



# 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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## Lesson from a Fireplace

There was a man, who regularly attended worship and church events, and was very active. Suddenly without notice he stopped participating. After a few weeks, one very cold night the minister of the congregation decided to visit him. He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fireplace where a bright fire was burning. The man welcomed the minister. There was a great silence. The two Men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace. After a few minutes the minister, without saying a word, examined the pieces of wood that formed the fire and selected one of them. He selected one that was glowing most brightly of all the rest, removing it to the side with a pair of tongs. Then, he sat down again.

The host was paying attention to everything the minister was doing. Before long, the lone Member's flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow & the fire soon went out. In a short time what was previously bright light and heat had become nothing more than a black & dead piece of wood. Very few words had been spoken since the greeting. Before preparing to leave, the minister with the tongs picked up the useless piece of wood & placed it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the member piece of wood was rekindled, fueled by the light & heat of the burning coals around him. When the minister reached the door to leave, the host said: Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I'll be back at church this Sunday.

Why is the Church so important? Very simple: Because each member that withdraws takes fire & heat from the rest. It's worth reminding Church members that they are a part of the flame. It's also good to remind us that we are all responsible for keeping each other's flame burning. And, we must promote the union among us so that the fire is always strong, effective, and lasting.

### **THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY**

It doesn't matter if sometimes we are bothered by so many messages, quarrels, misunderstandings etc. What matters is to be connected. We are here to meet, learn, exchange ideas, grow in our faith and trust in God, and simply to know that we are not alone. Let's keep the flame Alive. Life is Beautiful when we lift one another up.

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.

*For Such a Time as This:*

## **Restoring God's People**

*in Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther*

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## Our Thoughts and Prayers are With you

**Sick:** Mike Tatum will have surgery on February 28th. Please pray for Mike and Lisa in this decision. **Debbie Pierce** will begin chemo. treatments beginning February 7th and continue for 3 months. **Betty Hinson** will have shoulder surgery March 2nd. **Claudine Nutt**, the grandmother of Mia Hinson and sister of Jane Spears, is now at the local nursing home for rehabilitation. **Jack Floyd**, the grandson of Tommy & Sandra Clayton, had successful heart surgery, but continues to remain in Vanderbilt. **T. R. Runions**, the brother-in-law of Marcia Runions is in Maury Regional and not doing well at this time. **William James**, the father of Derick Carroll had successful cancer surgery. **Spencer Clark**, the son of Adam & Miranda Clark had surgery but complications occurred so there will be another surgery soon.

**Sympathy to the friends and family of Glenda Mitchell.** Visitation was held Friday from 5:00—8:00 pm. Funeral was held Saturday, February 4th at 1:00.

**Continue to remember:** June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Sheila Dean, Christy Dickey, Mark Dillahay, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Verlin George, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Don Johns, Bill Judkins, Gene Kilpatrick, Claire Mayberry, Terry McDonald, Sarah McMillian, Doug Miller, Howard Miller, 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, Claudine Nutt, 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:

### February 9th

### 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, February 16th**

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:

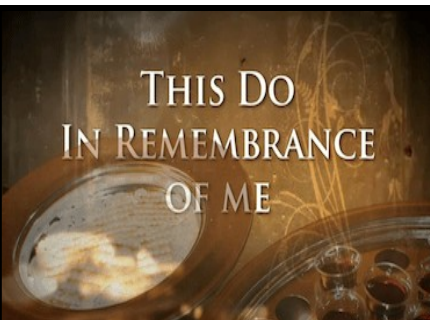
### Pretzel Sticks

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

Thank you!



Next Sunday, February 12th is our Friends & Family Day. Services will be 9:00 Sunday School—10:00 Worship. We will have a meal following morning services and afternoon service begins around 12:45. We look forward to a wonderful day.



If you can help prepare the Lord's Supper in 2023, please sign the list in the foyer. Begins in March.



## Primetimers

Class for Wednesday, February 8th will be cancelled



Please add these to your February List

Rodney Lomax—February 18th



**February 5-9**—FHU Lectureships

**February 7**—Chapel Devo.

**February 14**—Valentines Day

**February 17-18**—CSC Floor Cleaning

**February 20**—Presidents Day Devo.

**February 24-26**—CYC

**March 4**—Over 60's Banquet

**March 7**—Chapel Devo.

**March 12**—Time Change—Spring Forward

**March 18**—Cook Breakfast for Kitchen Ladies

**March 19**—Youth Rally "Distracted"

## BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Stand up; I myself also am a man"? On what occasion? (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



# Boo's Belyeu



Groundhog Day was this past week February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Did you know it is from Pennsylvania German Dutch superstition that started Groundhog Day? For those who do not know the story, if the groundhog leaves his burrow and sees his shadow due to clear weather he will retreat back to its den meaning 6 more weeks of winter is coming, if it does not see his shadow we will have an early spring. Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is probably the best known for its celebration of Groundhog Day even having a movie named after it. Of course studies have shown there is no reliable data the Groundhog can predict anything. We love to talk weather and fuss about the predictions. This we can know/predict 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:20-21 "Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." Therefore what scripture tells us is reliable. It is from God. Revelation 22:7 "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." This prediction is true there will be a day of reckoning. It is also true we can do something about it. Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." I will leave you with this thought Gal. 6:7 "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."

# Has God Forgotten Me?

We live in the land of opportunity. Our cities are overpopulated but yet we feel alone, discouraged and deserted. Has God forgotten me? The children of Israel accused God of this very thing as recorded in (Isaiah 49:14).

Has God forgotten you? Let us examine the evidence. Notice the sparrow, two were sold for a farthing. If you bought four, they included a fifth for free. One could say the fifth one was valueless. However, God has not forgotten even one of them, not one has fallen to the ground without His knowledge. God even remembered the fifth sparrow and we are more valuable than a sparrow (Matt 10:29-31; Luke 12:6-7). Do you know how many hairs are on your head? God has numbered them (Matt 10:30). How many times have you sat down and stood up today? God knows (Psalm 139:2)! Have you ever kept a record of how many tears you have cried? God keeps a record (Psalm 56:8). Has God forgotten you?

The children of Israel accused God of forgetting them. God answered, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands" (Isa. 49:16). One cannot forget something that is right in front of them in the palms of their hands. God has not forgotten you. You are recorded in the palms of His hands.

*Michael Foresha  
Nettleton church of Christ  
Jonesboro, AR*

## LOMAX STUDENT MINISTRY

February and March Events!  
Make plans to attend!

**February 5th (Today)**  
CYC meeting after morning services in the chapel. We will be going over the itinerary, cost and any questions. If you are going you need to be there. Due to space and registration deadlines, this trip is full. This meeting is for those who have already signed up and paid the deposit.

**February 20th**  
6th-12th grade Games and Devotional on President's Day. More details to come.

**February 24th-26th**  
CYC

**March 1st**  
Family Meal Night at 5pm

**March 4th**  
Over 60s banquet. If you want to help tell Kara or one of the YM's

**March 7th**  
Chapel Devo

**March 11th**  
Bowling Trip

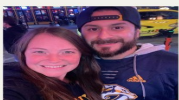
**March 19th**  
Sunday Evening Youth Service  
Carter Hoover Speaking

**February 7th**  
Chapel Devo for 6th-12th grade  
6:15-6:45pm

**February 11th**  
5th grade and Under Valentine's Day  
Decorating cards in the chapel at 2pm. Any questions ask Saul or Bethany.

### Meet the Youth Ministers!

If you have any questions or need anything come find us or contact us!



Saul Calderon  
Phone:  
817-905-5324



Brice Van Hook  
Phone:  
636-639-0153

### Come Join Us!

Pewpackers every Sunday at 5:45! Classes for all ages at 9 am Sunday and 6pm Wednesday

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
For the week of 01/29

A.M. Bible Class	141
A.M. Worship Service	218
P.M. Worship Service	117
Wednesday PM	95
Contribution:	\$8,767.00
Weekly Budget	\$8,000.00

**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



Any couples interested in going to Gatlinburg—**October 6-8**, please let

Jon or Rachel Hackett or Matthew or Kara Farr know.

We need a number of those going by Sunday, February 12th or Wednesday, February 15th.

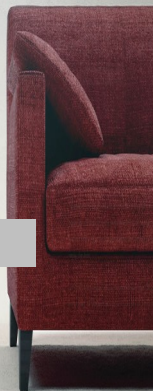
Are You Listening?



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Pigeon Forge Feb 24-26

2023



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**Lomax Christian Day School**  
796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:  
"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"  
Mark 12:17



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

**Family Meal Night**  
February Birthdays



Eli Chapin  
Greg Mullinicks

**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, Audio Visual)  
Chris Hunter  
(Visitation)  
Greg Mullinicks  
(Missions, Bulletin)  
Jeff Spears  
(Education)  
Marty Spears  
(Finance)

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