



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

THE TONGUE

A master sent his servant to the market with the instructions to bring him something good. The servant brought him a cows tongue. The master then sent him to the market to bring him something bad. Again, the servant brought him a cows tongue. The master then inquired as to why the servant brought a tongue in both cases. The wise servant replied, “If the tongue is good, there is nothing better. If the tongue is bad, there is nothing worse.”

The person who has a sharp tongue soon cuts his own throat. In a argument the best weapon to hold is your tongue. As Christians we should learn two things about our tongue, how to hold it and how to use it. Medical doctors can measure physical health by how the tongue looks. The Great Physician measures spiritual health by how the tongue acts. Isn't it interesting that a sharp tongue and a dull mind are usually found in the same head.

The book of James says this about the tongue, *“With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”* (James 3:9-10).

Some people have eyes that see not, and ears that hear not, but there are few people who have tongues that speak not. What kind of tongue do you have?

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, 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.



We Welcome to the Lomax Family



Matt & Kenzie McClain
Liam & Libby
245 Arkansas Road.
Hohenwald, TN



**Our Thoughts
and Prayers
are With you**

Sick: *Jeff Dye* is at home dealing with Still Disease and in considerable pain. **David Riley** will start treatments on Friday, September 8th for aggressive kidney cancer. **Cole Farr** suffered a tear of his ACL and MCL ligaments in his knee Friday night. **Mary Ann Whitehead**, the mother of Amanda Odom will have cancer surgery on September 18th. **Mann Nutt** has been moved to NHC Columbia. Hopes to come home in a few days but for now, no visitors.

Sympathy to the friends and family of **Dwight Griffin**, the brother of Jean Curry. He passed away Sunday, September 10th in Cullman, Alabama. His funeral was held Friday.

Continue to remember: *Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Faye Chandler, Spencer Clark, Kenny Davis, Christy Dickey, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Wanda Holloway, Gene Kilpatrick, Claire Mayberry, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Lonnie Odom, Judy Turner Pickler, Debbie Pierce, Al Pogue, Johnnie Faye Skelton, Melvis Staggs (NHC Columbia) and Jeff Tatum*

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



Congratulations to Chase & Ashley Gough on the birth of their son, Cannon Michael Gough Born September 13, 2023. He was 6 lbs - 12 oz—20 in. long Proud Grandparents are Chris & Angie Hunter

G.Y.I.D.E. BBQ



Saturday, Sept. 23rd
from 4:00—6:00 pm
at Yogie's Offices.



**Food For Friends:
September 21st**

Team 2 (Alice & Wilma)

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 21st

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

THANK YOU

Because of your generosity, \$1,526.00 was given to help with the recent medical expenses of Devan Pierce. Devan, Jason and family are serving as missionaries in Fiji.



September 22-24—RUSH @ FHU

September 23—GYIDE BBQ

September 29—Singing at Lomax @ 7:00

October 4—Family Meal Night

October 8—Elders/Ministers Meeting

October 10—Chapel Devo.

October 12-14—Couples Retreat

October 17—Chapel Devo.

October 26—Primetimers Nash Family Creamer in Chapel Hill @ 11:00

October 28—Halloween Party @ the Hamms

October 29—5th Sun. Cont.—Building Fund

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

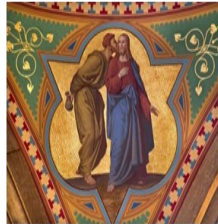
To whom did Christ say, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt?"
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

This week on September 21, 1780 treason happened. It was during the American Revolution General Benedict Arnold betrayed his country for the promise of a large sum of money and a high position in the British army. The plot was foiled, but the name Benedict Arnold became synonymous with "traitor."



We likewise remember such a man biblical who was a traitor on a much higher scale. The greed for money also took part in his decision. Matt. 26:14-16 "14 Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him." His betrayal was against the son of God. Matt. 27:54 "54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

The Excellent Ones

"As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight" (Psalm 16:3, ESV).

In the passage above, David revealed his love for his kinsmen. They were God's people, which made them majestic and noble. That's high praise for people who weren't perfect. David's fellow-Israelites made their share of mistakes. They had their flaws. They committed their sins. Yet, inspired of the Holy Spirit, David called them "excellent" – warts, blemishes, and all.

Does David's complimentary language imply approval of sin? Hardly. Every adult who has ever received proper commendation, even commendation directly from God, has received it in spite of his or her sins (except Jesus, of course, who was sinless). David's assessment of God's people was a general statement intended to highlight their exalted status as God's chosen ones.

God still has an exalted opinion of his people today, even though we are far from perfect. Christians are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1 Pet. 2:9). "But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love" (Psa. 147:11). God loves us so much that he calls us his children (1 John 3:1). Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters (Heb. 2:11).

But doesn't God know we have weaknesses and flaws? Yes. Doesn't he know that we mess up from time to time and sin? Yes. Doesn't he know that we can't be perfect no matter how hard we try? Yes. God doesn't love perfect people only. He loves *you* (1 John 4:8,19). He chose *you* (Eph. 1:4). He honored *you* (Heb. 2:6-8).

Doesn't that make you want to serve him with all your heart?

Eddie Parrish

**Brown Trail church of Christ
Bedford, TX**

September and October Events



September 22nd-24th:

RUSH at FHU for 7th-12th grade. This is a youth event on Freed's campus.

September 28:

Chapel Devo from 6:15pm-6:40pm

October 4th

Family Meal Night. Theme Chik-Fil-A. Everyone bring in five dollars to help pay for the food.

October 6th

Fifth Quarter after the high school football game at the CSC. See Brice for more details

October 17th

Chapel Devo 6:15-6:45 pm

Talk to Brice or Emily about having the youth group in your home for a devotional!

Sign-ups for CYC, EU and Exposure are in the foyer. See Brice for more information!

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 09/10

A.M. Bible Class	142
A.M. Worship Service	246
P.M. Worship Service	125
Wednesday PM	144
Contribution:	\$ 9,620.00
Weekly Budget	\$8,000.00

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



Please keep Rocco Pierce in your prayers as he has returned to the Fiji Islands to continue preaching and teaching. We also want to keep Debbie Pierce in our prayers as she continues to heal and recover at home.

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Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:

Paul
Acts 14:22

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)
Chris Hunter
(Visitation)
Greg Mullinicks
(Missions, Bulletin)
Lee Riley
(Men's Ministry, Education)
Jeff Spears
(Education)
Marty Spears
(Finance)
Dan Toft
(Maintenance)
Brice Van Hook
(Social Media, Directory)
Jake White
(Lads to Leaders)

RUSH at FHU

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

David Shannon • TJ Kirk • Andrew Itson
JD Schwartz • Brad Montague
and many more!



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