



→ 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

Pulpit Minister: Jon Hackett

THE STRUGGLE WITH MEANINGFUL PRAYER

Before this morning's sermon, I'd encourage you to think about prayer in a different way. Like many of you, I have found that one of my greatest spiritual struggles is not *whether* I pray, but *how* I pray. As a minister, I pray often. I pray before sermons, hospital visits, Bible studies, elders' meetings, meals, and countless other occasions. Yet I have discovered that it is possible to say many prayers without truly slowing down to enjoy the relationship those prayers are meant to nurture.

Sometimes my prayers become too familiar. I catch myself repeating the same phrases, asking for the same things, and moving quickly through words that have become routine. The problem isn't repetition itself. Jesus prayed repeatedly in the Garden of Gethsemane. The danger is when repetition replaces relationship. Prayer was never intended to become a religious script. It is meant to be an ongoing conversation with our Heavenly Father.

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Matthew 6, He didn't simply give them words to recite. He showed them a pattern for drawing near to God. Prayer begins with worship, submits to God's will, depends on His daily provision, seeks His forgiveness, and asks for His guidance. In other words, prayer changes us before it changes our circumstances.

This week, I want to challenge both you and myself. The next time you pray, don't worry about how long your prayer is or whether you use the "right" words. Instead, focus on spending time with your Father. Pause. Listen. Worship. Thank Him. Share your burdens honestly. Let your prayer become less about checking off a spiritual responsibility and more about building a relationship with the One who loves you most. The greatest measure of a healthy prayer life is not how eloquently we speak to God, but how closely we walk with Him after we say, "Amen."

In Christ,
Jon Hackett

— Welcome to Lomax —

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 you 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 the restrooms, or the nursery.



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to fill out an attendance card. We'd love to know you were here!

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Our Thoughts and Prayers

ARE WITH YOU



Sick:

- **Katelyn Collison**, daughter of George & Cynthia Collison, hurt her back. She will be taking it easy for a little while.
- **Alice Hines**, sister of Betsy Tiller, has been diagnosed with cancer. She will have surgery July 28th.
- **Virgil Fetner**, father of Rachel Hackett, had hip surgery this past week. He is recovering at home.
- **Randy Tanner**, brother of Tammy Toft & Susan Parker, went for his follow up from his surgery. He received good news.....they got all of the cancer.

Sympathy to the family of:

Homer "Speedy" Gilliam passed away on Sunday, July 19th. His service was Wednesday, July 22nd.

Teresa Cotton, mother of Derrick Staggs & aunt of Jasmine Chapin, passed away on Wednesday, July 22nd. A Celebration of Life will take place later.

Jackie Dickey, brother in law of Alice Ammons & uncle of Jake White, passed away on Saturday, July 18th.

Continue to Remember:

Betsy Tiller, Kelly Kilgore, Lovada Burklow, Cynthia Chapin, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Dennis Reynolds, David Riley, Marcia Runions, Michael Gray, Wilma Harris, Anny Jadon, Sandro Jadon, Lillie Mitchell, Jeremy Pierce, Betty Roden, Joe Morton, Debbie Rasbury, & Crew Lawson.

In Lewis Park Post Acute

Karen Broadwater (Room 102), Leo Hinson (Room 402b), Michelle Huff (Room 509b), Betty Ann Nutt (Room 106a), Eliese Skelton (Room 307), Betty Stafford (Room 308a), Nell Wisdom (Room 206b)

Remember our Military:

Dustin Brugmann, Ian Clement, Kerry Conkle, Brindan Jancuska, Jon Lower, Austin Pierce and David Sloan

WE WILL MISS YOU

DAVE!

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY WE WILL HAVE DAVE SLOAN WITH US FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. HE IS LEAVING FOR GERMANY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE WILL BE STATIONED THERE UNTIL MAY.

PRAYERS FOR HIM, BRITNI, DAVID, HENRY & IVY.



Upcoming
EVENTS

July 28th

Ladies Night Out

July 29th-31st

Connect Conference

August 1st

Ladies Day @ Linden

August 1st

SALT Activity @ 4:00

August 2nd

Sunday Night Live

August 5th

Family Meal Night

August 7th

Families Connect

August 8th

Youth Kayaking



Food For Friends:

July 30th

Team 5 Kay & Kathy

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

Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, July 28th

5:30 pm

Lomax Pavilion

(CSC depending on weather)

Bring finger foods & your Bible!



Day School
Donations

Germ-X



This Weeks Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

26th Sandra Clayton

29th Britni Sloan

31st Jaylon Howard

August 1st Corbyn Harris

Anniversaries

30th Greg & Lisa Amacher

30th Jacob & Amanda

Odom



Boo's Belyeu

Linden Church of Christ Ladies' Day 2026



**LET'S GET
COOKING: A
RECIPE FOR
SPIRITUAL
MATURITY**

AUGUST 1, 2026 9 A.M.

SPEAKER: KARA FARR

LUNCH TO BE SERVED AFTER!

If you would like to ride the church bus, please sign up in the lobby. Bus will leave at 8:20 am.

The Bridges

Sat. August 1st

4:00 pm

Don't forget!!!!

Sign up on the table in the lobby.
Take menu, circle your order,
put your name at the top of the menu,
put menu in the envelope.



Announcements & Events

ATTENTION!

CONNECT CONFERENCE

ONE

LORD. FAITH. BAPTISM.

JULY 29-31, 2026

Hosted By:  **CRIEVE HALL
Church of Christ**
4806 Trousdale Dr. Nashville, TN 37220

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

STARTING @ 7:15 PM



**TJ
KIRK**
JULY 29, 2026



**MATT
MILLER**
JULY 30, 2026



**MATT
COOK**
JULY 31, 2026

Lomax (ALL AGES) will take a bus on
Thursday, July 30th & Friday, July 31st
Bus will leave at 7:15 am. Sign up in the lobby.

Lomax Youth (6th-12th grade) trip to Crieve Hall
Church of Christ (Nashville)

July 30th Youth Series Speaker (Matt Miller)

Loading buses at 4:00 PM

6:45 Singing

7:15 Speaker

Pizza served afterwards

Bring snacks for the bus ride

Family Meal Night

Chick-fil-A

Aug. 5th 5:00

Bring \$5 per person
for Chick-fil-A

We would greatly appreciate

Sides/Drinks/Desserts

KAYAK TRIP AUGUST 8TH



There's a sign up sheet in the youth room.
The cost is \$50 for a canoe that seats two
people or \$40 for a single person kayak.
We will leave the church building at 8:00 a.m.
for Crazy Horse.

Bring snacks & a lunch that doesn't need to
be heated up to eat on the river.

Remember your sunscreen & water shoes.
Please dress appropriately for this church
trip (tops & shorts or swim trunks).

We need adults as well so if you enjoy
kayaking this a trip for you



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study	9:00 AM
Worship Services	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	6:00 PM



ELDERS

Jeff Dye	931-306-8463
John Eglinton	931-446-5646
Matthew Farr	931-212-7637
Rick Morrow	615-430-6663
Mike Parker	931-628-2961

(Please leave a message)



MINISTERS

Jon Hackett	251-295-1475
Jeff Spears	931-306-1362
Brice Van Hook (Youth)	636-639-0153



BY THE NUMBERS

Week of 7/19

A.M. Bible Class	156
A.M. Worship Service	243
P.M. Worship Service	128
Wednesday PM	141
Contribution	\$7,962
Weekly Budget	\$9,000



DEACONS

Lynn Ammons (Worship Assignments)
Wesley Carroll (Transportation)
Colby Hamm (Young Families, Audio Visual)
James Howard (Security)
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)



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DAY SCHOOL

796-7373



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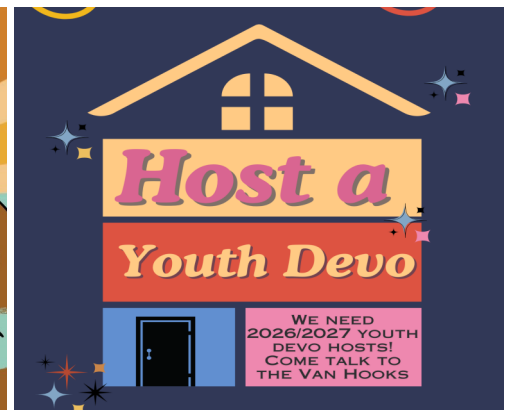


Hymnal Trivia

"Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour" are lyrics from what hymn?

Hymnal Trivia

Last Weeks Answer:
"When we walk with the Lord" is an alternative title for which song?
Trust & Obey



Those honored to serve in July

Prepare Lord's Supper: Chuck & Kathy Oppermann

July Assignments: Jacob Odom, Jake White & Derick Carroll

Lord's Table: (Those in **Bold**, Serve up front)

West: J.W. Churchwell, Chip Kilgore, **Cole Farr**, Marty Spears, Jaxon Howard, George Collison

East: Patrick Halfacre, Rodney Lomax, **Brock Spears**, Lynn Ammons, Cody Harris, Gabby Spears

Sunday Morning - July 26th

Song Leader:	John Eglinton
Bible Reader:	Lukas Loftis
Opening Prayer:	Mike Parker
Lord's Supper:	Tom Kilpatrick
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	J.W. Churchwell

Sunday Evening - July 26th

Song Leader:	Jessie Eglinton
Bible Reader:	Lynn Ammons
Opening Prayer:	Wesley Carroll
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	Vic Nichols
Lord's Supper:	Larry Tatum

Wednesday Evening - July 29th

Song Leader:	Caleb Odom
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Dye
Devotional	Brice Van Hook
Closing Prayer:	Matt McClain