



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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Understanding the Dangers of Sarcasm

Sarcasm — that sharp, witty remark meant to mock or convey contempt. While it might be funny in a casual setting, within the church, it can lead to misunderstandings, hurt feelings, and even conflicts. I have been guilty of using sarcasm with those around me, and have gotten myself in trouble because of it on many occasions. Here are some things that we need to remember about this topic.

First, it's crucial to recognize the power of words. According to James 3:5, "the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts." Words have the ability to build people up or tear them down, and sarcasm often does the latter. Why does this matter to us as a church? Because, the church is a place where we seek connection, understanding, and compassion. When sarcasm enters the mix, it can disrupt our congregation's harmony and unity. A sharp comment might seem trivial at the moment, but it can linger in the mind of the recipient, leading to feelings of alienation or resentment.

Second, sarcasm can create cliques within the congregation. People might align themselves with those who share the same sarcastic sense of humor, unintentionally excluding those who do not. According to a Pew Research Center study on group dynamics, similarity breeds attraction; therefore, sarcastic communication could lead to dividing lines within our congregation.

Third, sarcasm used often toward others can negatively highlight a person's personal character. Often, when a person has to use sarcasm continuously as a form of communication it shows insecurity. Most often the person uses sarcasm as a way to put down, demean, or criticize another in order to try and make themselves look or feel better. This can actually have the reverse effect in the eyes of those around the person. In the Church this can negatively impact their influence and their impact.

So, what can we do? Let's aim for sincerity, positivity, and encouragement in our interactions. As Ephesians 4:29 suggests, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs."

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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: *Janice Sublett* has been moved to Southern TN Regional Health Rehabilitation in Lawrenceburg—Room 172. *Pittman Baker* was taken to St. Thomas Ascension with numbness in his leg and falling. *Erica Taylor*, the daughter of Rick & Cindy Morrow was taken to St. Thomas with heart issues. She is scheduled to visit her cardiologist

Sympathy: To the family and friends of *Jean Curry*. There will be a graveside service Saturday, January 25th at Lomax Cemetery @ 11:00

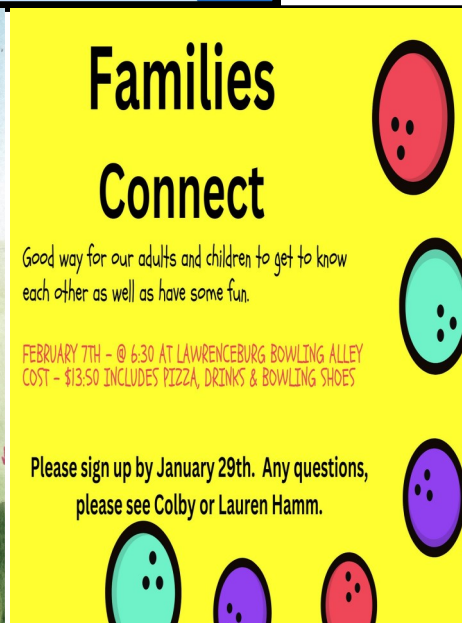
Sympathy: To the family and friends of *Bonnie Runions*, the sister-in-law of Marcia Runions. Graveside service will be Friday, Jan. 24th at Springer Cemetery @ 11:00.

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).



Food For Friends:

January 30th

Team 3 (Sharon & Sue)

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:

Cheese Puff Corn

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:

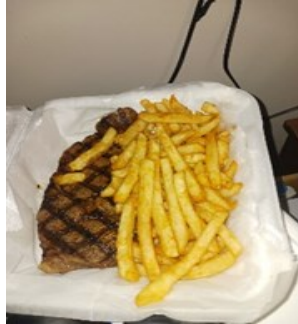
To what did Paul compare the coming of “the day of the Lord”?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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2025 Primetimer Schedule Reveal is Thursday at Junkyard Dog time 4 o'clock.



FAMILY MEAL NIGHT
WED 2/5 @ 5:00

SIGN UP
IN LOBBY



SOUP,
SANDWICHES,
DESSERTS
AND DRINKS

LOOK UP!



THINKING LIKE JESUS

February 21-23, LeConte Center Pigeon Forge

2986 Teaster Lane
Pigeon Forge, TN

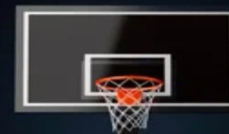
The Line-Up

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 Podein, Song Leader
Fun with Ben & Travis
S.W.A.T

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

JAN 23	In-Depth Bible Study 6:30-7:00 in Youth Room. Read 1st Peter 1 to prepare.
JAN 26	Young men lead service 6:00pm service
JAN 31	Monthly Devotional and Dinner 6:00pm at Brice and Emily Van Hook's.
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



LCMS & LCMS
WE WILL BE FEEDING THE BASKETBALL TEAM AND CHEERLEADERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

AT 4:00
PLEASE SEE
KARA TO
HELP WITH
FOOD



BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 1/19

A.M. Bible Class	132
A.M. Worship Service	212
P.M. Worship Service	101
Wednesday PM	134
Contribution:	\$9,723.00
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
January Lord Supper	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



January 19th,
Cale Halbrooks
was baptized
into Christ. We
rejoice with
Cale in this great

decision and want to
encourage him in this new
walk with Christ.

Address:
327 Reeves Rd.
Hohenwald, TN 38462

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931-796-5381

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info@lomaxchurch.com

MINISTERS:

Jon Hackett—251-295-1475
Jeff Spears—931-306-1362
Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

Lomax Christian
Day School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

Job
Job 2:10

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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