



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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

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In 2023...

- I'm going to get in shape.
- I'm going to lose weight.
- I want to be more organized.
- I want to get out of debt.
- I'm going to spend more time with my family.
- I want to get married.
- I'm going to try and be a nicer, kinder person.
- I'm going to be a better spouse.
- I'm going to try and treat my sibling(s) better.
- I want to take more time for me.
- I want to go on a big vacation.
- I want to dedicate more time to God.
- I want to grow in my faith.
- I ...

Every year millions of people make New Year's Resolutions, but few ever follow through with them past January, if they even start them at all. Why do we make resolutions then? I believe most make resolutions because they truly see a new year as a new opportunity and a fresh start, and it is! Then, why is it so hard to keep our resolutions? It isn't because we don't have good intentions. Actually, most of us have great intentions and will even start working on some or all of our resolutions. The challenge is following through and sticking with it, because we are creatures of habit so its easier to fall back into what we have always done or to return to what is comfortable. In order to move forward and succeed it takes commitment, discipline, faith, and a willingness grow and be challenged and break out of your comfort zone if you ever want to accomplish any kind of goal in life.

The same is true with our Christianity. Growing in our faith and relationship with God takes true faith, commitment, discipline, and a willingness to be challenged and be uncomfortable at times as God molds us and makes us into what He wants us to be. My prayer is that we all resolve to continue to be more like Christ in 2023, and together, as a Church family, we encourage, lift up, and challenge each other forward in our love, joy, peace, and service. God bless each of you and Happy New Year!

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.



2023 Leadership Planning Breakfast

**Saturday
January 14th
@ 8:00 am
in the
Christian
Service
Center**





Sick: Mark Dillahay requests our prayers as he is dealing with Stage 4 Cancer and cannot have visitors during this part of his treatments. Jerry Yates is now at home but will begin treatments for cancer. We have many who are sick at home as well dealing with flu symptoms. Please keep all our sick in your prayer

Sympathy to the friends and family of Nadine Turnbow. She passed away Thursday, December 22nd. Funeral was held Monday, December 26th with burial in Swiss Cemetery. **Sympathy to the friends and family of Cathy Seiber.** Her funeral was held Friday, December 30th with burial in Grinders Creek Cemetery.

Continue to remember: June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Sheila Dean, Christy Dickey, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Verlin George, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Bill Judkins, Gene Kilpatrick, Claire Mayberry, Terry McDonald, Sarah McMillian, Doug Miller, Howard Miller, Glenda Mitchell, Joe Morton, Al Pogue, Sandra Pogue, Johnnie Faye Skelton, Barbara Tatum—Life Care of Centerville, Mike Tatum, 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).

THANK YOU

We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy and kindness shown to our family following the death of Freda Roth Lewis. We would like to thank the ladies for providing us with the delicious meal following the graveside service. I am grateful for my church family.

In Christian love,
Wilma Churchwell and the Lewis family



There will be a Family Meal Night Wednesday, **January 11th** at 5:00 pm in the CSC. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. See Please see Kara, Brice or Saul for details on food.



Friday, January 28th @ 5:00 pm
Please see Brice or Saul to sign up for food.



Food For Friends:
January 5th

Team 7 (Cynthia & Betsy)
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.



Becoming EVENTS

2023

- January 1**—New Years Day
- January 11**—Family Meal Night
- January 14**—Leadership Planning Breakfast
- January 28**—Family Game Night
- January 29**—5th Sun. Cont.—Youth Fund
- February 5-9**—FHU Lectureships

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What was Christ's answer where the leper said, "Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean?"
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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The New Year is upon us. Isaiah 43:18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." While God gave this commission in the Old Testament it rings true for us as well, do not let the things of the past hinder you from a new beginning. Let God direct your life and make the decision to live in such a way he will bring you to a new you.



Speaking of new beginnings, make it a point to participate at church, find your place, make it a point to get involved in something new. We welcome anyone and everyone to our Primetimer class on Wednesday at 10AM.

JANUARY 2023 YOUTH EVENTS

JAN 11

5 PM

FAMILY MEAL NIGHT

See Brice or Saul for what to bring

JAN 28

5 PM

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Games and fun for all ages 0-100!

TBD

TWO NEW EVENTS!

Pewpackers and Weeknight Devos

LADS TO LEADERS FORMS ARE IN THE LOBBY. YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. ANY QUESTIONS ASK BRICE OR SAUL

Fill the Year with the Fruits of Righteousness

In Philippians 1:11 Paul records that Christians are to be filled with the "fruits of righteousness." Of course the fruit of the Spirit come to mind with a statement like that. The fruit of the Spirit are mentioned in two passages in the New Testament:

Galatians 5:22-23, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Ephesians 5:9-10, "(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord."

We can find 12 fruit of the Spirit from these two passages and, since there are 12 months in the year, we could emphasize one for every day of its month:

January: Love

February: Joy

March: Peace

April: Longsuffering

May: Kindness

June: Goodness

July: Faithfulness

August: Gentleness

September: Self-Control

October: Righteousness

November: Truth

December: Finding out what is acceptable to the Lord

Think about it, if we would work all day, every day, for a month on each of these, they will easily become a habitual part of our lives. This would result in bearing fruits of righteousness. This year, let us fill the year and our lives with the fruits of goodness and godliness.

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Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 11/25

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship Service	141
P.M. Worship Service	N/A
Wednesday PM	114
Contribution:	\$5,802.00
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

THANK YOU

The Lomax
Congregation
has received two
donations this past
week which go to the
Day School Program
in the memory of
Leo Nutt and
Nadine Turnbow

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**Lomax Christian Day
School**
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

**Pharoah
Genesis 41:38**



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

ELDERS:

Jeff Dye — 306-8463
John Eglinton—446-5646
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(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
this month. See Boo Spears for details.

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