



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST M E S S E N G E R

*A place to belong. A place to be loved.
A place to serve God and others.*

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I came across this article in an email and thought the message was worth sharing. It is an article written by Mike Riley. I hope you are challenged by it as much as I was.

Listening for God's Voice

A Native American and his friend were in downtown New York City, walking near Times Square. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, the Native American said, "I hear a cricket." His friend said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," the Native American said, "I heard a cricket." "That's crazy," said the friend.

The Native American listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes beneath the branches, and sure enough, there was a small cricket. His friend was utterly amazed. "That's incredible," said his friend. "You must have super-human ears!" "No," said the Native American. "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be," said the friend. "I could never hear a cricket in all this noise."

"Yes you can," came the reply. "Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed that every person's head within twenty feet turned and looked to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked the Native American. "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for."

What's important to us? What do we listen for? Are there times that we fail to listen to God, because we are focused on other things that are more important to us? Regarding the Jews, Jesus said, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." (Matthew 13:15-16; cf. Isaiah 6:9-10; Acts 28:26-27).

Brethren, amid the distractions of the world all around us, may our ears always be open, not only ready to listen for, but to hear and be obedient to God's voice as He speaks to us through His word (1 Samuel 3:9-10; cf. John 8:47; John 10:4; John 10:27; 1 John 4:6).

Jon Hackett

Welcome to Lomax!

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.

CHRISTMAS Parade



We will have a Christmas float in the parade on December 1st. If you would like to be in the parade, to ride or walk, please sign-up in the foyer. We will be decorating the float Sunday, November 27th @ 2:00pm. See Jon Hackett for more information.



Sick: **Helen McDonald**, the sister of Barbara Hinson, is now at home and doing much better.. **Rocco Pierce** is now home following successful cancer surgery. **Sarah McMillian** had an allergic reaction but is now home from the hospital. **Vera Runions**, the sister of Marcia Runions had a procedure on her neck and is some better.

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **Freida Lewis**, the sister of Wilma Churchwell. Her funeral was held Monday, November 21st in East Ridge. Graveside was held Tuesday, the 22nd at Swiss Cemetery .*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **Delano Estelle Moon**, the mother of Debbie Pierce. She passed away Nov. 18th. Funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 22nd in Martin, TN..*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **Charles Williams**, the uncle of Mylie McKissack. His funeral was held in Arizona.*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **Florence Marsicovete**, the grandmother of Dave Tranovich. Her funeral was held Wednesday, November 23rd in Mine Hill, New Jersey.*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **William Carroll**, the brother of Bobby Carroll. His funeral was held Wednesday, November 23rd*

Continue to remember: *June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Lois Denton, Christy Dickey, Dustin Flowers, Malcom George, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Bill Judkins, Gene Kilpatrick, Claire Mayberry, Terry McDonald, Doug Miller, Howard Miller, Joe Morton, Al Pogue, Sandra Pogue, Johnnie Faye Skelton, Barbara Tatum—Life Care of Centerville, Mike Tatum, Nadine Turnbow, Leona White, and Jerry Yates.*

Shut-ins: *Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner*

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: *Michelle Huff, Amy Ray and Betty Stafford .*

Remember our military: *Dustin Brugmann (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), Kerry Conkle (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), Jacob Fite (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton), Brindan Jancuska (son of Dave & Tammie Tranovich) and Austin Pierce (grandson of Rocco & Debbie Pierce).*



Food For Friends:
December 1st

Team 3 (Sharon & Sue)

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am



Food for Families

Our monthly Food for Families distribution is

Thursday, December 15th

If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.

Day School Donations

If you can help by supplying some of these items it will be greatly appreciated:

Goldfish Crackers

Please put these items in the box in the church office in the foyer.



December 3—Kids Christmas Party

December 4—Adult Christmas Party

December 10—Community Christmas Dinner

December 16—6th-12th Grade Christmas

December 19—Primitimers Brunch @ Boo & Rose Spears.

December 19—Christmas Caroling

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January 1—New Years Day

January 29—5th Sun. Cont.—Youth Fund



The Tennessee Children's Home Change for the Children Campaign is underway and need our help again this year. Please pick up a change boxes in the foyer. We will collect the boxes at the end of December.



ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 4th after the evening worship services at the home of Rick & Cindy Morrow
Please bring finger foods and a gift to exchange.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who wrote, "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures?"
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

A Great time was had on our Primetimer trip to the Commodore Hotel.



Birthdays

- 5th—Landree White
- 8th – Gregory Jones
- 9th – Hannah Beachy
- 10th – Marty Spears
- 14th – Trina Weaks
- 15th – Lauren Hamm
- 15th – Delicia Reeves
- 16th – Deena Reeves
- 19th—Kevin Hinson
- 25th—James Howard
- 26th – George Collison
- 26th – Joyce Hinson
- 28th – Saul Calderon
- 29th – Janice Sublett
- 29th – Sandra Thompson
- 30th – Janice Johnston
- 31st – Gabby Spears
- 31st—Jake White

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

DEC 3RD KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY (5TH GRADE AND UNDER) 10AM-12PM SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY
BUS WILL PICK UP FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL (STUDENTS NEED PERMISSION FORM AT SCHOOL TO LEAVE WITH BRICE AND EMILY)

10-3:30 PARTY
GOING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME AFTER PARTY

DEC 16TH

DEC 19TH CHRISTMAS CAROLING

IF YOU ARE GOING TO CYC AND DID NOT RECIEVE THE PAPERWORK YOU NEED TO SEE BRICE AND SAUL



Anniversaries

- 12th – Clovis & Thelma Johns
- 19th – Jim & Sharon Grinder
- 21st—Wayne & Janice Seaton
- 23rd – Yogie & Betty Spears
- 27th – Matthew & Kara Farr
- 28th – Ralph & Sue Conkle
- 31st – Greg & Lisa Mullinicks
- 31st – Mike & Lisa Tatum

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 11/20

A.M. Bible Class	158
A.M. Worship Service	218
P.M. Worship Service	77
Wednesday PM	85
Contribution:	\$8,081.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,000.00

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study — 9:00 am
Worship Services — 10:00 am
Sunday Evening — 6:00 pm
Wednesday Primetimers - 10:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study — 6:00 pm

PrimeTimers

Christmas
BRUNCH

Monday, December 19th at 10:00
At the home of Boo & Rose Spears
Please sign up in the foyer or see Boo or Rose for details



Christmas Caroling
December 19th
@ 5:00 pm
See Kara Farr for details.

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Lomax Christian Day School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:

Christ
Matthew 22:14



Please continue to check out the Visitation Notebook in the foyer for updated information.

ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463
John Eglinton—446-5646
Rick Morrow —615-430-6663
Mike Parker—628-2961
(Please leave a message)

DEACONS

Matthew Farr
(Special Events, CSC Scheduling)
Colby Hamm
(Young Families Ministry)
Chris Hunter
(Visitation)
Greg Mullinicks
(Audio/Visual, Bulletin)
Jeff Spears
(Education)
Marty Spears
(Finance)

BE SAFE
From COVID-19

Saturday December 10th
4:00—6:00 pm

Community Christmas Dinner
Toy and Coat Giveaway

No cost for the meal.
Bring your family,
coat giveaway and
picture with Santa with
their toys.



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