

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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When Hurt Goes Deep

Pulpit Minister: Jon Hackett

I know what it feels like to be hurt by people you love, trust, and respect.

I've had friends turn away. I've watched family members make life choices that created distance between us and pulled them farther from Christ and His church. I've also been hurt by fellow ministers and elders I have worked beside. That kind of hurt can cut especially deep. You expect spiritual leaders to demonstrate integrity, humility, honesty, and Christlike character. Yet sometimes people in ministry act in ways that diminish their Christian character and damage trust, relationships, and the work of the church.

Some of the deepest wounds in life don't come from enemies. They come from "friendly fire", from people we trusted, loved, served beside, and expected to know better. That kind of hurt can create tremendous heart-break. It can leave you discouraged, confused, angry, exhausted, and even questioning whether you want to keep serving at all. And that is exactly where Satan sees an opportunity.

Discouragement is one of his most effective weapons. If he can use the actions of another person to make me bitter, withdrawn, cynical, or spiritually defeated, then the original hurt keeps doing damage long after the event itself is over.

So how do we respond?

First, be honest about the pain. Psalm 62:8 says, "Pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us."

Second, don't let hurt become bitterness. Hebrews 12:15 warns about a "root of bitterness." Someone else may have wounded me, but I don't have to let their actions reshape my heart.

Third, forgive without pretending trust has automatically been restored. Romans 12:19 reminds us to leave justice in God's hands.

Fourth, refuse to let someone else's failure become Satan's victory in your life.

I'm learning that overcoming hurt doesn't mean forgetting what happened. It means what happened no longer gets to control who I become.
People may fail me. Jesus hasn't. So, I will keep forgiving. Keep growing. Keep serving. And above all, I will keep following Him.

Welcome to Lomax

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 you 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 the restrooms, or the nursery.

Scan this QR code with your phone camera to fill out an attendance card. We'd love to know you were here!

Lomax Church of Christ
Office at (931) 796-5381.



Our Thoughts and Prayers

ARE WITH YOU

Sick:

- **Cynthia Chapin** is home.
- **Betty Hinson** is doing better.
- **Bonnie O'Brien** is recovering at her niece's house in Columbia.
- **Lovada Burklow** had a test done this past week.
- **Cynthia Kilpatrick** had cataract surgery last Thursday.

Continue to Remember:

Stevy Odom, Betsy Tiller, Kelly Kilgore, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Dennis Reynolds, David Riley, Marcia Runions, Michael Gray, Jan Hill, Wilma Harris, Lillie Mitchell, Jeremy Pierce, Joe Morton, Debbie Rasbury, Alice Hines, Tina Bores, Chris Lomax, Dianne Cooper, Maeve McLeord, Kandra Barnes

In Lewis Park Post Acute:

Michelle Huff (Room 509b), Betty Ann Nutt (Room 106a), Eliese Skelton (Room 307), Betty Stafford (Room 308a), Nell Wisdom (Room 206b), Margaret Templeton (Room 109)

Remember our Military:

Ian Clement, Kerry Conkle, Brindan Jancuska, Jon Lower, Austin Pierce, Tyler Galino & David Sloan



Upcoming EVENTS

Oct. 11th	Youth Devo @ Sandy Hook
Oct. 14th	Family Meal Night
Oct. 18th	SALT Activity
Oct. 18th	Lads to Leaders/Leaderette
Oct. 20th	Ladies Night Out
Oct. 24th	Halloween @ the Hamms
Oct. 28th	Fall Festival

Food For Friends:

Oct. 15th Team 1
Betty & Betty

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am.

LET SOMEONE KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM...

MICHAEL GRAY
25 ARC CIRCLE
HOHENWALD, TN 38462

DIANNE COOPER
WEST TN HEALTHCARE REHAB
616 W. FOREST AVE
ROOM 113 DIANNE COOPER
JACKSON, TN 38301



This Weeks Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

13th Kelly Kilgore
15th Selina Young
15th Jeanea Warf
17th Jane Spears

Anniversaries

15th Jared & Alaina Long

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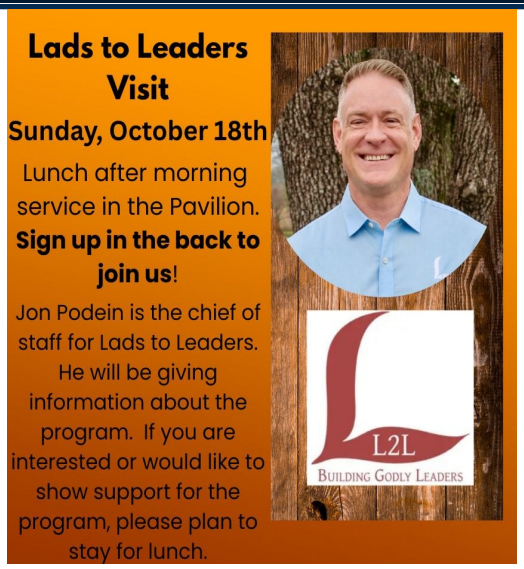
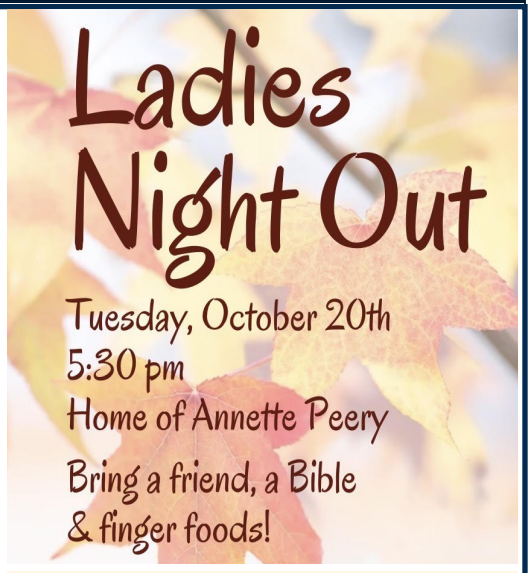
Announcements & Events















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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study	9:00 AM
Worship Services	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	6:00 PM

BY THE NUMBERS
Week of 10/4

A.M. Bible Class	120
A.M. Worship Service	209
P.M. Worship Service	103
Wednesday PM	N/A
Contribution	$9,704.84
Weekly Budget	$9,000

Lomax Trivia:

Who's son became the Lomax minister in 1973?

Lomax Trivia Answer:

When was the first worship service held at Lomax?
1918

ELDERS

Jeff Dye	931-306-8463
John Eglinton	931-446-5646
Matthew Farr	931-212-7637
Rick Morrow	615-430-6663
Mike Parker	931-628-2961

The elders will meet every Monday night at 6:30. If you have a need or prayer request, please let one of the elders know so they can pray for & assist you.

DEACONS

Lynn Ammons *(Worship Assignments)*
Wesley Carroll *(Transportation)*
Colby Hamm *(Young Families, Audio Visual)*
James Howard *(Security)*
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)*

MINISTERS

Jon Hackett	251-295-1475
Jeff Spears	931-306-1362
Brice Van Hook (Youth)	636-639-0153

LOMAX CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL
796-7373

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



Those honored to serve in October

Prepare Lord's Supper: Jeff & Rose Spears
October Assignments: Lynn Ammons, Cole Farr, Derick Carroll
Lord's Table: (Those in **Bold**, Serve up front)
West: **Jeff Dye, Mike Parker, Lukas Loftis,** Colby Hamm, Tyler Seiber, Dave Tranovich
East: **Matt McClain, Caleb Odom, Brock Spears,** Luke Beachy, James Howard, Jaylon Howard

Sunday Morning - October 11th

Song Leader:	John Eglinton
Bible Reader:	Ryder Ward
Opening Prayer:	Caleb Odom
Lord's Supper:	Alex Clayton
Sermon:	Jeff Spears
Closing Prayer:	Marty Spears

Sunday Evening - October 11th

Song Leader:	Sunday
Opening Prayer:	
Sermon:	Night
Closing Prayer:	
Lord's Supper:	Live

Wednesday Evening - October 14th

Song Leader:	Jessie Eglinton
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Dye
Devotional	Jake White
Closing Prayer:	Louie Chapin