



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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Generosity

Are you a giver or taker? In his book **“Give and Take: Why Helping Others Drives Success,”** Adam Grant, a University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Management professor, describes three key mindsets of people in the workplace.

Grant’s research found that there are some that act like “takers” at work. Their behaviors are more selfish and include actions like blaming others, using more “I” and “me” words than their co-workers, focusing on individual achievement, and working with a negative and entitled attitude. His research also showed that “givers” thrive when working within a group or team setting. They look for ways to help others and are more giving with their time and energy. This helps create a positive environment where everyone thrives. The third group are the “matchers.” This group reciprocates how they are treated. Matchers follow the norm of the culture that is created by the other two groups. They act like givers when with givers and takers when with takers.

This study highlights how powerful a culture can be and how behaviors can create momentum toward or away from a positive culture in the home, work, and even in the Church. Paul said it best when he said in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, *“⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully^[a] will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency^[b] in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”*

This holiday season as we both give and receive, let us not lose sight of the importance of generosity in our lives that surpasses the holiday season. Create a culture of generosity that will positively impact the lives of others for Christ as well as your own.

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.



Sunday, December 18th

Junkyard Dog @ 11:30

for those in Secret Sisters or those who want to participate.

See Kara Farr for details.



Sick: **Betty Hinson** had a MRI December 12th and is awaiting results. **Mark Dillahay** requests our prayers as he is dealing with Stage 4 Cancer and started treatments Wednesday, December 14th. **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. **Carla Murphy**, the owner of Jellybean Junction is in Vanderbilt Hospital for tests dealing with pancreatic cancer. **Sheila Dean**, the sister-in-law of Brenda Mash and cousin of Joyce Gilliam requests prayers as she is in the hospital having tests run. 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 **Michael "Punkin" Barnes**. His funeral was held Sunday, December 11th.*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **Eddie Carroll**. His funeral was held Tuesday, December 13th.*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **Monte James**, the brother of Sheryl Sajak and cousin of Greg Mullinicks. He passed away Saturday, December 10th. No funeral service has been planned.*

*Sympathy to the friends and family of **Lois Denton**. Her funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time*

Continue to remember: *June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Christy Dickey, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Malcom George, Verlin 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 22nd**

Team 6 (Kay & Annette)

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, January 19th

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



Merry Christmas!



December 18—Secret Sister Reveal—See front of bulletin for details.

December 19—Primitimers Brunch @ CSC

December 19—Christmas Caroling

December 21—No Primitimers Class

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

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:00 am

December 28—No Primitimers Class

2023

January 1—New Years Day

January 14—Leadership Planning Breakfast

January 29—5th Sun. Cont.—Youth Fund



Sunday Morning Worship will take place @ **10:00am**. There will be No Bible Class and No Sunday Evening Worship Services.

PrimeTimers

Christmas BRUNCH

**Monday, December 19th at 10:00
At the Christian Service Center.**

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 prophet asks, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

Monday December 19th is the **Christmas Brunch** for the **Primitimers**. Special note we have **moved** our event to the **CSC**.



Remember **no Wednesday Primitimer class December 21 or December 28th**.

Are you ready? Do you have all the Christmas presents bought? Getting ready for Christmas and all the events reminds me of the warnings of being ready from the bible. Matthew 25 tells of 10 virgins waiting for the bridegroom and his party to arrive. Five were ready with extra oil for the lamps a must for back in the day. The other five did not have extra oil and were shut out of the marriage feast. Of course, the illustration has nothing to do with a wedding feast it has everything to do with being prepared for the coming of the Lord. More important than our Christmas stuff is being prepared for the Lord. Make your commitment today.



What I Love About Being a Christian

I love being a child of the King! Why?

First, Christians have a family. God designed the physical family in the paradise of Eden (cf. Genesis 2:7; 18). Most of us enjoy that blessing from God. In the New Testament, God gave us a second family—relationships with other church members. If our physical family fails us, especially, God has given us the substitute of a family in Christ (cf. Mark 10:29–30). Christians love to sing of this truth:

*We're part of the family,
that's been born again,
Part of the family,
whose love knows no end,
For Jesus has saved us,
and made us His own,
Now we're part of the family
that's on its way home!*

Second, Christians have a function. Our foremost purpose in life is to bring glory to our Father (cf. Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12).

Therefore, our aim is to do "in word or deed" all we do by the authority of Jesus Christ (cf. Colossians 3:17; Acts 4:7–10).

Our speech (Colossians 4:6), attitudes (Philippians 2:1–5), clothing (1 Timothy 2:9–10; 1 Peter 3:3–4), and daily work (Colossians 3:22) should reflect Jesus (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6).

Third, Christians have a future. Those in Christ have a wonderful future no matter what their situation today. God's Book affirms that the Christian's future is bright (Luke 10:20; 1 Peter 1:1–9; Romans 6:22). Truly, I know not what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow!

A family, function, and future—all free.
Jesus is still taking followers!

*Rodney Nulph
Gospel Gazette*

LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

DEC 19TH

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

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

THOSE NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 25TH

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/11

A.M. Bible Class	138
A.M. Worship Service	211
P.M. Worship Service	96
Wednesday PM	102
Contribution:	\$8,534.00
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



**NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF PREACHING
AND BIBLICAL STUDIES**
A MINISTRY OF THE CRIEVE HALL CHURCH OF CHRIST
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

2023 Spring Schedule of Classes at the Nashville School of Preaching is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Also they are offering a Basic Song Leading Class at 6:00 pm on Mondays from January 9 through April 3.

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School**
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Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:
"Buried with him in
baptism"
Colossians 2:12



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

ELDERS:

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(Please leave a message)

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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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