



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

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Worship or Worry? Jesus Shows Us the Better Way

Do you worry? Most people do. But did you know Jesus specifically tells His followers *not* to worry? In Luke 12:22–34, Jesus gives a simple yet powerful message: life is more than food and clothing, and our Father in heaven knows exactly what we need.

Jesus points to nature for perspective. Consider the ravens. They don't plant crops or build barns, yet God feeds them. Or think about the lilies. They don't sew clothes, yet they are clothed more beautifully than King Solomon in all his splendor. If God takes care of birds and flowers, how much more will He take care of us?

The truth is, worry accomplishes nothing. Jesus asks, "And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?" (v. 25). Worry doesn't solve problems, it just drains us emotionally and spiritually. It's like a treadmill; we expend energy but get nowhere.

So, what's the solution? Worship over worry. Animals don't worry, and they don't worship, but humans do both. Jesus teaches that people who truly worship God won't live in worry. Worry reveals misplaced faith. It's a sin, not just a harmless habit. Worry reflects doubt in God's care and sovereignty.

Three things often cause worry: yesterday's guilt, today's stress, and tomorrow's uncertainty. But Jesus reminds us that God owns tomorrow, not us. No amount of money, possessions, or planning can guarantee security for the future. Only trust in God can do that.

Jesus calls us to a life of generosity and faith. Instead of hoarding and fearing loss, He urges us to give to others and store up treasure in heaven. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (v. 34). Letting go of worry means letting go of worldly attachments and trusting God with our lives.

So, this week, be honest: What are you worrying about? Are you trusting in things or in the God who provides? Worship God, seek His kingdom first, and let your faith replace your fear. As Jesus said, "*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*"

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: *Annette Peery* fell and broke her leg. She had surgery at Williamson Medical. **David Riley** will begin chemo. Treatments. **Dennis Reynolds** back in Williamson Medical with infection following surgery. **LaFon Griner** is the local nursing home after spending time in the hospital. **Judy Smith**, daughter of Larry & Sandy Tatum had neck surgery. **Shirley Harper**, the grandmother of Derrick Carroll will have knee surgery.

Sympathy: To the family and friends of **Tony Staggs**, cousin of Crystl Rogers and Lorie White.

Sympathy: To the family and friends of , the sister of Sandy Tatum in Pennsylvania.

Sympathy: To the family and friends of **William Tankersley**. He began the group Anytime Singers who sing around the area on Friday nights.

Donation: A donation was received from Jim Hatchett for the Food for Friends program.

Continue to remember: *Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Sharron Blake, Tina Bores, Lovada Burklow, Andrea Darden, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Michael Gray, LaFon Griner, Wilma Harris, Braden Hinson, Awny Jadon, Cynthia Kilpatrick, Gene Kilpatrick, Ann McDonald, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Lillie Mitchell, Brenda Nance, Mann Nutt, Al Pogue, Marcia Runions, Bill Tranovich, Martha Jo Van Hook 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).

MSYC final tally on Fish Fry
\$17, 544.00 raised for camp.



Food For Friends: August 21st Team 3 (Sharon & Sue)

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



Our monthly Food for Families distribution is

Tuesday, September 16th

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:

Puff Corn

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

Thank you!



August 16—Men's Golf Outing

August 21—Back to School "Never" Dinner—potluck in the CSC—4:00

August 31—5th Sunday Contribution—Bldg. Fund.

September 3—Family Meal Night

September 7—Friends & Family Day

September 12-14—Cleaning of the CSC

September 20—Homestead Breakfast—Leaves church at 8:00

October 1—Family Meal Night

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What verse of a psalm about zeal was quoted with reference to Christ?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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**60 Plus
Back to School Never
Pot Luck Dinner
Fun, Food, Fellowship
After Dinner Speaker:
Trent Hill
Meat Provided
Sign Up for Sides
August 21st 4 PM**

LOMAX YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUN
AUG
10**

AREA WIDE YOUTH SERVICE

GRAYMERE CHURCH OF CHRIST
LEAVING AT 4:00 PM. SIGN UP WILL BE IN THE FOYER
NO STUDENT DRIVERS IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT SEE
BRICE

**TUES
AUG
12**

DEVO AT THE CHAPINS 6:00 PM DINNER PROVIDED

**SUN
AUG
24**

YOUNG MEN LED SERVICE

**JOIN OUR NEW GROUPME
TO KEEP UPDATED ON
EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**



July 27th , **Sandra Clayton** was baptized into Christ by her brother in law Johnny Clayton. We rejoice with **Sandra** on this great decision and want to encourage her in this new walk with Christ.

Address:
**1039 Summertown Hwy/
Hohenwald, TN 38462**

Will You Not Forgive?

There once was a woman who hurt her friend. The friend gossiped widely about the hurt and repaid the hurt in a thousand slights and putdowns. Their relationship deteriorated, and they went to a wise woman in their village to get her help to restore their relationship. The wise woman sent the first woman into the field to bring back a boulder the size of a basketball.

She sent the second woman into the field to bring back a thousand pebbles. When the women returned, the wise woman ordered the women to replace the stones exactly as before. The first woman could replace the boulder with great effort, but the second complained that it was impossible to restore the thousand pebbles to their original state.

The wise woman then told the first woman to repent for her large, hurtful action. The wise woman told the second that she had the harder task: to repent for the thousand small hurts she had inflicted (Everett L. Worthington, pp. 137-138, Hope Focused Marriage Counseling).

Sometimes it seems easier to gossip, put down, and hurt those who hurt us than it is to forgive. Forgiveness seems to be so many times unthinkable, or at least the last resort.

Yet forgiveness is the key towards reestablishing our relationships and also modeling the life that Christ would have us to live. It was Jesus who taught, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Mt. 6:14-15). Who do you need to forgive today?

*Mark T. Tonkery
Norval Park church of Christ
Zanesville, OH*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 8/03

A.M. Bible Class	171
A.M. Worship Service	257
P.M. Worship Service	121
Wednesday PM	162
Contribution:	\$10,782.33
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
July	Jan
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:

“Ye cannot serve
God and
mammon.”
Matthew 6:24

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)
Dan Toft
(Maintenance)
Brice Van Hook
(Social Media, Directory)
Jake White
(Lads to Leaders)



Congratulations to
Cameron & Sarah Beasley
on the birth of their son
Trace Wallace Beasley

Born July 6, 2025.

6lbs—7ozs—20 in. long

Proud Grandparents are Steve & Tracie Lomax
Great Grandmother is Ruby Hinson

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