



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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Battling Pessimism: Trusting God in Hard Times

With our focused theme for the year being, “Growing in Grace and Truth,” I will spend the next several months writing articles covering various character traits that many of us, if not all, struggle with that can keep us from growing in our relationship with God and others. These are things that I also personally struggle with in my own life. Last week we covered “sarcasm.” This week I want us to look at “pessimism.”

Isn't it amazing how quickly we can go from being optimistic to pessimistic? Pessimism, the tendency to expect the worst, can easily creep into the Christian life, especially during difficult times. While it may seem harmless, doubting God's ability to work in challenging circumstances undermines our faith and stifles our spiritual growth. I personally have to challenge myself continually to not allow pessimism to determine my outlook, what about you?

The Bible repeatedly affirms God's power to accomplish the impossible. In Exodus 14, the Israelites faced a dire situation: trapped between Pharaoh's army and the Red Sea. Many gave in to despair, but Moses declared, “*The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still*” (Exodus 14:14). God demonstrated His power by parting the sea, providing a way of escape that no one could have imagined.

Think about this. Pessimism often results from focusing on our limitations rather than God's promises. When Peter walked on water in Matthew 14:28-31, he began to sink because he looked at the storm instead of keeping his eyes on Jesus. Jesus asked, “*You of little faith, why did you doubt?*” Similarly, our pessimism reflects a lack of trust in God's ability to sustain and deliver us.

Scripture over and over again encourages us to adopt an attitude of hope and trust. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 3:20 that God is able to do “*immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine*.” Even in trials, James 1:2-4 calls us to find joy, knowing that God is using hardships to develop perseverance and spiritual maturity.

What can we do when we struggle with pessimism? We can combat it by reflecting on God's past faithfulness in our life and in Scripture. Pray for renewed faith and strength. Trust in God's promise to work all things for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

By shifting our focus from our challenges to God's power, we can replace pessimism with a confident hope, trusting that nothing is impossible for Him (Luke 1:37). When we do that we will see our faith grow.

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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)



FAMILY MEAL NIGHT

WED 2/5 @ 5:00

SIGN UP
IN LOBBY



SOUP,
SANDWICHES,
DESSERTS
AND DRINKS



Sick: *Pittman Baker* is in NHC Columbia for Rehabilitation—Room 1106. *Amy Lomax* is now home recovering following back surgery. *Janice Sublett* has returned home following a stay in the hospital. *Josh Roberson* had elbow surgery last week and is now home recovering.

Sympathy: To the family and friends of

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

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).

THANK YOU

The Lomax Congregation received two donations this past week.

A \$500.00 donation to go to the Food for Friends Program in memory of J.W. & Jean Curry.

A \$500.00 donation to go to the Cemetery Fund in the memory of J. W. & Jean Curry



Food For Friends:
February 6th

Team 4 (Betsy & Bonnie)

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:

Fruit Roll Ups or Gummy Snacks

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

Thank you!



2025

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



Families Connect

Good way for our adults and children to get to know each other as well as have some fun.

FEBRUARY 7TH - @ 6:30 AT LAWRENCEBURG BOWLING ALLEY
COST - \$13.50 INCLUDES PIZZA, DRINKS & BOWLING SHOES

Please sign up by January 29th. Any questions, please see Colby or Lauren Hamm.

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What is Christ's saying about the coming night?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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February 2, 1887 was the first groundhog weather meteorologist appearing at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The tradition is if the groundhog comes out of his hole and sees his shadow he gets scared and runs back in his burrow, predicting 6 more weeks of winter, if he doesn't see his shadow we have an early spring. Now most everyone knows the groundhog cannot predict the weather, yet we seem to like to believe in things without the proof.

From a biblical standpoint it is so important to have the correct answer, rather than a tradition or a speculation. It is the reason we have statements like speak where the bible speaks and be silent where it is silent. While enjoying the tradition of Groundhog Day, we should always think of our spiritual salvation in terms what did God say.



Lomax Youth Group
Upcoming Events
Youth Minister
Brice Van Hook
(636)-639-0153

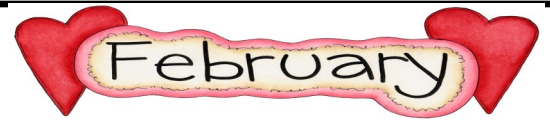
FEBRUARY 2nd, 2025
HIGHLAND Area Wide

5:00 - 9:00
5:00 WORSHIP
6:00 DINNER
7 - 9:00 BOWLING

UNLIMITED BOWLING
LASER TAG
ARCADE
BUMPER CARS

Speaker: Hunter Kenamer
\$15/person - FOR BOWLING ALLEY.
497 E James M Campbell Blvd., Columbia, TN 38401

FEB 2	Area- Wide at Highland Leaving at 3:30pm Make sure to sign up and bring 15 dollars for Tenn Pin
FEB 5	Family Meal Night 5:00 pm in the CSC
FEB 8	Valentine's Baking Baking for Primetimers in the CSC
FEB 15	Monthly Devo at the Seibers
FEB 19	Wednesday After School Hangout



Birthdays

1st—Kenzie McClain
1st – Greg Mullinicks
1st – Annette Peery
3rd – Leanna Owens
4th – Luke Beachy
9th – Eli Chapin
10th—Amanda Odom
11th – Steve Lomax
11th – Anna Kaye Rogers
14th – Brock Spears
14th – Reagan Webb
15th – Corbin Carroll
16th—Martha Jo Van Hook
17th – Lynn Ammons
17th – Mann Nutt
18th—Rodney Lomax
22nd – Jim Grinder
23rd – Jimmy Morton
23rd—Caleb Odom
23rd – Susan Parker
25th – Tom Iverson
25th—Vic Nichols
27th—Beth Howard
27th – Gary O'Brien
27th – Rocco Pierce
27th—Kelly Reed
28th – David Riley
29th – Kayla Spears



Anniversaries

2nd – Mann & Betty Ann Nutt
12th – Pittman & Barbara Baker
23rd – Josh & Stephanie Carroll



Rocco & Debbie Pierce left January 30th returned to the islands to continue their work. Please continue to pray for them in their travel and their work.

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 1/26

A.M. Bible Class	142
A.M. Worship Service	229
P.M. Worship Service	98
Wednesday PM	161
Contribution:	\$9,112.00
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
January Lord Supper	Amy Carroll

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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Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

Lomax Christian
Day School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

“As a thief in the night”
I Thessalonians 5:9

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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