



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*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

Thankfulness: A Key to Godly Character

Thankfulness is a fundamental part of godly character. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul urges us to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Thankfulness shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have, fostering a spirit of contentment and joy. It's easy to give thanks when life is smooth, but true thankfulness shines when we learn to be grateful even in challenging times.

Being thankful doesn't mean we ignore difficulties; rather, it invites us to see God's hand at work, even in tough seasons. This outlook allows us to recognize blessings we might otherwise overlook, strengthening our faith as we witness God's care for us in every situation. Cultivating thankfulness keeps us aware of God's constant presence, as Psalm 100:4 encourages us to "enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise."

A thankful heart also transforms our relationships. When we express gratitude to those around us, we build deeper connections and foster a spirit of encouragement. Jesus modeled thankfulness, giving thanks even before performing miracles (John 6:11), showing us that thankfulness is not dependent on results but on a heart tuned to God's goodness.

Let's make thankfulness a daily practice, not just an occasional thought. As we express thanks to God and others, we grow in godly character, becoming people who radiate joy and gratitude. May our hearts overflow with thankfulness, testifying to the goodness and faithfulness of our Lord in every season of life.

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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.

(Scan QR Code with your phones camera and follow the link)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower

HONORING

Olivia Hinson Trull



Sunday, November 17th
1:00-2:30
CSC

Registered at Amazon & Target
You may bring a book for baby,
Della LaRae
instead of a card if you would like.



Sick: *Gene Kilpatrick* had successful knee surgery and now is in Somerfield Health Center in Brentwood for Rehabilitation. **Lauren Hamm** had surgery last week and is doing good. **Gary O'Brien** is now at home but in serious condition. **Tom Alford** is in Centennial Hospital. **Ruby Hinson**, the mother of Tracie Lomax is having a lot of back issues. Please keep her in your prayers. **Vick Nichols** will have back surgery on Tuesday, November 19th. **Carla Thomas**, the sister of Cynthia Collison remains in Meharry Medical Center following surgery and in need of our prayers.

Sympathy: *To the family and friends of*

Continue to remember: *Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Tina Bores, Janie Spears Brewer, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Wilma Harris, Awny Jadon, Gene Kilpatrick, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Lillie Mitchell, Brenda Nance, Gary O'Brien, Judy Turner Pickler, Al Pogue..*

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

Veterans Day Program November 10, 2024



Food For Friends: November 21st

Team 3 (Sharon & Sue)

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



Food for Families

**Our monthly Food for Families
distribution is**

Tuesday, November 19th

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



November 17—Baby Shower for Olivia Hinson Trull

November 22-24—Buffing in CSC

November 28—Thanksgiving

December 8—Friends/Family Day

December 14—Community Christmas Meal

December 18—Primetimers Brunch at Boo & Rose @ 4:00 PM

December 22—Shane Fisher speaker Sunday PM

December 25—Christmas

December 29—5th Sun. Cont.—Building Fund 2025

January 11—Leadership Planning Breakfast

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word?"
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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A great time was had by all at Catfish Campus enjoyed our speaker Jack Malone Golden Age minister of Graymere church of Christ. **Hebrews 10:24** "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,"



The Empty Pew

Preachers have a distinctive view of the congregation as he stands before them and delivers the message from God's word. As he teaches the lesson, he subconsciously assesses the audience, and immediately knows if the attendance for that day is good or is lacking. As human nature would have it, members have the habit of sitting in the same place for each service they attend. If the congregation is small, the preacher has probably memorized each member's or family's designated pew. So, when those pews are empty, especially for several services, it is a matter of concern for the following reasons:

- Is someone sick? Do they need prayer, comfort, or ministered to? "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up" (James 5:15a).
- Are they suffering from loss or tragedy? Do they need God's comfort that can be given through us (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)?
- Are they at odds with a fellow member? Jesus taught us conflict resolution, even if it needs mediation (Matthew 18:15-20).
- Is the new convert struggling with their commitment to God? Mature Christians should encourage them (Romans 15:1).
- Have they been offended by truthful presentation of the scriptures which convict the world of sin (John 16:8)?
- Have they willfully missed worship while pursuing pleasure? This is idolatry, is sinful and requires repentance (Hebrews 10:24-27).
- Have they become distracted by life? Work and family obligations can lead us on the gradual road to unfaithfulness (Colossians 3:1-2).

These are just a few of the things that can concern the preacher (or elder) as they observe the empty pew.

Jay Launius
Maud Church of Christ
Maud, TX

Lomax Youth

SUNDAY, 11/10- AREA WIDE YOUTH RALLY AT CATHEY'S CREEK. LEAVE AT 4:30 PM. SIGN-UP IN YOUTH ROOM.

FRIDAY, 11/15- FRIENDSGIVING (6TH-12TH GRADE) PROGRESSIVE DINNER. SIGN-UP IN YOUTH ROOM

SATURDAY, 11/16- TENNESSEE SAFARI PARK TRIP. SIGN-UP IN THE LOBBY. LAST DAY TO SIGN UP NOVEMBER 3RD.

COST IS ADULTS (13 AND UP) - \$22,
CHILDREN (2-12) - \$14

CHILDREN 1 AND UNDER - FREE

CYC SIGN-UP IN THE LOBBY

FEBRUARY 21ST-23RD. 100\$ DEPOSIT AND SIGN-UP
ENDS DUE DECEMBER 25TH

LADS TO LEADERS DATES (AFTER EVENING SERVICES)

NOVEMBER 3RD

NOVEMBER 17TH

ANY STUDENT PRE-K THROUGH 12TH
GRADE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
PRACTICING SONG LEADING AND SPEECH.

636-639-0153

Brice Van Hook-Youth Minister

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 11/10

A.M. Bible Class	161
A.M. Worship Service	262
P.M. Worship Service	119
Wednesday PM	141
Contribution:	\$9,339.30
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
November Lord Supper	Kara Farr

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

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation received an anonymous donation of \$100.00 to go to the Food for Friends Program.

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Lomax Christian
Day School
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Last week's Know
Your Bible Answer:

Habakkuk
Habakkuk 1:13

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)
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(Visitation)
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