



# 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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## Thanksgiving All Year Long?

On November 11, 1620, about 102 settlers aboard the *Mayflower* arrived in the New World, and there was nothing to greet them except the harsh reality of a New England winter. Within five months, over half their number had died of starvation, cold, and disease. How amazing, then, that these “pilgrims” could still find reasons to be thankful in spite of such hardship!

In more modern times, Thanksgiving brings to mind warm memories of turkey and dressing, pumpkin pie, family togetherness, and football games on television. Thanksgiving is a time when we pause to remember how blessed we are as well as to reflect on how we are using those blessings. Sometimes, family members whose hearts are full of joy at such occasions might say, “I wish it could be Thanksgiving all year long!”

You know, we really *ought* to make every day a day of thanksgiving. The Bible says, “in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thess 5:18).” I honestly don’t believe that the pilgrims concentrated all their thankfulness into one single day, and neither should we! God’s word teaches we would be much more joyful people if we would simply learn the habit of being grateful people. Here are some practical ideas:

- Every night, write down five specific blessings you experienced that day.
- At least once a week, take the time to write a note of gratitude to someone who has blessed you with their life.
- Every time you pray, listen to what you are really saying to God. Are my prayers concerned mostly with saying, “I want, I want, I want,” or, “Thank You, Thank You, Thank You”?
- Each day, make it a point to tell just one person in your life something you admire and appreciate about them. Be specific, and DO NOT BE NEGATIVE.
- Never forget that everyone has three basic blessings: Life (Acts 17:28), Opportunity (Galatians 6:10), and the Lord (Titus 2:11). With these three blessings, even the poorest of the poor can be grateful.



*John Baker  
Katy church of Christ  
Katy, TX*

## 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, or the nursery.

Please fill out a blue attendance card located on the back of the pew in front of you or scan the QR Code to the right. If you have any questions or if we can help you, please let us know while you are here or call our church office at (931) 796-5381.



**ELDERS &  
MINISTERS  
MEETING**

**Sunday, November 19th  
in Christian Service  
Center @ 4:30.**



**Sick:** Please pray for **Jeffrey Hinson** and his family as he goes through chemotherapy and radiation treatments. **Luke Roberson**, son of Josh Roberson had knee surgery this past Monday and is now at home recovering. **Mark Skelton**, son of Steve & Denise Skelton will have tests run and requests our prayers. **Dwight Cotham**, the uncle of Tammie Tranovich, is home recovering from a heart attack. **Jerry Morton**, the minister at Little Swan was taken to the hospital Sunday dealing with his diabetes. He is in Centennial Hospital. **Joe Garner**, the grandfather of Corbin Carroll had knee surgery this past Thursday. **Robert Pierce** had eye surgery this past week.

**Sympathy** to the friends and family of **Earline Harris**, the grandmother of Cody Harris. Her funeral was held Thursday, November 16th.

**Continue to remember:** Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Faye Chandler, Spencer Clark, Kenny Davis, Christy Dickey, Jeff Dye, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Wanda Holloway, Gene Kilpatrick, Claire Mayberry, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Collin O'Brien, Judy Turner Pickler, Debbie Pierce, Al Pogue, David Riley, Johnnie Faye Skelton, Dan Spears and Jeff Tatum

**Shut-ins:** Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner

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

**Remember our military:** **Dustin Brugmann** (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), **Ian Clement** (grandson of Hershel & Sherrie Anderson), **Kerry Conkle** (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), **Jacob Fite** (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton), **Brindan Jancuska** (son of Dave & Tammie Tranovich), **Jon Lower** (husband of Paige Roberson Lower) and **Austin Pierce** (grandson of Rocco & Debbie Pierce).

**No Primetimer Class next Thursday, November 22nd.**



**Food For Friends:**  
**Will not be delivering**

**meals this week—Nov. 23rd.**

**Resume Nov. 30th—Team 4**

**Betsy & Bonnie**



**Food for Families**

Our monthly Food for Families distribution is

**Thursday, December 21st**

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



**November 19**—Elders/Ministers Meeting

**November 22**—No Primetimers Class

**November 23**—Thanksgiving

**November 28**—Chapel Devo.

**December 1**—FHU Benefit Dinner with Phil Simms & Boomer Esiason

**December 3**—Baby Shower for Breena Carroll

**December 8**—6th-12th Christmas Party/Devo.

**December 9**—Community Christmas Dinner

**December 10**—Quarterly Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meeting

**December 16**—Decorating Party for Younger Kids

WANT TO  
GIVE ONLINE?

[Lomaxchurch.com/giving](http://Lomaxchurch.com/giving)



Join Us For A Baby Shower Honoring

**Breena Carroll**

Sunday, December 3rd

From 2:00—3:30

At Lomax Church of Christ  
Christian Service Center  
Registered at Amazon &  
Wal-Mart (Baby Carroll)

**BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest"? To whom was he speaking?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu



Colossians 3:15—"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 16:34—"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

## Lomax Youth Group

### News and Updates:

- If you are going to Exposure, Brice needs your \$125 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible. Final payments are due by December 10th.
- December starts a new quarter. On Sundays, 6th-12th grade will be all together in one classroom. On Wednesdays, boys and girls will be divided into separate classes. Please get as many kids you can to Bible class!

### Events

- **November 19:** Youth Committee meeting after morning services to go over events through the end of the year and ideas for next year.
- **December 16:** 5th grade & under Christmas party
- **December 20:** 6th-12th grade Christmas party
- **January 28:** Sunday Night Youth Rally with Andy Pogue

There is no Chapel Devotional in November. If you would like to host the youth group for a devotional see Brice or Emily.



**Brice Van Hook**

Youth Minister

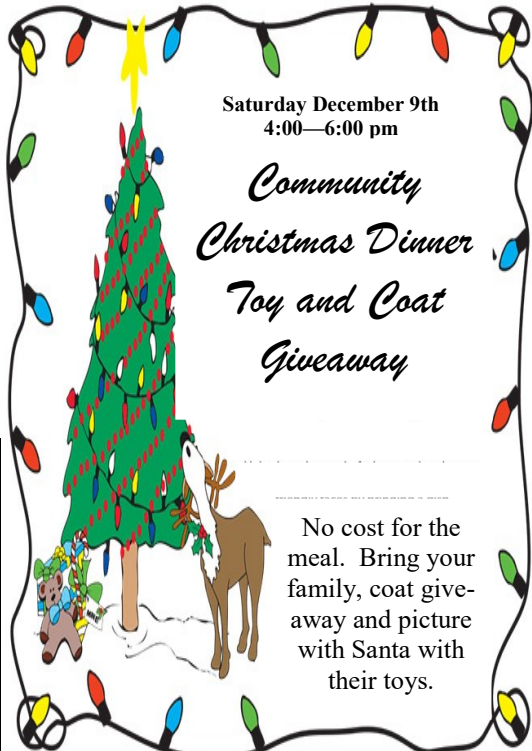
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## Why Only One Day for Thanksgiving?

Charles Dickens said that we are somewhat mixed up here in America. He told an audience that instead of having one Thanksgiving Day each year we should have 364. "Use that one day just for complaining and griping," he said. "Use the other 364 days to thank God each day for the many blessings He has showered upon you."

*Ken Hamilton  
Granite church of Christ  
Granite, OK*



Saturday December 9th  
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.

## PLEASE DONATE COATS AND TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE DONATE PLEASE SEE ONE OF THE ELDERS. WE CAN ACCEPT COATS AND TOYS OR MONEY TO BUY COATS AND TOYS.



**BY THE NUMBERS**  
For the week of 11/12

A.M. Bible Class	146
A.M. Worship Service	272
P.M. Worship Service	111
Wednesday PM	145
Contribution:	\$ 8,840.00
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



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Jeff Spears—931-306-1362  
Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

**Lomax Christian Day School**  
**796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:**

**Isaac**  
**Genesis 27:22**

**REMINDER**

**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**

**Lynn Ammons**  
(Worship Assignments)  
**Wesley Carroll**  
(Transportation)  
**Matthew Farr**  
(Special Events, CSC Scheduling)  
**Colby Hamm**  
(Young Families Ministry, Audio Visual)  
**James Howard**  
(Security)  
**Greg Mullinicks**  
(Missions, Bulletin)  
**Lee Riley**  
(Men's Ministry, Education)  
**Jeff Spears**  
(Visitation)  
**Marty Spears**  
(Finance)  
**Dan Toft**  
(Maintenance)  
**Brice Van Hook**  
(Social Media, Directory)  
**Jake White**  
(Lads to Leaders)



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The 2023 Benefit Dinner is set for Friday, December 1, and will feature a pair of NFL greats-turned-commentators, **Boomer Esiason and Phil Simms.**

- 3:00pm - 8:00pm Christmas in the Commons / Merry Market
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner in Various Locations. Refer to your tickets for your specific dinner time.
- 6:15pm - 7:00pm Photo Session in Brewer Sports Center (must have photo pass)
- 7:00pm Program Begins in Loyd Auditorium