Lamentations?
(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 AM and 7 PM. The Wed. morning class will meet as usual but the PM classes will meet in the auditorium for a special devotional and singing service....Also, remember that our fifth Sunday contribution (30th) goes toward our building fund and thanks for your generosity in this needed area...Thanks again to all who worked so hard in the community outreach this past weekend...Also, we regret the announcement about brother Yogie's resignation as elder but say Amen to the fact that he was deserving of double honor and rejoice that he and Betty will continue to be great workers in the Lord's church as they share their talents in different roles.

The Joy of Giving—The apostle Paul in his farewell to the Ephesian elders told them to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, *"It is more blessed to give than receive"* (Acts 20:35). The following incident from Ken Gibson illustrates this truth.



A friend of mine named Paul received a new automobile from his brother as a Christmas gift. On Christmas Eve, when Paul came out of the office, a street lad was walking around the shiny new car admiring it. "Is this your car, Mister?" he asked. Paul nodded. "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..."

He hesitated, and Paul knew what he was going to wish. He was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what the lad said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels. "I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that." Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, and on a whim said: "Would you like to go for a ride?" "Oh, yes, I'd love it," the boy said. As they were riding, the boy asked, "Would you mind driving in front of my house?" Thinking that the boy wanted to show his friend that he could ride in a new automobile, Paul agreed.

"Will you stop by these steps?" The boy jumped out crying "I'll be right back," and ran up the steps. Upon returning he was leading his young crippled brother. "There it is, Buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas, and it didn't cost him a cent. Someday I'm gonna give you one just like it."

That Christmas Eve, Paul learned what Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

On The Lighter Side: Mary: "Are we going to exchange Christmas presents this year?" Harry: "I don't know about you, but I always exchange mine."

Sentence Sermon: You better treat everyone nice on your way up because you might meet them on your way down.



Youth Lock-In

All young people in the 7th -12th grade are invited to a Lock-In on Friday, December 28, at 7pm at the CSC. Pick up time will be Saturday morning at 7am. Boys need to bring two 2-liter drinks, and girls need to bring a dessert. Any adults who can help with food, activities, or chaperoning need to see Heather Powell TODAY. If you are planning to attend the Lock-In, make sure you sign up TODAY.



We Need Your Help!

If you can help prepare the Lord's Supper one month next year, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 12/16	
A.M. Bible Class	144
A.M. Worship Service	228
P.M. Worship Service	126
Wednesday PM	146
Contribution:	\$5,754.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,700.00

Last week's Know Your Bible answer: Hagar (Genesis 21:4)	
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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Rick Morrow
Dan Spears

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

The Last Word

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! 1 Chronicles 16:8

What a great time we have had lately! We fed 1,300 meals last Saturday at our Community Christmas Dinner. That means that over 10% of the population of Lewis County received a meal last Saturday from us. We also gave away almost 300 coats, and Santa had kids lined up to see him and get a toy, too. And every family that received a meal also received an invitation to study the Bible and come to worship with us or any of our sister congregations in the county.

As we prepare to finish out this year, there are many people I want to thank. We announced last week the resignation of *Yogie Spears* from the eldership. While we understand his reasons, this is the first time in 50 years that he has not been in a position of leadership at this congregation. But through his faithful service, he has helped to raise up other leaders who are ready to step in and carry the load. Thank you, *Yogie*, for all you have done for Lomax. Also this year, *Barbie Cameron* has singlehandedly written all the *Our Daily Walks* for the year. Thank you so much, *Barbie*! Also this year, *Betsy Tiller* and *Kay Long* have been coordinating our new food ministries, Food for Friends and Food for Families. They have worked tirelessly keep this going every week. Many of you have helped them by serving on food teams and driving to deliver food. Thank you *Betsy* and *Kay* and all your helpers! Lastly, *Heather Salisbury* has returned to work in the church office this year and has already proven to be instrumental in all the work that goes into our ministries. I may be biased, but I think she's done a great job! Thank you, *Heather*! I know there are others, and I don't intend to leave anyone out, but space does not permit me to list everyone who has helped us this year. Thank you all for all the work you do to make Lomax the special place it is. May God continue to bless us richly in our service to Him and our community!

We'll miss seeing you today as we are with my family for Christmas. Thanks to *Malcom* for taking care of everything today!

- *DAVID*

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