

## THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

A place to <u>belong</u>. A place to be <u>loved</u>. A place to <u>serve</u> God and others.

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## **POWER FOR TODAY**

Jon Hackett Pulpit Minister

## **How Can You Help Our Church?**

I love our church family. We are blessed with wonderful people, a spirit of harmony, and a genuine love for one another. God has given Lomax tremendous potential for growth, not only in reaching the lost of our community but also in strengthening each other in faith. The question is simple: What can I do to help this church achieve its mission?

Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:15–16 that the church grows "when each part is working properly." Every member has a role. The church is not built by spectators but by participants who live out their faith daily.

We help the church first by living godly lives. The community is watching. The unchurched are watching. Even our enemies are watching. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). When people see Christ in us, the church earns respect and influence.

We also help by being friendly. Every service brings visitors, some searching for hope, others seeking family. A smile, a kind word, and a warm welcome can make an eternal difference. Hebrews 13:2 reminds us, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers." Another way we strengthen the church is by supporting our elders. They pray for us, lead us through challenges, and shepherd our souls. They cannot carry the load alone, we must stand behind them with love and encouragement.

Finally, we help by promoting unity and working to reach the lost. Jesus prayed for His followers to be one (John 17:21), and He came "to seek and save the lost." When we commit ourselves fully to Christ—past, present, and future—we give our best to His church.

Let us each ask: "What would this church be if every member were just like me?"

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 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)







Sick: Gwen Hinson will have hip replacement on August 27th. Annette Peery is now at home following a stay in Encompass Rehabilitation and doing well. David Riley began his chemotheraphy Tuesday, August 12th. Martha Jo Van Hook had surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital on August 20th. George Collison will have foot surgery next week. Jeremy Pierce, the son of Rocco & Debbie Pierce had successful brain surgery and will move to NES Baptist rehabilitation facility in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Dennis Reynolds is in NHC and improving.

**Sympathy:** To the family and friends of

Continue to remember: Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Sharron Blake, Tina Bores, Lovada Burklow, Andrea Darden, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Michael Gray, Sharon Grinder, LaFon Griner, Wilma Harris, Braden Hinson, Ruby Hinson, Awny Jadon, Cynthia Kilpatrick, Gene Kilpatrick, Ann McDonald, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Lillie Mitchell, Brenda Nance, Al Pogue, Marcia Runions, Bill Tranovich and Sandra Zoelle

**Shut-ins:** *Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner* 

### In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:

LaFon Griner, 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).





#### Food For Friends:

August 28th
Team 4 ( Betsy & Bonnie )

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



**Our monthly Food for Families** 

distribution is

<u>Tuesday, September 16th</u>

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:

## **Napkins**

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

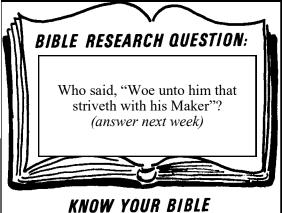
Thank you!



August 31—5th Sun. Cont. - Bldg. Fund

September 3—Family Meal Night
September 7—Friends & Family Day
September 12-14—Cleaning of the CSC
September 12-13—Diana Singing
September 20—Homestead Breakfast—Leave
church at 8:00 am

October 1—Family Meal Night
October 9-12—Couples Retreat
October 23—Thursday down the Trace, see leaves and eat at Sissy's in Collinwood.





## Boo's Belyeu



August 31<sup>st</sup> will be our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday contribution for the building fund. So glad the Elders set aside a time for special contributions. Think of all the progress we have made on our building and facilities. The Christian Service Center is not only a great asset for our Friends and Family Days, VBS, and special events like Christmas Dinner, it is a true blessing to our community. The updates done to our classrooms, the new steeple, the Pavilion we have truly been blessed. Your



contribution to the building fund helps us maintain and care for all these wonderful facilities.



# LOMAX YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN AUG 24

YOUNG MEN LED SERVICE

SEP 7TH

PROMOTION SUNDAY FOR NEW CLASSES/NEW QUARTER

WED

SEP 10TH

**FAMILY MEAL NIGHT** 

SEP 27

RUSH AT FHU (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

JOIN OUR NEW GROUPME
TO KEEP UPDATED ON
EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS



## Age and Emotion

Growing older brings emotions closer to the surface, for some of us anyway. Using a sentimental illustration in a sermon or singing a song that touches our hearts becomes difficult.

While I do not fear death, I dread the prolonged pain or loss of mental faculties that often precede death. A frequent prayer leader at Memphis' Union Avenue church, when I was a kid, often led us to pray, "And when our time comes to cross the chilly waters of Jordan, give us a peaceful hour in which to cross and a home safe on the other side." I greatly desire that "peaceful hour in which to cross."

A phrase in "Because He Lives," brings the same thought to mind. "And then one day I'll cross that river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives."

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" has, "Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee."

"Listen to Our Hearts," has, "We will use the words we know to tell you what an awesome God you are. But words are not enough to tell you of our love, so listen to our hearts."

An audible sob wells up in my throat as I think those thoughts when I sing those songs.

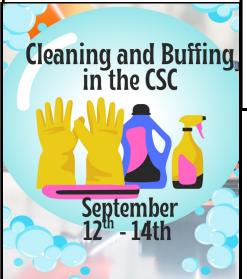
Cecil May Jr. Preacher Talk Faulkner University

# BY THE NUMBERS For the week of 8/17

| For the week of 8/17    |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| A.M. Bible Class        | 159                   |
| A.M. Worship<br>Service | 250                   |
| P.M. Worship<br>Service | 114                   |
| Wednesday PM            | 159                   |
| Contribution:           | \$10,384.33           |
| Weekly Budget<br>July   | \$9,000<br><b>Jan</b> |
| Lord Supper             | Ammons                |

#### **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



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## Last week's Know Your Bible Answer:

Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Genesis 5:24

## 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)

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(Maintenance)

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(Lads to Leaders)



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