



# 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

#### Living in the Newness of Life: Reflections on Romans 6

In Romans 6, Paul offers a powerful message about the transformative power of baptism and the new life we have in Christ. He begins by addressing a question many might have after hearing about God's grace: "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" (Romans 6:1). Paul's answer is a resounding "No!" He explains that those who have been baptized into Christ's death are united with Him, and just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too are called to walk in the "newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

Baptism is not just a symbolic act; it is a spiritual reality. Through baptism, we are buried with Christ, and through His resurrection, we are raised to live a new life. This new life is not merely a change in behavior but a profound transformation of our identity. We are no longer slaves to sin but have been set free to live for God (Romans 6:6-7). The old self, with its sinful desires and brokenness, has been crucified with Christ, and we are now free to live according to God's righteousness.

Paul continues to remind us that the choice we make matters. We can choose to present ourselves as instruments of righteousness, yielding our lives to God, or we can continue to live in the way we did before knowing Christ. The gift of eternal life in Christ is ours when we choose to follow Him (Romans 6:23).

As we reflect on these truths, let us remember that we are not left to live this new life on our own. The Holy Spirit empowers us to walk in the freedom and victory Christ has secured for us. Let us live as those who have been set free from sin, giving glory to God in all that we do.

**Let's walk in the newness of life today!**

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### 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 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.

(Scan QR Code with your  
phones camera and follow the  
link)



### Primetimers Dinner



January 30, 2025

@ 4:00 pm

Sign-up Sheet  
on the round table.



**Sick:** *Barbara Hinson* is now at home awaiting tests results. *Janice Sublett* has been moved to Southern TN Regional in Lawrenceburg. *Debbie Pierce* is now home after stay in hospital. *Pittman Baker* will have surgery January 17th. *Vic Nichols* is home with pneumonia. *Jean Curry*, who previously attended Lomax is now in Hendersonville in hospice care at her daughter Sharon Lyle's home. *Emberly Casias* had successful tonsil removal and is now at home.

**Sympathy:** To the family and friends of *Judy Turner Pickler*, relative of many here at Lomax. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

**Continue to remember:** *Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Tina Bores, Lovada Burklow, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, LaFon Griner, Rachel Hackett, Wilma Harris, Ruby Hinson, Megan Inman, Awny Jadon, Gene Kilpatrick, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Lillie Mitchell, Brenda Nance, Gary O'Brien, Al Pogue.*

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



There will be no  
Primetimers class on October  
22nd. It will resume on  
**October 29th.**



February 21-23, LeConte Center Pigeon Forge

2986 Teaster Lane  
Pigeon Forge, TN

**The Line-Up**

Chris Miller, "Look Up and Be a Servant"  
Brad Montague, "Look Up and Count the Stars"  
Craig Evans, "Look Up and Think"  
Lonnie Jones, "Look Up and Be Transformed"  
David Shannon, "Look Up and Be Holy"  
Dale Jenkins, Emcee  
Jason Isbell, Song Leader  
Jon Potein, Song Leader  
Fun with Ben & Travis  
S.W.A.T

**overflowing  
WITH CHRIST**

LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST  
YOUTH RALLY  
3-22-25



**Food For Friends:**

**January 23rd**

**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**

**Tuesday, February 18th**

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

**Day School  
Donations**

*If you can help by supplying some of these items  
it will be greatly appreciated:*

**Lysol or Clorox Disinfecting  
Wipes**

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

**Thank you!**



**2025**

**January 30**—Primetimers trip to Junkyard Dog

**February 5**—Family Meal Night

**February 9**—Friends & Family Day

**February 21-23**—CYC

**March 16-20**—FHU Lectureships

**March 22**—Lomax Youth Rally w/Trent Hill

**March 30**—5th Sun. Contribution—Youth Fund

**October 9-12**—Couples Retreat

**BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Who asked the question, "Shall we  
receive good at the hand of God,  
and shall we not receive evil"?  
*(answer next week)*

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**





# Boo's Belyeu

Primetimer meal was great. Had lots of fun we look forward to our meeting January 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Lomax Youth

### CYC:

NEED \$50 FINAL PAYMENT BY FEBRUARY 1ST  
IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THE INITIAL \$100, YOU OWE  
\$150 PER PERSON. SEE BRICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS  
OR CONCERNS. TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

### WANT TO HOST A YOUTH DEVO IN 2025?

SEE BRICE OR EMILY.

### YOUTH EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND - LUNCH LADIES

MEET AT 5:15 IN NURSERY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD- IN-DEPTH BIBLE

STUDY FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE OVER 1ST PETER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH - **ALL AGES** GAME NIGHT  
IN THE CSC.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST- DEVO AND DINNER AT

BRICE AND EMILY'S TIME TBD.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND - YOUTH RALLY WITH  
TRENT HILL

### LADS TO LEADERS DATES (AFTER EVENING SERVICES)

JANUARY 19TH

ANY STUDENTS PRE-K THROUGH 12TH GRADE  
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.  
PRACTICING SONG LEADING AND SPEECH.

### WANT TO DO BIBLE BOWL AT CONVENTION?

SEE BRICE OR EMILY FOR A PACKET

LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION WILL BE APRIL  
18TH-20TH

REGISTER FOR CONVENTION BY  
FEBRUARY 10, 2025

## Three Words That Change Everything

There are three words, that if we really believe them, will change our perspective, our outlook, our attitude – our everything! What are they? Well, let's let one of the great people of faith, Abraham, tell us.

In Genesis 22, God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Now, consider the fact that Isaac was the son that God promised Abraham and Sarah. He was the only one who could continue the lineage of Abraham's innumerable descendants, again as promised by God. And now, Abraham was asked to kill him! Abraham's faith in God caused him to trust and obey (Hebrews 11:17-19).

As they neared the spot God had designated to be the sacrificial place, Isaac asked his father, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7). It is then that Abraham gives us the phrase to always remember – the phrase that changes everything: "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." (Genesis 22:8). And He did! After passing the test of faith in the motions of going through with the sacrifice, in the nick of time, God provided a ram to be the substitute (Genesis 22:9-14).

"God will provide." Believing and saying that reminds us that no matter the circumstances in our lives, God is in control and will always act on what is in our best interest at the proper time. We must, like Abraham, trust and obey and step forward in faith knowing that "God will provide."

Edd Sterchi  
Broadway church of Christ  
Campbellsville, KY

## October 9-12, 2025 Couples Retreat

See Matthew or Kara  
if interested.

636-639-0153

Brice Van Hook-Youth Minister

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 1/12**

<b>A.M. Bible Class</b>	107
<b>A.M. Worship Service</b>	205
<b>P.M. Worship Service</b>	112
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	170
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$7,623.22
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$9,000
<b>January Lord Supper</b>	Susan Holt

**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

**THANK YOU**

The Lomax Congregation received an \$400.00 donation to go to Mark Landis and the Philippines Mission.

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**Lomax Christian Day School**  
**796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:**

**“Than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.”**  
**Ecclesiastes 5:5**

**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)

**UPDATING THE DIRECTORY**

We will be taking updated pictures and adding new members' information soon! If you want to make Lomax your church home, now is the perfect time! Talk to one of our elders so we can get you involved and added to the directory with your information.

If you need access to the online directory (Breeze), please reach out to Brice.

The new printed directories will be available on February 16th.

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