



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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Christmas Road Trip

Some of my fondest Christmas memories, as a child, where the road trips to my grandparents house in Florida. Growing up we lived several hours away from them, so we would drive long distances to visit. My father liked to drive at night in order to avoid the heavy daytime traffic, especially when we would get close to the Tampa/Clearwater area. We would usually start off our 7 to 8 hour road trips from Alabama at around 11:00pm or midnight. My dad would carry us, dressed in our favorite Christmas pjs, to the car and place us inside. Those were the days when you could ride anywhere in the back seat. Seat belts were optional. So, my older sister would lay across the seat, my younger sister would lay across the floorboard, and I would lay in the back window area. For you younger generations, back then the back window area was a lot more roomy than today's vehicles. We had our pillows, blankets, and were ready for the long trip.

My sisters would always sleep through the trip unless my dad hit the breaks. At which time I usually ended up on top of one or both sisters. I, on the other hand, loved the adventure and could hardly sleep. I would stay awake and look out the back window as we rode down the interstate. My mind would race with anticipation for getting to my grandparents house. What would my grandmother have cooking in the kitchen? What gifts would be under the tree with my name? Would my grandfather have his old station wagon geared up and ready for a fishing trip on the bay? One thing I knew, both of my grandparents would be waiting on our reunion with excitement to hug and kiss on each of us, and I would be ready to hug and kiss on them. Eventually, I would stare off from my back window view and enjoy the distant Christmas decorated houses as we drove by. The anticipation, the excitement, the adventure, the hope of things to come!



Every holiday season I think more and more about those memories and I'm challenged by them. In this life we are all on an adventurous journey. Heaven is our destination. What will God have waiting for me on that great reunion? What will it be like to see my father, grandparents, family, friends and loved ones that have gone on to their reward? I'm not quite sure, but one thing I know scripture tells me, its going to be great! Let us live our lives on earth with Heaven in our GPS. Prepare yourself for the trip, enjoy the ride, and enjoy the adventure with great anticipation and excitement, it definitely will be well worth it!

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.

YOUTH GROUP
Christmas party

FRIDAY, 12/16 AFTER THE EARLY
DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL

Brice will take the van from the middle school to Snappy's for lunch, then we will go back to the Van Hook's house to hang out, play games, & do a gift exchange. High schoolers can ask to be picked up on the bus or meet us at Snappy's.

We will take the van from our house to the LCMS basketball game that night for anyone interested in going.

You will need a note to give the school to leave with the Van Hooks, money for pizza & the game (if you're going), & a \$10 gift for our white elephant gift swap.

SEE BRICE OR EMILY FOR MORE DETAILS.



Sick: Verlin George is now at home following a stay in Maury Regional with Covid Pneumonia. Betty Hinson fell this past week and will have a MRI December 12th. Bray Eglinton, the grandson of John & Karen Eglinton has spent some time at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital having tests run. Mark Dillahay requests our prayers as he is dealing with Lung & Liver Cancer. Peggy Flowers suffered a stroke but is now at home but requests no visitors for the next 2 weeks. Jerry Yates is now at home but will begin treatments for cancer. Glenda Mitchell suffered a stroke and fell recently and is in critical condition and the family requests our prayers. We have many who are sick at home as well dealing with flu symptoms. Please keep all our sick in your prayers.

Sympathy to the friends and family of Imogene (Hinson) Kirk, the aunt of Gary Hinson passed away on Sunday, December 4th. Visitation is set for Saturday, December 10th—from 11:00—1:00 with Funeral at 1:00.

Sympathy to the friends and family of James Graham. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 8th from 4-8 pm. Funeral will be Friday, December 9th at 11:00 am at Williams Funeral Home and burial in Polk Memorial Gardens in Columbia.

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), Jon Lower (friend of the Robersons) and Austin Pierce (grandson of Rocco & Debbie Pierce).



**Food For Friends:
December 15th**

Team 5 (Kay & Kathy)

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:

Animal Crackers

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



December 16—6th-12th Grade Christmas

December 18—Secret Sister Reveal—TBA

December 19—Primetimers Brunch @ Boo & Rose Spears.

December 19—Christmas Caroling

December 21—No Primetimers Class

December 25—No Bible Study and No Sunday Evening Worship.

December 28—No Primetimers Class

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January 1—New Years Day

January 29—5th Sun. Cont.—Youth Fund



***Sunday, December 18th
Time & Place - TBA**

**for those in Secret Sisters or those who want to participate.
See Kara Farr for details.**

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.**

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What metaphor does Paul use regarding baptism?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

By the time you read this our **Christmas dinner** will have been completed. It's been rough sitting in the office smelling ham all day, but I'm glad to do my part. I couldn't find a sign up for the sampler position. Seriously thanks to everyone who helps. Often I'm getting the calls asking if we are having the Christmas dinner again this year folks are excited we continue this tradition. Matthew 25:34-35 "34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"



On a **personal note** thanks to all of you who have called and prayed for my in-laws Malcom and Verlin love the church as all of you know. We are so grateful for your out pouring of concern. As he would say, "you are special folks."



Follow the Instructions!



Recently, I was putting together a futon that I purchased. It wasn't particularly difficult, but was definitely time consuming. I was carefully following the instructions, when I got to a point where I was to use a very long bolt to fasten together two pieces of the frame. In my opinion, the bolt was much longer than needed, and I mused at the incompetence of the engineer who designed the piece of furniture. The long bolt was a waste and besides could be a danger since it stuck out so. Regardless, I put the bolt in and continued with the assembly.

As the construction neared completion I noticed that another piece of the frame assembly went over the remaining end of the long bolt and was fastened on with another nut which left basically none of the bolt exposed. The designer of the futon knew what they were doing after all, and I marveled at the brilliant bit of engineering.

Now, here's my point. If we want to build a proper life for ourselves, we need to carefully heed the instruction book – the Bible. God is our designer and the operation manual He left us will guide us into "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (1 Pet. 1:3). If we carefully follow the Bible's instructions, we will indeed marvel at what God has designed for our lives.

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REMINDERS

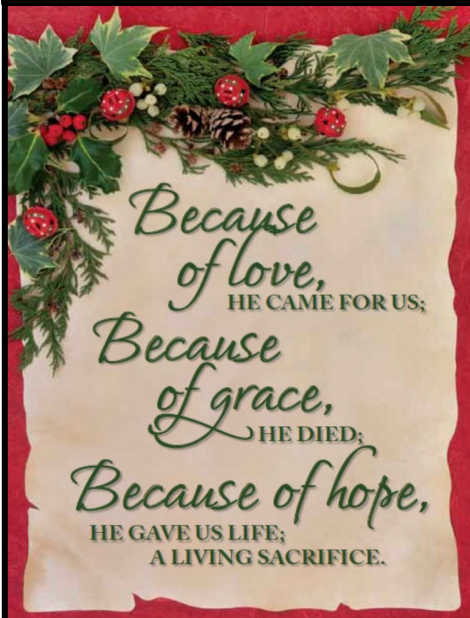
1. Reminder 6th-12th Christmas Devo and party, December 16th. See Brice or Emily for more details
2. If you signed up for CYC you need to fill out paperwork and pay non refundable deposit (50) per person
3. Lads to Leaders forms will be in the lobby. Look into participating!

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/04

A.M. Bible Class	127
A.M. Worship Service	175
P.M. Worship Service	N/A
Wednesday PM	122
Contribution:	\$7,640.00
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



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Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

John the Baptist
John 1:29



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



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.

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