



→ THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST ←

MESSSENGER

*A place to belong. A place to be loved.
A place to serve God and others.*

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When Pride Keeps Us From Help Pulpit Minister: Jon Hackett

One of the hardest sentences to say is, "I need help."

We'll carry something too heavy, struggle with a problem too long, or pretend we understand directions rather than admit we don't. Asking for help can feel like surrendering our independence. We want to appear capable, even when we're struggling. That same pride can follow us into our relationship with God.

We tell ourselves we'll straighten things out eventually. We'll break the habit, repair the damage, and become the person we ought to be. Then we'll come to God with something worth presenting. Meanwhile, we keep carrying guilt that good intentions can't remove.

Jesus told a parable about two men who went to the temple to pray. One listed his religious accomplishments. The other acknowledged his need: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ([Luke 18:13, ESV](#)). Jesus said the man who pleaded for mercy went home justified. His honesty opened the door to receiving what pride had kept the other man from seeking.

We need that kind of honesty. Coming before God requires laying down the image we've worked so hard to maintain. He already knows our failures. We gain nothing by hiding them behind excuses.

Jesus welcomes those who turn to Him in humble, obedient faith. His mercy gives us courage to confess, repent, and follow where He leads.

A congregation should be a place where people can take those steps without pretending they have everything together. We can help by listening, praying, and walking beside one another.

This week, stop rehearsing why you should be able to handle everything alone. Bring your need to Christ. Pride says, "I can manage." Faith says, "**Lord, I need You.**"

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!

Lomax Church of Christ
Office at (931) 796-5381.



Our Thoughts and Prayers

ARE WITH YOU



Sick:

- **Betty Hinson** is resting at home.
- **Bonnie O'Brien** is recovering at her niece's house in Columbia.
- **Vickie Halfacre** saw her cardiologist this past week. She got a good report.
- **Libby McClain** had a tonsillectomy & adenoidectomy last Thursday.
- **Lovada Burklow** will have a special test done on Thursday.
- **Cynthia Kilpatrick** will have another cataract surgery on Thursday.

Sympathy to the family of:

Jimmie Lee Parrish, brother of Elgie Parrish, passed away September 26th in Linden. Funeral services were September 29th.

Continue to Remember:

Stevy Odom, Emily Schorr, Betsy Tiller, Kelly Kilgore, Cynthia Chapin, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Dennis Reynolds, David Riley, Marcia Runions, Michael Gray, Jan Hill, Wilma Harris, Lillie Mitchell, Jeremy Pierce, Joe Morton, Debbie Rasbury, Alice Hines, Tina Bores, Chris Lomax, Dianne Cooper, Maeve McLeord, Kandra Barnes

In Lewis Park Post Acute:

Michelle Huff (Room 509b), Betty Ann Nutt (Room 106a), Eliese Skelton (Room 307), Betty Stafford (Room 308a), Nell Wisdom (Room 206b), Margaret Templeton (Room 109)

Remember our Military:

Ian Clement, Kerry Conkle, Brindan Jancuska, Jon Lower, Austin Pierce, Tyler Galino & David Sloan



Upcoming EVENTS

Oct. 4th	Elders & Deacons Meeting
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Oct. 8th-11th	Couples Retreat
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Oct. 11th	Youth Devo @ Sandy Hook
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Oct. 14th	Family Meal Night
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Oct. 18th	SALT Activity
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Oct. 18th	Lads to Leaders/Leaderette
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Oct. 24th	Halloween @ the Hamms
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Food For Friends:

**NO DELIVERIES
THIS WEEK**

LET'S SHOW SOME LOVE TO

DAVID SLOAN

David is stationed in Germany until at least May. His wife will be sending him a care package once a month. If you would like to contribute to a monthly care package you are welcome to. Below are a few of his favorite things:

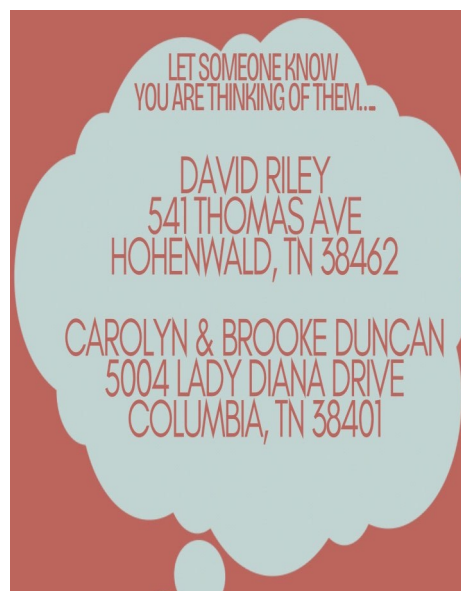
Beef Jerky	Skittles
Pork Rinds	Chewy Sweet Tarts
Trail Mix	Fruit Snacks
Protein Bars	Dude Wipes
Lip Balm	Hand Warmers
Warm Socks	Cards

Notes of Encouragement

Small novelty items or entertainment (cards, stress balls, etc)

No chocolate or nothing that can melt.

Please give any items to Britni.



This Weeks Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

5th Charlie Carroll	10th Betty Spears
6th Conner Harris	10th Ella Owens
7th Colby Hamm	
7th Ruby Frey	

Anniversaries

5th Herschel & Sherrie Anderson
6th Louie & Jasmine Chapin
6th Tyler & Chelsey Seiber



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October SALT Activity
Doughnuts & Bring a Friend

Sunday, October 18th

8:00 am

The Pavilion

Bring a friend &
a chair!

Announcements & Events

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING TODAY @ 5:00

**FAMILY
MEAL
NIGHT**

Wed, Oct 14

@ 5:00

\$5 per person
for pizza.

Please bring
chips, desserts
& drinks



**LADS TO LEADERS
VISIT**

Sunday, October 18th

Lunch Provided after Morning Services in
the Pavilion

Jon Podein is the chief of staff for Lads to
Leaders and will be giving information
about L2L. If you any interest or would like
to show support for this please plan to stay
for lunch.

Sign-up in foyer



CHURCH
FAMILY

We need
YOU
To host a
Devotional!!!

Our **FABULOUS** youth group is
looking for volunteers to host
a monthly devotional. It's so
easy and so much fun!

**Hamm's
Halloween
Party**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH @ 5:00

CHILI, SOUPS, SANDWICHES, SIDES & DESSERTS
SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY FOR FOOD

BOUNCE HOUSE, BONFIRE, HAY RIDE, GAMES
BRING A CHAIR & WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
FALL/HALLOWEEN SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

**LADIES
DAY**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE
TO THE DOOR PRIZES,
PLEASE SEE ROSE OR KARA



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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



BY THE NUMBERS

Week of 9/27

A.M. Bible Class	163
A.M. Worship Service	267
P.M. Worship Service	87
Wednesday PM	160
Contribution	\$9,792.50
Weekly Budget	\$9,000

Lomax Trivia

When was the first worship service held at Lomax?

Hymnal Trivia

Last Weeks Answer:
What's the next line...
"All to Jesus, I surrender..."
All to Him I freely give.



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

The elders will meet every Monday night at 6:30. If you have a need or prayer request, please let one of the elders know so they can pray for & assist you.



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)



MINISTERS

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



LOMAX CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

796-7373



Please continue to check out the Visitation Notebook in the foyer for updated information.

SEND OUR COLLEGE KIDS A LETTER FROM HOME
TAYLOR RAE TROUTMAN
1000 N. DIXIE AVE
#13867
COOKEVILLE, TN 38505

CORBYN HARRIS
325 CHERRY AVE
MCKENZIE, TN 38201

Those honored to serve in October

Prepare Lord's Supper: Jeff & Rose Spears

October Assignments: Lynn Ammons, Cole Farr, Derick Carroll

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

West: Jeff Dye, Mike Parker, Lukas Loftis, Colby Hamm, Tyler Seiber, Dave Tranovich

East: Matt McClain, Caleb Odom, Brock Spears, Luke Beachy, James Howard, Jaylon Howard

Sunday Morning - October 4th

Song Leader:	Steve Skelton
Bible Reader:	James Howard
Opening Prayer:	Jessie Eglinton
Lord's Supper:	Lee Riley
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	Chuck Oppermann

Sunday Evening - October 4th

Song Leader:	Alex Clayton
Opening Prayer:	Gabby Spears
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	Matt McClain
Lord's Supper:	Jeff Dye

Wednesday Evening - October 7th

Song Leader:	Tom Kilpatrick
Opening Prayer:	Matthew Farr
Devotional	Jeff Spears
Closing Prayer:	Larry Tatum