



# 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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### POWER FOR TODAY

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Pulpit Minister

### You Don't Meme It!

What is a “meme”? It is defined as “*a unit of cultural information spread by imitation. The term meme (from the Greek-mimema, meaning “imitated”) was introduced in 1976 by British evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in his work The Selfish Gene.*” For most of us it is known as a humorous image, video, piece of text, etc., that is copied and spread rapidly by social media users. Because most of my social media friends are “believers”, I see many memes that have spiritual connotations. These memes may contain a bit of scripture or a feel good proverb or saying and at first glance seem to be comforting and inspiring. However, many times, a closer examination of many of these memes may reveal an error, falsehood or a lie when compared to the inspired scriptures. Just because something sounds good and gives us a warm and fuzzy feeling doesn't make it right. Remember, man's wisdom, no matter how good it sounds is not God's wisdom (*Isaiah 55:9; Philippians 3:17-19*).

John wrote, “*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*” (*1 John 4:1*). It is our responsibility to take care that we don't spread false doctrine on our social media accounts and cautiously consider the memes that we share. We must be vigilant and aware of the influence we may have on others who may not be as familiar with the scriptures.

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### Welcome to Lomax4

#### 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.



Attention

# Seniors

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER MORNING WORSHIP DOWN FRONT FOR THE 2024 SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS



**Sick:** **Gene Kilpatrick** will have surgery April 4th at Vanderbilt. **Nell Bunch** is now home after stay in the hospital. **Pittman Baker** is at home following surgery. **Gary O'Brien** is home from VA hospital still struggling with heart failure. **Jeff Tatum**, the cousin of Wesley Carroll & Tommy Clayton is doing better and may be discharged soon. **Ron McMahon** is in Maury Regional Hospital dealing with swelling issues.

**Sympathy:** To the family and friends of **Marian Dugger**. Her funeral was held Saturday, March 30th.

**Continue to remember:** *Kasey Baker, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Christy Dickey, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Darrell Hinson, Jeffrey Hinson, Wanda Holloway, Gene Kilpatrick, Claire Mayberry, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Lillie Mitchell (NHC/Columbia), Judy Turner Pickler, Debbie Pierce, Al Pogue, David Riley, Johnnie Faye Skelton, Jeff Tatum and Jeannette West.*

**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), **Briand Jancuska** (son of Dave & Tammie Tranovich), **Jon Lower** (husband of Paige Roberson) and **Austin Pierce** (grandson of Rocco & Debbie Pierce).



There will be a family meal night Wednesday, **April 10th** at 5:00 pm in the CSC. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Pizza on the menu. Please bring desserts and drinks. Please see Brice, or Kara for details.

EXTENDED  
deposit for Couples Retreat  
is due by April 14th.

The Lomax Christian Day School is now taking applications for the 2024-2025 school year.

Applications may be found in the foyer. We try to place children attending the Lomax congregation first so please make sure you return your

application by April 30th. Thank you!



**Food For Friends:**

**April 11th**

**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, April 18th**

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



**G.Y.I.D.E.**

**Workers Meeting**

**Tuesday, Apr. 9th**

Eat @ 6:00

Meeting @ 7:00 pm

at Yogie's Offices



**April 9**—GYIDE Workers Meeting

**April 10**—Family Meal Night

**April 13**—Bowling Trip

**April 14**—Youth Committee following AM

**April 14**—Elders/Deacons/ Ministers Meeting.

**April 20**—Primetimer Trip to Homestead Restaurant in Centerville—Leave @ 8:00 am

**April 27**—Family Game Night

**May 1**—Family Meal Night

**May 4**—GYIDE Fish Fry

**May 5**—Senior Night

**BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said, "Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom"?

(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu



April 8 is the solar eclipse day. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and



Earth completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. For us on April 8, 2024 the solar eclipse will be around 12:44-3:20 with 95% blockage around 2:03.

Some people wonder if this is what occurred when Jesus was on the cross Matt. 27:45 "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour." I think we often want to explain how things happen in the bible, rather than believing God just made it happen. The time would have been noon to 3PM. The solar eclipse occurs at a time frame it would not have happened during Jesus time. Jeremiah reminds us 32:27

"Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"



## Lomax Youth Group

### News and Updates:

- Camps are filling up fast register for Mid-South (week 4) or Horizons. See Brice for any questions or concerns

### Events:

- **April 10th:** Family Meal Night at 5pm see Kara or Brice to sign up, pizza is on the menu. Please bring drinks or sides and five dollars per person
- **April 13th:** Bowling at Thunder Alley. More details will be posted later.
- **April 14th:** Youth Committee meeting after morning services
- **April 26th:** Bonfire and Devo at the Riley's.

**Updated dates: VBS July 14th-17th**



**Brice Van Hook**

Youth Minister  
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# Putting God Before You

*"I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved"* (Psalms 16:8).

A powerful lesson we learn from this text is if we put God before us we will not be moved or shaken. If God is first in our decisions, thoughts, and actions then our way will be secure. Notice how this is such a practical lesson.

**If God comes first in my decisions, then I will want to seek His will.** I will ask, "What does God say about this matter?" I must strive to only do what God tells me (Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:21; Jer. 37:17). To put God first in my decisions I must know His Word. Jesus said the truth would make us free (John 8:32; John 17:17). Paul encouraged us to study God's word to be approved by Him (2 Tim. 2:15). How does someone put God before himself in every day decisions if he does not know God's will? He cannot. Therefore, it is imperative for me to study God's Word so that I can make godly decisions.

**If I am going to put God before me, I must put His will into my thoughts.** Paul taught us to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:3-5). Christians must think on godly and upright things (Phil. 4:6-8). The only way we can put God into our thoughts is to put His righteousness into our minds. The Psalmists said, "Your Word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:10-12). In every situation we should ask, "How would the Lord want me to think?"

**When we truly put God into our decisions and thoughts then we can have safety.** The Psalmists proclaimed, "He is at my right hand I shall not be moved" (Psalm 16:8). The only way we can proclaim the same today is if God is at our right hand in everything we do. Have you put God before *you*? If you are not a Christian, we would encourage you to obey the gospel. To become a Christian you must Hear God's word (Rom. 10:17), believe in Jesus as God's Son (John 8:24), repent of past sins (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as the Son of God (Rom. 10:10), and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38). May God help each of us to put Him before us!

*Ben Bailey*



**BY THE NUMBERS**  
For the week of 3/031

A.M. Bible Class	150
A.M. Worship Service	300
P.M. Worship Service	108
Wednesday PM	138
Contribution:	\$16,384.00
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
April Lord Supper	Karen Eglinton

**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



**Friday, April 27th**  
**@ 5:30 pm**  
**Please bring your favorite games and snacks. Any questions, please see Brice.**

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**796-7373**

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

**“To leave the others undone.”**  
**Luke 11:42**

**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)



**Trip to Homestead Restaurant in Centerville is planned for April 20th. Bus will leave @ 8:00 Sign up sheets are in the foyer. See Rose or Boo for details.**

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