



# 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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## Enthusiasm

One habit that I have purposely made in my life and work in the Church is to surround myself with other Christians who are positive and enthusiastic. By doing so, I am encouraged to be more enthusiastic in my faith. Enthusiasm is a character trait, that I believe, is needed greatly among God’s people. Enthusiastic Christians tend to live fully in the present and enjoy every moment of their walk with God, appreciating what they have in Christ and doing the best they can for Him. Living our faith this way and bringing an exciting attitude with you wherever you go can help to encourage and lift the excitement in those around you. For some, enthusiasm comes naturally, for others it takes effort. Here are a few things that I suggest you do if you want to be a more enthusiastic worker for the Lord.

First, be mindful of your attitude. It is so easy to become cynical, pessimistic, and negative. We already have enough of those types of folks in the Church, and they aren’t helping the cause of Christ very much! Keeping a positive attitude and outlook toward your Christian walk will help you when things get tough and hard times come. Focus on all the good that is happening around you, and remember to express gratitude to God for the things you are grateful for.

Second, present yourself enthusiastically. Let the world see Christ shining in you always, even in tough times and when you don’t really feel like it. I remember my father telling me, “sometimes you have to fake it to make it.” Stand up straight, smile, and be a positive example to those around you. Remember, the world is watching and they want to see how you respond when things get tough. Enthusiasm is a discipline, so be purposeful about being positive and living for Christ.

Finally, identify spiritual goals in your service to God and His Church that you want to accomplish. Pray about those goals and how God can use you. Then, when you see God working and blessing you with and victories, you will have more enthusiasm about future service for His Kingdom.

Church, today more than ever we need churches full of enthusiastic Christians who are ready to work, serve, and lead with an excitement that sets us apart. Let’s be active, energetic, faithful, and enthusiastic so we can accomplish great things for the Lord!

-Jon Hackett

## 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.

## A Note From our ELDERS

The Diana Singing has requested some assistance with improvements to keep the singing going. Lomax will be making a donation from the Dale Hull Funds. We all know how much Dale Hull loved to sing. If you would like to participate, please give your donations to one of the Elders, to Boo Spears or Jon Hackett.



**Sick:** *Larry Tatum* will go for pre-op on Friday, August 19th for his surgery on August 26th. *Dinah Poore* is now at home. *Tom Iverson* is now at home. *Alice Hines*, the sister of Betsy Tiller is now at home recovering. *Barbara Eglinton*, the mother of John Eglinton has recently learned that her cancer has returned. *Van Vansandt*, former minister of Lomax is now at home and improving. *Ernestine Dye*, the aunt of Jeff Dye fell last week and broke her shoulder. She is in rehabilitation in South Carolina. *Leona White* is in Maury Regional Hospital. *Noah Love*, the grandson of Carolyn Duncan had surgery August 12th for acute appendicitis and is now home recovering. *Claire Mayberry*, the granddaughter of Darrell Mayberry is starting her 2nd round of chemotherapy. *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

**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, Claire Mayberry, 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).



**Congratulations to  
Aubrey & Cody Holm  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Ariyah Zahira Holm  
Born August 11th  
She was 7 lbs - 11 oz—19 in. long  
Proud grandparents are Dave & Tammie Tranovich**



**All ladies of the congregation  
are invited to Ladies Night Out  
at the home of Betty Hinson on  
Monday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m.  
Please bring your Bible and a  
favorite dish.**

*Ladies'  
Night  
Out*



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

**THANK YOU**

The Lomax Congregation received donations to the Food for Friends Program in the memory of Jerry Ammons from  
Ronnie & Angela Riley



**Food For Friends:  
August 25th**

**Team 4 (Betsy & Bonnie)**

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, September 15th**

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:

**Paper Towels**

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



**August 21**—Youth Committee Mtg. @ 5:00 in the  
Chapel.

**August 23**—GYIDE Workers Meeting—  
Eat @ 6:00 - Meeting @ 7:00.

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

**September 10** - Girls Day @ East Main in M'Boro

**September 11**—Friends & Family Day

**September 17**—Sandy Hook Ladies Day w/  
Kara Farr speaking

**September 17**—Buffing Floors in CSC

**September 24**—GYIDE BBQ

**September 30**—Lomax Singing

**BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who said to the Israelites, “You  
have compassed this mountain  
long enough”?  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**



# Boo's Belyeu

**Disaster Relief Trip** we had a great time and did 1,500 boxes. Everyone works so hard and it is neat to see some who have done the same job for so long work like a well-oiled machine.

While this article is being written before our **Primetimer trip/event**, I'm sure we had a great time. What can be better than eating together and singing praises to God? We joke about how many times we eat together Friends & Family Days quarterly, Family Meal night monthly, those who participate in Food for Friends each week and of course all the events devotionals, Gospel Meeting, over 60 banquet, etc.

We see Jesus likewise numerous times eating with folks Mark 2:15 tax collectors and sinners, Luke 7:36 Pharisees, friends John 12:2 Mary Martha & Lazarus, his apostles Matt. 26:26 Luke 24:40-43 to name a few.

The opportunity for **fellowship** is such a vital part of our Christianity. Heb. 10:25 "Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Acts 2:42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." Let us take every opportunity for fellowship with our brothers & sisters in Christ and to influence everyone to have this fellowship we have in Christ.

## Lomax Student Ministry

Youth Committee meeting today, **August 21st!**

If you have ideas, want input or want to be updated you need to be there! 5pm in the 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.

**September 10th,** Girls Day at East Main

**October 15th,** Pumpkin Patch trip to Holiday Acres

### Future Travel Events

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

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

## If It Smells Like a Skunk...

Last week when entering the church building we were met with an all-too-familiar odor. Unfortunately, some of us know first-hand just how bad a skunk can really smell. Whether you've encountered a skunk one-on-one or not, when you smell the distinctive odor produced by these little varmints, you can immediately identify it. If it smells like a skunk, then it probably is a skunk. Sin is like that. If some action or emotion feels like it could possibly be sinful, then there's a good chance that it probably is:

- If it feels like pride, then it probably is.
- If it sounds like gossip, then it probably is.
- If it seems to be petty, then it probably is.
- If it feels lukewarm, then it probably is. If it looks like it might be a sin.

You get the idea. The Christian life is a constant growing experience and God want us to continue to learn about Him and His will through study and meditation of His Word. Outlined in the Scriptures are corrections and guidance to help us avoid the stench of sin.

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:9-10).

Jay Launius  
Maud church of Christ  
Maud, TX

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
For the week of 8/14

A.M. Bible Class	160
A.M. Worship Service	231
P.M. Worship Service	108
Wednesday PM	131
Contribution:	\$7,077.13
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



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**Lomax Christian Day School**  
796-7373

Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:

**Nathan, to David II Samuel 12:7**



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



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

**Workers Meeting—August 23rd**  
Eat @ 6:00 - Meeting @ 7:00

**BBQ is Saturday, Sept. 24th**  
from 4:00—6:00 pm  
at Yogie's Offices

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