THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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

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God Doesn't Wear a Party Button

Pulpit Minister: Jon Hackett

Some Christians can spot a false doctrine from three pews away but will repost a political lie because it has an American flag, three exclamation points, and a picture of somebody they dislike.

Apparently, bearing false witness becomes acceptable when the meme is funny.

Politics can make people who sing "Oh, How I Love Jesus" behave as though loving their neighbors requires permission from party headquarters.
But our baptism didn't come with a party membership card.

We're not Democrats who happen to be Christians or Republicans who happen to be Christians. We're not even Christian Nationalists. We are Christians. Period!

Our allegiance belongs to Jesus.

When politics crosses into faith and morality, we must stand with God, regardless of the party or candidate. Biblical convictions require us to recognize homosexual behavior, same-sex marriage, abortion, adding genders to God's plan, the mistreatment of children through harmful surgeries, illegally breaking laws, etc…as sin. Those convictions must also govern our response to dishonesty, hatred, cruelty, and injustice.

We don't get to select which sins matter according to which party commits them.

We must oppose what God detests, including when doing so challenges our preferred candidate. And opposing sin never permits us to demean people made in God's image. God established governing authority (Romans 13:1). He also commands us to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1–2). That includes leaders whose speeches make us reach for the remote.

Prayer doesn't require agreement. Disagreement doesn't excuse hatred.
Before reposting, check the facts. Before commenting, check your spirit. Before defending a politician or political party check Scripture.

Take the high ground. Winning a political argument is a poor trade for tarnishing our witness. Let people see Jesus before they see our campaign stickers.

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:

- **David Riley** fell this past week. He is recovering at home for a while. He has discontinued treatments. Prayers are appreciated.
- **Betty Hinson** is doing better each day. She goes back to the doctor on Monday.
- **Charlotte Hackett**, Jon Hackett's aunt, is having some health issues. She will be having test run this week.

Sympathy to the family of:

Patricia Hill, mother of Trent Hill, passed away on October 12th. Visitation will be today 2:00-5:00 at Oaks & Nichols in Columbia. Funeral services will be Monday, 11:00 at South Gate Church of Christ in Columbia.

Lovada Burklow passed away on October 16th. Visitation will be Monday, 4:00-9:00 at McDonald Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday, 2:00 at Lomax. We will be feeding the family after the service. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to bring food.

Continue to Remember:

Stevy Odom, Kelly Kilgore, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Dennis Reynolds, Marcia Runions, Michael Gray, Jan Hill, Wilma Harris, Lillie Mitchell, Jeremy Pierce, Joe Morton, Debbie Rasbury, Alice Hines, Tina Bores, Chris Lomax, Dianne Cooper

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. 20th	Ladies Night Out
Oct. 24th	Halloween @ the Hamms
Oct. 28th	Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
Oct. 30-31	CSC Floors Cleaned
Nov. 4th	Family Meal Night
Nov. 7th	Ladies Day
Nov. 8th	Friends & Family Day

Food For Friends:

Oct. 22nd Team 2
Alice & Wilma

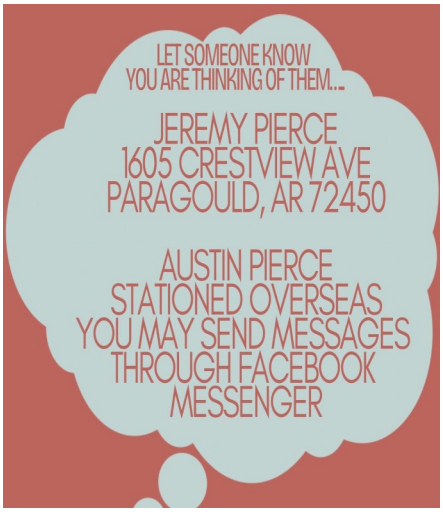
If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am.

Lads to Leaders Visit

Sunday, October 18th

Lunch after morning service in the Pavilion. **Sign up in the back to join us!**

Jon Podein is the chief of staff for Lads to Leaders. He will be giving information about the program. If you are interested or would like to show support for the program, please plan to stay for lunch.



This Weeks Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

18th Kay Parrish
19th Linda Riley
19th Nychelle McKissack
20th Gary Hinson
21st Jacob Odom
23rd Krislyn Hinson

Anniversaries

20th Derrick & Heather Staggs
24th Barry & Tammy Bigbie

Boo's Belyeu

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief was this past Tuesday. We were all ready anticipating the start, then pizza & ice cream followed allowing us to rest before we left coming home. If you are interested in helping with this great work, contact the Lomax church (931-796-5381). Please leave your cell # & we will add you to our text call out.

Announcements & Events

Lomax
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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 10/11

A.M. Bible Class	116
A.M. Worship Service	241
P.M. Worship Service	104
Wednesday PM	153
Contribution	$8,753.25
Weekly Budget	$9,000

Lomax Trivia:

In what year did the 1924 building burn?

Lomax Trivia Answer:

Who's son became the Lomax minister in 1973?
Charles Tidwell

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.

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 18th

Song Leader:	Jon Podein
Bible Reader:	Herschel Anderson
Opening Prayer:	Rocco Pierce
Lord's Supper:	Steve Skelton
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	Bill Lawson

Sunday Evening - October 18th

Song Leader:	Greg Mullinicks
Opening Prayer:	Lynn Tiller
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	J.W. Churchwell
Lord's Supper:	Gabby Spears

Wednesday Evening - October 21st

Song Leader:	Jake White
Opening Prayer:	Cody Harris
Devotional	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	Lynn Tiller