THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

MESSENGER

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

November 1st, 2026 | www.lomaxchurch.com | Volume 71, Number 44

Guard Your Heart!

Pulpit Minister: Jon Hackett

"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." — Proverbs 4:23 (ESV)

We lock our doors, protect our passwords, monitor our bank accounts, and install security systems to protect our possessions. Yet, how often do we leave the most valuable part of our lives completely unguarded, our hearts?

Solomon reminds us in Proverbs 4:23 that guarding our hearts isn't optional. It's essential! Why? Because whatever controls our hearts eventually controls our lives.

Our hearts are constantly under attack. Satan doesn't always come knocking with obvious temptations. Sometimes he slips in through bitterness, jealousy, pride, resentment, or discouragement. Other times, he uses entertainment, relationships, social media, or worldly influences to slowly change what we think, believe, and accept.

The danger is that what we repeatedly allow into our hearts eventually becomes what comes out of our lives. Jesus warned in Luke 6:45 that what fills the heart eventually comes out of the mouth. Our words, attitudes, decisions, and actions reveal what's happening inside us.

That's why guarding our hearts requires more than avoiding obvious sin. It means examining what we watch, what we listen to, what we dwell upon, and whom we allow to influence us.

But guarding our hearts doesn't mean building walls against people. It means building spiritual defenses against anything that draws us away from God.

Here's a question worth asking: Are you protecting your heart from the world, or allowing the world to reshape your heart?

Remember, Satan doesn't have to destroy your faith overnight. Sometimes he only needs to slowly change what your heart loves.

Guard your heart carefully. Because when Satan captures your heart, your choices will eventually follow.

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** is about the same. Prayers are appreciated.

Sympathy to the family of:

Jeffory Runions, nephew of Marcia Runions & father in law of Devin Runions (Day School Teacher), passed away October 25th. Services will be planned later.

Continue to Remember:

Rodney Odom, 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, Charlotte Hackett

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

Nov. 4th	Family Meal Night
Nov. 7th	Ladies Day
Nov. 8th	Friends & Family Day
Nov. 14th	SALT Activity
Nov. 15th	Sunday Night Live
Nov. 20th	Families Connect
Nov. 25th	Thanksgiving Service

Food For Friends:

Nov. 5th Team 4
Betsy & Bonnie

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

Sign up sheet in the lobby.

This Weeks Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

4th Emma Chapin

6th Barbara Hensley

Anniversaries

5th Jaylon & Brooklyn Howard

Boo's Belyeu

Make plans to attend the SALT November Trip! Buses leave the building at 1:30 We would LOVE to have you join us!

Announcements & Events

We rejoice in the baptism of Ellie Hamm. Ellie was baptized on Sunday, October 25th by her dad.

Lomax
CHURCH OF CHRIST

931-796-5381
info@lomaxchurch.com
www.lomaxchurch.com

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 10/25

A.M. Bible Class	86
A.M. Worship Service	185
P.M. Worship Service	104
Wednesday PM	500+
Contribution	$7,721.05
Weekly Budget	$9,000

Lomax Trivia:

How many glasses were used for the Lord's Supper in 1928?

Lomax Trivia Answer:

What did a vandal once do to the Lord's Supper table?
He once cut the legs off.

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 November

Prepare Lord's Supper: Susan Holt
November Assignments: Jake White, Matt McClain, Louie Chapin
Lord's Table: (Those in **Bold**, Serve up front)
West: **Gabby Spears, Louie Chapin, Chip Kilgore,** Marty Spears, Derick Carroll, Jacob Odom
East: **Patrick Halfacre, Lynn Ammons, Zack Frey,** Cody Harris, Derrick Staggs, Dan Toft

Sunday Morning - November 1st

Song Leader:	John Eglinton
Bible Reader:	Cole Farr
Opening Prayer:	Paul Chandler
Lord's Supper:	Jeff Dye
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	Rocco Pierce

Sunday Evening - November 1st

Song Leader:	Greg Mullinicks
Opening Prayer:	Lynn Tiller
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	Chuck Oppermann
Lord's Supper:	Mike Parker

Wednesday Evening - November 4th

Song Leader:	Paul Chandler
Opening Prayer:	Mike Parker
Devotional	Jeff Spears
Closing Prayer:	Matt McClain