



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

Jon Hackett
Pulpit Minister

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH CHRISTMAS

1. The atmosphere is flooded with the spirit of Christmas Joy, in spite of the glum, pessimism, and problems of the world situation.
2. Cities and towns dress up and decorate themselves with colors of the rainbow with bright lights. Homes and trees are covered with flashing lights.
3. People drive around town to see the beautiful decorations and expressions of Joy.
4. Families forget their problems.
5. Broken relationships are healed with presents and hugs.
6. Millions send Christmas cards to people they love, some that they seldom get to see.
7. Children are happier, and adults are better, friendlier, & sweeter.
8. Everywhere you hear " Merry Christmas!"
9. Businesses stay in business, creating more jobs, because of all the gifts that are purchased at Christmas time.
10. Some children would never be considered enough to be given a toy, if not for Christmas.
11. The poor are considered more at this time of year.
12. Many churches might not do anything for the elderly and lonely, if not for Christmas.
13. Thinking of the birth of Jesus is good because it reminds us of His human side.
14. The world stops one day a year to cheer about one baby who died for the world almost 2,000 years ago.
15. I know much of the celebration is shallow, insincere and some even ungodly. Yet, the fact remains, even the infidel cannot live in this world and not hear about one called "Jesus" because of this day, and that alone should cause every Christian to rejoice and to thank God for Christmas.

Borrowed

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.



Prime Timers

Christmas BRUNCH

Wednesday, December 20th at 4:00 pm.

at the home of Boo & Rose Spears

Please sign up in the foyer or see Boo or Rose for
details



Sick: Please pray for **Jeffrey Hinson** and his family as he goes through chemotherapy and radiation treatments. **Tommy Carroll** is now recovering at home following surgery last week.

Sympathy to the friends and family of

Continue to remember: Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Nell Bunch, Lovada Burklow, Faye Chandler, Spencer Clark, Kenny Davis, Christy Dickey, Jeff Dye, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Jeffrey Hinson, Wanda Holloway, Gene Kilpatrick, Claire Mayberry, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Collin O'Brien, Judy Turner Pickler, Debbie Pierce, Al Pogue, David Riley, Johnnie Faye Skelton, Dan Spears 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).



Food For Friends:
Will not be delivering

meals this week—Dec. 21st.

Resume Dec. 28th—Team 7

Cynthia & Betsy



**Food
for Families**

Our monthly Food for Families
distribution is

Thursday, December 21st

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



If you would be willing to take care of the Lord's Supper for a month in 2024, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.
Thank you for your help.



December 20—Primitimers Brunch at
Boo & Rose's @ 4:00

December 20—6th-12th Christmas Party/Devo.

December 20—No Primitimer Class

December 21—Christmas Caroling

December 25—Christmas

December 27—No Primitimer Class

December 27-29- Exposure Youth Camp

December 31—5th Sun. Cont.—Day School
2024

January 13—Leadership Planning
Breakfast

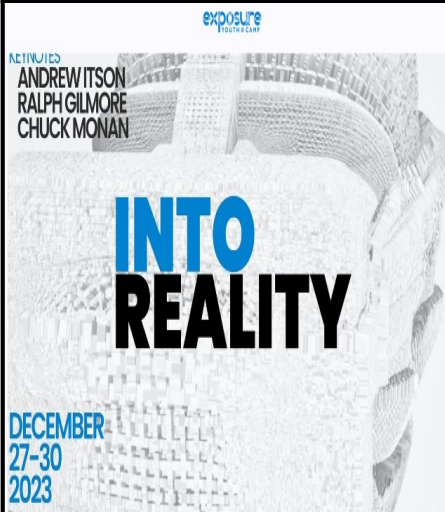


Primitimers

Class for Wednesday
December 20th and December 27th
will be cancelled.
Resume back on January 3rd



December 31st, we will have our 5th Sunday night singing night. Please bring finger foods and games to follow as we welcome the new year in.



Christmas Caroling
December 21st
@ 5:30 pm
See Kara Farr for
details.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What writer advises "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

Christmas is coming excitement, anticipation of Christmas Day. Isn't it great to look forward to special days, times to celebrate. These did not know this day was coming, but you hear the excitement upon them hearing the good news of Jesus Christ. Philippians 16:30 "Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs what must I do to be saved?" The Philippian jailor & his household were baptized into Christ. Verse 34 it says "he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God." Likewise, the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8 upon obeying the Gospel of Christ being baptized verse 38, verse 39 says, "and went on his way rejoicing." Acts 2 the beginning of the church 3,000 were baptized into Christ verse 41; verse 46 & 47 tells they had "glad & generous hearts, praising God." May we all come to know Christ and have the special day with him.



He Crowns the Humble with Salvation

Winston Churchill was once asked, "Doesn't it thrill you to know that every time you make a speech, the hall is packed to overflowing?"

"It's quite flattering," replied Sir Winston. "But whenever I feel that way, I always remember that if instead of making a political speech I was being hanged, the crowd would be twice as big."

Humility is not having a poor self-image or thinking you are a worthless wimp. Humility is having an honest evaluation of who you are—the Bible describes you. On one hand I am a sinner who deserves death—yet I am a child of God, a member of the Royal Priesthood.

Humility is found in the balance between those two realities. The truth is, God often elevates the humble. Consider these passages from the Bible:

"You (O Lord) save the humble, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low" (2 Samuel 22:28).

"For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation" (Psalms 149:4).

Larry Fitzgerald
Woodlawn church of Christ
Abilene, TX

Lomax Youth Group

News and Updates:

- If you want to host a youth devotional in 2024 see Brice or Emily.
- Sign up for CYC and Evangelism University will end soon. CYC needs a 100\$ non-refundable deposit for each person going.

Events:

- **December 20:** 6th-12th grade Christmas party. Talk to Brice or Emily about transportation. Bring money for pizza and 10\$ or less white elephant gift
- **December 21st:** Christmas Caroling see Kara for more details. Let's get a big group to go caroling!
- **January 28:** Sunday Night Youth Rally with Andy Pogue. Spread the word and invite a friend.



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The Bible Is...

The greatest text in the Bible *on* the Bible is 2 Timothy 3:15-17. It demonstrates the characteristics of the Bible. The Bible is...



- Simple — "from a child"
- Knowable — John 8:32
- Holy — 1 Peter 1:13-16
- Written form — Scriptures
- Inspired — God-breathed
- Powerful — "able" instruction, correction
- Complete — for every good work
- Soul-saving — for salvation

Have you read the whole Bible?
Why not make that your goal?

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 12/10

A.M. Bible Class	155
A.M. Worship Service	231
P.M. Worship Service	104
Wednesday PM	151
Contribution:	\$ 8,871.00
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



December 31st will be our 5th Sunday Contribution which will go to the Day School Fund. Please keep this in mind as we prepare to give.

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Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:
To the Capernaum paralytic
Matthew 9:2

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)
Jeff Spears
(Visitation)
Marty Spears
(Finance)
Dan Toft
(Maintenance)
Brice Van Hook
(Social Media, Directory)
Jake White
(Lads to Leaders)

YOUTH GROUP
Christmas party

WEDNESDAY, 12/20 AFTER THE EARLY DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL

Brice will take the van from the middle school to Snappy's for lunch, then we will go back to the Van Hook's house to hang out, play games, & do a gift exchange. High schoolers can ask to be picked up on the bus or meet us at Snappy's.

We will take the van from our house to church that night for Bible study.

You will need a note to give the school to leave with the Van Hooks, money for pizza, & a \$10-15 gift for our white elephant gift swap.

SEE BRICE OR EMILY FOR MORE DETAILS.

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