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A place to serve God and others.*

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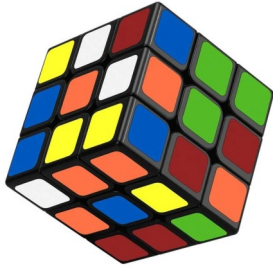
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POWER FOR TODAY

Jon Hackett
Pulpit Minister

GOD AND RUBIK'S CUBE



As a child of the 80's I had a lot of fun with a puzzle named Rubik's Cube, and have been humbled by its mystery. It is a lot more complicated than it appears, and it can be used to demonstrate some profound truths about God.

From the cube a person can gain a little insight into the length of eternity. Because of its six colors and 54 small squares, mathematicians have calculated that there are over forty-three quintillion (actually 43,252,003,274,489,865,000) different patterns that can be arranged on one cube. WOW!!!

Think about that. Suppose that you could arrange a thousand patterns every second on your cube, and that you could continue at this rate without stopping for anything. Even with 30 million seconds in a year, it would take a thousand million years to see them all. That's a long time to spend in Heaven or hell!

Because of this, from the cube, a person can appreciate how ridiculous it is to assume that the universe came into being by chance. Would you believe that a guy named Erno Rubik was walking by a plastic factory in Hungary one day when a great chemical explosion hurled out this unique little cube with all the colors matching on each side? No way.

So, even if we don't solve the cube, we can at least appreciate these two lessons. First, the cube is the work of an intelligent creator. Second, the universe is the work of our God. As an interesting side note. In 2010, it was proven that the Rubik's Cube can be solved in 20 moves from any scrambled position. This formula is known as "God's Algorithm," Hum!

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, 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.



CyC
2024

January 12-14, Dallas
February 23-25, Pigeon Forge
www.cyconline.com

FAMILY



Sick: Gary Hinson will have hernia surgery on Thursday, February 22nd at Maury Regional. Marcia Runions is back at Centennial Hospital continuing running tests. Sue Conkle is now home following by-pass surgery. David Riley is now at home recovering from surgery. Speedy Gilliam fell and broke some ribs. He is at home. Mann Nutt is in Centennial Hospital with severe stomach virus. Jeannette West is at home after having an MRI on her back dealing with slipped discs. She will meet with doctors to determine her method of treatment. Al Pogue, cousin of Tammie Tranovich had tests run and found another spot on his colon. Bill Tranovich, the father of Dave Tranovich is in the hospital. Darrell Hinson meets with surgeons about more tests and is in need of our prayers. Marian Dugger is in the hospital with pneumonia. Lillie Mitchell is in St. Thomas Midtown in serious condition.

Sympathy: To the family and friends Mackey White, the brother of Alice Ammons and uncle of Jake White. His funeral was held Thursday, February 8th in Fairview.

Continue to remember: Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Faye Chandler, Spencer Clark, 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) and Austin Pierce (grandson of Rocco & Debbie Pierce).



**Food For Friends:
February 22nd**

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, March 21st

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



The Tennessee Children's Home thanks the Lomax Congregation in participating in the Change for the Children Campaign. The coin cans that we filled amounted to \$778.68. Thank you for your participation.



February 19—Presidents Day

February 23-25—CYC at Pigeon Forge

February 24—Women's Breakfast in CSC

March 2—Ladies Day @ Schribner's Mill

March 6—Family Meal Night

March 8—Singing @ Flatrock

March 10—Time Change—Spring Forward

March 15-17—Buffing in the CSC

March 24—Friends/Family Day/Easter Egg Hunt

March 24—Men cooking for the Ladies

A Time For Every Season

Scribner's Mill Church of Christ Ladies Day
March 2, 2024 9:00am
Speaker: Kara Farr
 Charcuterie brunch will be served

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers. If you don't think prayers help, he can tell you first hand that prayer works.
 Frankie Kelly

WELCOME to CHURCH
 WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons"?
 (answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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Presidents Day is tomorrow. Originally to honor President George Washington, then President Lincoln's birthday in February was added. It now honors all Presidents Romans 13:7 reminds us "7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed." 1st Tim. 1:17 reminds us the main one we are to honor "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."



When We Walk With God, the Best is Yet to Come



Youth! As children, we thought that there wasn't anything we couldn't achieve. And we believed we could become anything. Astronauts, famous scientists, sports stars, movie stars, presidents, and generals!

But then we grew older. Life began to beat us down. Victories were fewer than defeats. Health began to wane. And most people my age ask: Are the best days of our lives behind us? Or put in another way: "Isn't there anything better to life than this?"

The answer is yes. The best is yet to come if we walk with God!

Isaiah spoke of this in 64:4. "Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him." Paul paraphrased this verse in 1 Corinthians 2:9. "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him."

If we walk with God, He has prepared a place for us without pain, without suffering, without want. There will be only love, acceptance, honor and joy.

The best is yet to come if we walk with God!

Larry Fitzgerald
Abilene, TX

Lomax Youth Group

News and Updates:

- If you want to host a youth devotional in 2024, see Brice or Emily.
- For CYC, we need a \$100 non-refundable deposit for each person going and a \$20 dollar final payment. There will be a CYC meeting after morning services on February 11th.
- All middle & high school students need to see Brice for a Lomax Youth Handout. It includes a few forms that Brice would like filled out and returned, including liability and insurance information. See Brice with any questions.

Events:

- **February 23rd-25th:** CYC in Pigeon Forge
- **March 2nd:** Bowling for all Ages at Thunder Alley
- **March 24th:** Easter Egg Hunt after morning services



Brice Van Hook

Youth Minister
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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday February 24th
@ 8:00 am at the CSC.

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 2/11

A.M. Bible Class	167
A.M. Worship Service	256
P.M. Worship Service	114
Wednesday PM	135
Contribution:	\$8,571.00
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
January	Lauren
Lord Supper	Hamm

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

There are many dishes left in the Christian Service Center. If you have missing dishes, please come by and pick them up.



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Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:

“They that are sick”
Matthew 9:12

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
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 (Please leave a message)

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 (Worship Assignments)
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 (Missions, Bulletin)
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 (Men's Ministry, Education)
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