



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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EVALUATING OUR PURPOSE

Ephesians 3:9-11

9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. **10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, **11** according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We can get so engrossed in all the aspects of our lives: work, school, family, recreation, etc.... But, we still need to define our real purpose for existence. For those outside of Christ it is not the same as our purpose for existence as Christians.

The purpose of the Christian is to seek first the kingdom and to live according to God's will. Romans 6:2-4 reminds us that we are new creations. We are to live according to God's will. Luke 9:23 tells us that, "If anyone would come after Me he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

Follow Him? How do we follow Him? In order to follow Christ we must look to see what His purpose was. What is the purpose of Christ?

1. To be in harmony with the Father
2. To be of service to mankind
3. To overcoming the world and its temptations.

So, what is our true purpose in life? Our's is to be the same as Christ's. We must focus on spiritual matters, prayer, service, and fellowship, just to name a few. Remember our actions indicate the attitudes of our hearts. Our food needs to be doing the will of God and not in partaking of the allurements of this world. Easier said than done, but remember God believes in you and loves you. Living with His purpose is eternally worth the effort!

Jon Hackett
Pulpit Minister

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, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help you, please let us know while you are here or call 796-5381.



Back to School Youth Rally

Sunday August 14th at 5:00 pm

Bus leaves at 4:15

Speaker- Matt Cook Stantonville Church of Christ/FHU

Song Leader- Cody Harrington Ethridge Church of Christ

Summertown Church of Christ

303 Church Street~Summertown, TN 38483

Please message Brent Blackwood with approximate number to attend
931.629.6795

Meal will be provided



Sick: *Parker Carroll*, the son of Corbin & Jennifer Carroll had a burn accident on his hand. Prayers are requested. *Dinah Poore* is in Williamson Medical for rehabilitation and hopes to come home Sunday. *Tom Iverson* is in Maury Regional with intestinal blockages. *Alice Hines*, the sister of Betsy Tiller had a bad fall and is now in Williamson Medical Center with several injuries. *Barbara Eglinton*, the mother of John Eglinton has recently learned that her cancer has returned. *Van Vansandt*, former minister of Lomax is in a Memphis hospital after suffering a stroke. *Retha Raye Mullinicks*, the mother of Greg Mullinicks is in Horizon Medical Center for tests with blood clots in her lungs. *Steve Berg*, friend of Hershel Anderson is dealing with heart issues and recently has developed Covid and is home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Please remember all those who have been or are currently dealing with the COVID Virus.

Sympathy to the friends and family of Jean Pace. Her funeral was held last Sunday, August 7th.

Continue to remember: *Kerri Anthony, Barbara Baker, June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Jean Curry, Christy Dickey, Dustin Flowers, LaFon Griner, Greg Hankins, Calvin Harris, Gene Kilpatrick, Freida Lewis, Michael McCann, Howard Miller, Joe Morton, Gary O'Brien, David Roth, Roy Sharp, Barbara Tatum—Life Care of Centerville, Nadine Turnbow, Charles Williams, and Jerry Yates.*

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), *Kerry Conkle* (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), *Jacob Fite* (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton), *Brindan Jancuska* (son of Dave & Tammie Tranovich) and *Austin Pierce* (grandson of Rocco & Debbie Pierce).

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation received an anonymous donation to go to our Food for Friends Program.

The Lomax Congregation received donations to the Food for Friends Program in the memory of Jerry Ammons from the following:

Jim & Bonnie Grimes, Madelyn Tharp, Steve, Jill, Stone & Sailor Selby, Terry & Jeter Hurt Sorrells



Please add to your birthday list for the month of August:

Lee Riley—August 16th



August Birthdays

Lee Riley,
Angie Hunter,
Tammie Tranovich,
Dave Tranovich



Food For Friends:

August 18th

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

Thursday, August 18th

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

Day School Donations

If you can help by supplying some of these items it will be greatly appreciated:

Kleenex

Please put these items in the box in the church office in the foyer.



August 14—Summertown Back to School Youth Rally @ 5:00 pm

August 16—Disaster Relief

August 19—Grinders Creek Singing

August 20—Kayak Trip

August 25—Ladies Mental Health Forum @ Heritage Christian from 6:00—8:30 pm

September 11—Friends & Family Day

September 17—Buffing Floors in CSC

September 24—GYIDE Fish Fry

September 30—Lomax Singing

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "Thou art the man-"?
And to whom did he say it?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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'They Just Don't Come Anymore!'

As many of you know my vacation was the Hwy 127 Yard Sale, also called The World's Longest Yard Sale. It starts in Gadsden, Alabama and ends in Addison, Michigan 690 miles traveling through 6 states Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama thousands of folks looking for a deal, a treasure. It's impossible to travel the entire distance. We start in Chattanooga, up Signal Mountain, then down into the Sequatchie Valley of Dunlap, Pikeville, ending in Crossville. The scenery of being on top of Signal Mountain is very beautiful. Then the Sequatchie Valley with mountains on each side, we could see the clouds come over the top bringing rain long before it reached us. The shadow bringing the night as the sun disappears behind the mountain seems to bring the night too quickly. Sometimes you need to look around and realize the beauty of God's earth over the treasures of man-made things.

Psa. 147:8 ⁸Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains."

Psa. 104:8 ⁸They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them."

Psa. 121:1-2 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. ² My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."

May we remember when we look at nature it declares to us God's existence and his eternal care for us.

I recently was in conversation with a gentleman who has been a Christian for approximately sixty or more years, he remarked to me that back in "his day," he would have twelve to fifteen teens in his class. He followed that comment with, "They just don't come anymore!" Not be an alarmist, but friends the Lord's church in the United States, numerically speaking, is in decline! According to Rob Whitacre, an evangelist whose ministry is focused on traveling to congregations to lead workshops geared towards evangelism stated, "The church has been declining for forty years!"

Now, if a business has been in decline that long, wouldn't a new course of action be developed? Or, if a school district is losing students, would a sense of urgency be felt quickly. The answer is, "yes." Much could be said about addressing the problem of the church losing members. Has the culture become so overwhelming that Christians are drawn more to a pagan society? Are we so busy that we simply do not have time to consider such things as local evangelism or consider how we can be better equipped to expand the borders of God's kingdom on our street, in our community, or within our families?

The root causes of such decline may take some time to determine, but the solution is found in our intentionality to embrace the Great Commission, equip ourselves, and evangelize. Matthew 28:18-20 says, "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"

It is not necessarily about filling pews, but more about transforming lives through Jesus Christ! Well, maybe I am being an alarmist. Realizing "they just don't come anymore," should push us to action!

Allen Jones
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY

Lomax Student Ministry

Saturday, August 20th: Kayak/Canoe trip at Crazy Horse. We will leave the building at around 8:00am. Bring snacks/lunch on the river. Bring things that don't need to be heated up. Sign up sheet in foyer. It costs 45 for a canoe for two people and 35 dollars for single person kayaks.

Sunday, August 21st: Youth Committee meeting at 5pm in Chapel

August 27th: Softball, Adults vs. kids, Starting at 3pm we will be playing a younger kid's game and older kid's game. We will need players, both kids and adults and referees. We will grill burgers and eat dinner. Then we will have a devotional. Sign up sheet in foyer.

Future Travel Events

September 10th, Girls Day at East Main

October 7th-9th, R.U.S.H. at FHU

October 21st-23rd, Erupt Youth Rally. YOUTH RALLY IN A CAVE.

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 8/07

A.M. Bible Class	146
A.M. Worship Service	225
P.M. Worship Service	141
Wednesday PM	142
Contribution:	\$8,122.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,000.00

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

Baptized



August 4th, Luke Beachy responded to the invitation Thursday afternoon and was baptized into Christ. Also Hannah Beachy also responded and was restored. We rejoice with Luke & Hannah in this great decision and want to encourage them in their new walk with Christ.

3566 Summertown Hwy.
Summertown, TN 38483
Luke—(931) 982-9765
Hannah—(931) 628-8485

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Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

**Lomax Christian Day
School
796-7373**

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

**Christ
Mark 11:17**



**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

Matthew Farr
(Special Events, CSC Scheduling)
Colby Hamm
(Young Families Ministry)
Chris Hunter
(Visitation)
Greg Mullinicks
(Audio/Visual, Bulletin)
Jeff Spears
(Education)
Marty Spears
(Finance)

BE SAFE
From COVID-19

**YOUTH
COMMITTEE**

There will be a Youth Committee Meeting
August 21st
@ 5:00 pm in the Chapel.



Disaster Relief will be leaving at 7:30 on August 16th from the Lomax Church of Christ parking lot.

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