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A place to serve God and others.

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POWER FOR TODAY

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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

I once read a sermon called "Time in the Trenches" by Jeff Strite. In that sermon he shared a story about a young man who'd just been called up to go to Iraq. The problem was the young soldier didn't want to go. He said that he hadn't joined the army to go to fight in a war. He'd joined because of the benefits: the pay, the insurance, the college tuition through the G.I. Bill, etc.

What's wrong with that kind of thinking? Well, first the primary function of the military is to prepare soldiers for war. You've got to know that if you sign up! I'm sure it's somewhere in the job description. Armies do NOT exist to pass out benefits (those are perks). Armies exist to deal with conflicts, to defend their people, to fight the enemy, and hopefully to contend against evil, but there are people who join up hoping for a free ride. That kind of mentality undermines the military of any nation.

That same kind of mentality can also undermine the church. Too often believers sign up for the benefits. They expect Jesus to "be there" for them, but they don't expect to "be there" for Him. That's the issue Jesus is addressing in Matthew 16. He is explaining to His disciples that they're part of His army. He has called them to war, and there's a decision to be made. Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it." Matthew 16:24-25

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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 Freed Hardman University Lectureships February 4-8



THE BATTLE WITH EVIL IN
REVELATION



Sick: *Kay Parrish* will have surgery on February 6th. *Marcia Runions* had heart by-pass surgery at Centennial Hospital Wednesday, Jan. 31st and doing very well in ICU. *Sue Conkle* will meet with surgeons on February 7 for upcoming surgery. *David Riley* will have surgery on February 7th. *John Eglinton* will have kidney stones busted up and removed on Friday, Feb. 2nd. *Sharon Grinder* will have her left knee replaced Friday, Feb. 2nd at Centennial Hospital. *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.

Sympathy: To the family and friends

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)

FAMILY MEAL NIGHT



There will be a family meal night Wednesday, **February 7th** at 5:00 pm in the CSC. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. See Brice for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENT

LOMAX SECRET SISTERS

If you haven't turned your form in for the new year, PLEASE DO SO ASAP!

If you would like to join, please see Kara.



BRICE & EMILY ARE HAVING A

Baby Girl!

Let's welcome this new baby with a money tree. If you would like to contribute, please see Rose or Kara.

BABY VAN HOOK IS DUE MARCH 11TH



**Food For Friends:
February 8th**

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 15th

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

Primetimers



Class for Wednesday February 7th will be cancelled. Resume back on February 14th



- February 4-8**—FHU Lectureships
- February 7**—Family Meal Night
- February 10**—5th grade and under Valentine Day Service Project
- February 11**—Friends/Family Day
- February 17**—Over 60's Banquet
- February 23-25**—CYC at Pigeon Forge

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Regarding whom did the people shout, "It is the voice of a god, and not of a man?"
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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This week is the Freed Hardeman Lectures. It is a re-charge your battery event for those who attend. I use to make excuses why I didn't have time to go, but every time I've been it has been so rewarding. This year's theme is "Triumph of the Lamb the Battle with Evil in Revelation." While the lectures are great, just as rewarding is the fellowship and worship together. If you get a chance to go hope you will attend or you can join the live stream. Note one of my favorite pictures is Malcom's last year to attend.



Jesus Loves Me

Around 1860, Anna B. Warner penned the following words that were later extended and set to music by William B. Bradbury and continue to be sung around the world:

Jesus loves me—this I know, / For the Bible tells me so:

Little ones to him belong— / They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, / Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, / The Bible tells me so.

While often considered a children's Bible School song, these words are nevertheless profound. When Karl Barth (1886–1968), the famous Swiss theologian, visited the United States in 1962 and lectured at Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago, he was asked to summarize all the millions of words he had written. He is reported to have thought for a moment and then replied, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

God's love for sinful humanity is the Bible's theme. At the heart of the gospel is God's gift of Jesus Christ to all the world as the atoning sacrifice for sin. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The tremendous truth expressed here in what has often been called the Golden Text of the Bible is reiterated throughout the pages of the New Testament. Consider the following:

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Hugh Fulford

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 7th:** Family Meal Night. Chicken and pulled pork provided please bring buns, chips, drinks or desserts.
- **February 10th:** 5th grade and under Valentines Day service project at the CSC at 9:30am
- **February 10th:** 6th-12 grade devotional at the Riley's at 4:00pm
- **February 23rd-25th:** CYC in Pigeon Forge
- **March 2nd:** Bowling for all Ages at Thunder Alley



Brice Van Hook

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Whatever

Whatever your trial, God sees.
Whatever your struggle, God knows.
Whatever your cry, God hears.
Whatever your difficulty, God cares.
Whatever your problem, God understands.
Whatever your need, God provides.

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 1/28

A.M. Bible Class	160
A.M. Worship Service	255
P.M. Worship Service	197
Wednesday PM	127
Contribution:	\$11,852.00
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
January Lord Supper	Lauren 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



We would love to have you and your spouse join us for the 2nd annual Couples Retreat!

Thursday, October 10th through Sunday, October 13th, 2024

If you are interested, please see Matthew or Kara for more information.

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Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:
James, at the first church council
Acts 15:18

REMINDER

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

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 (Please leave a message)

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(Maintenance)
Brice Van Hook
(Social Media, Directory)
Jake White
(Lads to Leaders)



Next Sunday, February 11th 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. wonderful day.

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