



# 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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## POWER FOR TODAY

**Jon Hackett**  
Pulpit Minister

### UNUSED FLASHLIGHT

I was cleaning out a desk drawer when I found a flashlight I hadn't used in over a year. I flipped the switch but wasn't surprised when it gave no light. I unscrewed it and shook it to get the batteries out, but they wouldn't budge. Finally, after some effort, they came loose. What a mess! Battery acid had corroded the entire inside of the flashlight. The batteries were new when I'd put them in, and I'd stored them in a safe, warm place. But there was one problem, those batteries weren't made to be warm and comfortable. They were designed to be turned on and to be used.



It's the same with us. We weren't created to be warm, safe, and comfortable. You and I were made to be turned on, to put our love to work, to apply our patience in difficult and trying situations, and to let our light shine.

How many times, as Christians, do we choose to hide away in the safety, warmth, and comfort of our own homes and church buildings instead of stepping out into the dark, cold, lost world so that our light can be used and seen? We have a lost world that needs our light, lets not hide it or we may risk becoming corroded and dead spiritually. God needs us to be his light, so shine bright and continuously.

**Jon Hackett**

*<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that<sup>[b]</sup> they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:14-16*

## 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.



### 2024 Leadership Planning Breakfast Saturday

**January 13th**

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**8:00 am in the  
Christian Service Center**





**Sick:** *Greg Mullinicks* had surgery Tuesday to remove a tumor. He is at Vanderbilt. Please pray for **Jeffrey Hinson** and his family as he goes through chemotherapy and radiation treatments. **Kay Parrish** will have surgery January 16th. **Dinah Poore** is home following her surgery. **Debbie Pierce** had surgery January 3rd.

**Sympathy:** Family of Donna Watson, wife of John Watson (nephew of Wilma Churchwell) funeral was Saturday January 6. Family of Jimmie Fetner the grandmother of Rachel Hackett funeral was Saturday January 6. Family of Ronnie Lewis funeral was Thursday January 4. Family of Carolyn Sublett Duncan funeral was Wednesday January 3.

**Continue to remember:** Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Faye Chandler, Spencer Clark, Kenny, Christy Dickey, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Jeffrey Hinson, 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

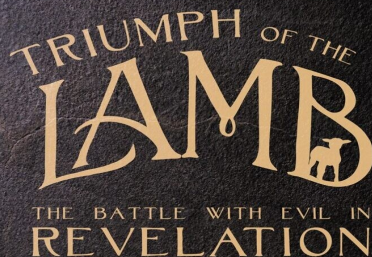
**In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:** Michelle Huff, and Betty Stafford

**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).



If you know of anyone that could use a card once a month, please give the name and addresses to Gwen or Betsy.

**2024  
Freed-Hardeman  
University  
Lectureships  
February 4-8**



**Food For Friends:  
January 11th  
Team 2 (Alice &**

**Wilma)** 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 18th**

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

**5th Sunday contribution for  
Day School  
\$10,932.00**



**2024**

**January 10th**—Family Meal Night

**January 13**—Leadership Planning  
Breakfast

**January 28**—Sunday Night Youth Rally  
with Andy Pogue

**February 4-8**—FHU Lectureships

**BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said, "What profit shall this birthright do to me?"  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu

Great time at the Christmas brunch for the Primetimers.



## Lomax Church of Christ Evening Youth Rally

“Lessons from the Prodigal”



**Andy Pogue**  
Speaker

Sunday, January 28th

5:00 pm Dinner; 6:00 pm Service

Please Contact Brice Van Hook at 636-639-0153 or [bricevanhook@gmail.com](mailto:bricevanhook@gmail.com) with approximate numbers.  
\*Dinner will be provided\*

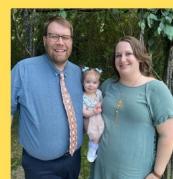
### Lomax Youth Group

#### News and Updates:

- We are so proud of Anna Kate, Julie and Emily for their decision to be baptized! Let us help them as they start their Christian walk.
- If you want to host a youth devotional in 2024 see Brice or Emily.
- Sign-ups for CYC will end soon. CYC needs a 100\$ non-refundable deposit for each person going.

#### Events:

- **January 10th:** Family Meal Night bring five dollars per person and sign up in the foyer. We will be having pizza. If you can also bring desserts and drinks.
- **January 28:** Sunday Night Youth Rally with Andy Pogue. Spread the word and invite a friend.



**Brice Van Hook**  
Youth Minister

636-639-0153

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**BY THE NUMBERS**  
For the week of 12/31

A.M. Bible Class	133
A.M. Worship Service	202
P.M. Worship Service	118
Wednesday PM	138
Contribution:	\$ 10,932.00
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



If you would be willing to take care of the Lord's Supper for a month in 2024, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thank you for your help.

**Lomax Church of Christ**

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**MINISTERS:**

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

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

**CHURCH BUS USAGE**



If you need to use the Church Bus for any reason, contact Wesley Carroll for scheduling.  
(931) 306-0279

**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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