



# THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

## M E S S E N G E R

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

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### POWER FOR TODAY

**Jon Hackett**  
Pulpit Minister

#### Backpacks, Bell Schedules, and Blessings

Ah, the sweet sound of school bells ringing, buses roaring, and parents doing cartwheels in the driveway. Yes, it's that magical time of year again, the start of a new school year!

While kids are brushing off their backpacks and figuring out how to get up early (again), teachers are stocking up on coffee and patience. And parents? They're juggling supply lists, car lines, and figuring out how their kid's math homework became harder than NASA calculations.

But in all the chaos, excitement, and fresh-sharpened pencils, let's not forget something even more important than brand-new highlighters or lunchbox trends: **God goes with us** to kindergarten and college, to classrooms and cafeterias.

Joshua 1:9 reminds us, *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* That includes algebra class. That includes standing alone in the lunchroom. That includes every "pop quiz" that life throws your way.

A new school year is a new chapter and God loves writing new chapters in our lives. He fills them with opportunities to grow in knowledge, character, and faith. Whether you're a student learning the periodic table or a teacher trying to remember where you left your coffee, God's grace is enough.

Parents, pray over your children. Students, be kind, be curious, and don't forget who you are in Christ. Teachers, you are doing holy work, whether you're teaching ABCs or AP Calculus. So let's send our students off not just with sharpened pencils but with sharpened purpose. Let's walk into this new year with courage, laughter, and the firm knowledge that we don't go alone.

Because this year, just like every year, God is already on campus, and He doesn't even need a hall pass.

Jon Hackett

### Welcome to Lomax

#### Special Welcome to our Guests!

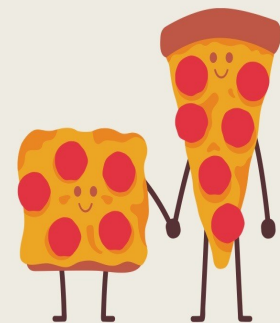
We are glad to have you visiting with us today! You are welcome here. We know you have a choice of where to worship, and you chose to be with us today — thank you.

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 AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:00

\$5 PER PERSON FOR PIZZA

PLEASE BRING CHIPS, DESSERTS & DRINKS



**Sick:** *David Riley is now home and doing better. 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*

**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).*



## **Food For Friends: August 7th Team 1 ( Betty & Betty )**

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, August 19th**

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:

### **Gold Fish**

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

**Thank you!**



**August 3**—Last “Sundae of Summer” @5:00

**August 6**—Family Meal Night

**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



## **FINAL ICE CREAM SUNDAE OF SUMMER**



### **BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:**

Complete Christ's saying, “A  
man's life consisteth not  
\_\_\_\_\_.”  
(answer next week)

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE**





## *Boo's Belyeu*



Thank you for your support of Mid-South Youth Camp our cooking gang is the bomb Yogie, Gabby, Marty Spears, Mike Parker, Dan Toft, Jacob & Amanda Odom, Lynn Ammons, Dave Tranovich, Louie Chapin, Ricky Morrow, Boo; the mealers Hayden, Parker, & Remington; in the kitchen Betty Spears, Mylie McKissack & Rose; in attendance Cindy Morrow, Dan & Carolyn Spears. Thank you all so much.



## *Back to School: Hammer or Nail?*

Yes, it's that time again! Our young people, teachers, and administrative workers are heading back to the old school "grind." That routine includes daily interactions with a wide variety of people from all backgrounds. What a fertile ground for showing people the light of Christ!

An old football coach used to say that in every contact on the playing field, a player can choose to be either the hammer or the nail. You are either pushing people around, or getting pushed!

Translating that to social interactions, each one of us has the opportunity to either be the influencer (hammer), or the one being influenced (nail). Being the nail is just fine if you are constantly among strong Christians, but if you are out in the world, this is unlikely. Christian, you have to be the hammer!

Make a goal for yourself this school year to be the salt and light the Lord wants you to be (Matthew 5:13-16). If you use your influence to pull people toward God, then you will be making excellent use of your school days. Be the hammer!

*Matt Clifton*

*Judsonia church of Christ*

*Judsonia, AR*

## **BACK** *to* **SCHOOL**

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR  
THE STUDENTS, FACULTY,  
AND STAFF OF THE LEWIS  
COUNTY SYSTEM SO THAT  
THEY WILL HAVE A  
SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT  
5PM IN THE CSC FOR ICE  
CREAM TO CELEBRATE THE  
LAST 'SUNDAE' OF SUMMER.

The Families who receive  
the Food Boxes each  
month want to Thank each  
of you who are a part of  
this Great Work. It is such  
a Blessing to our Families.

Thank all of you.

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
**For the week of 7/27**

<b>A.M. Bible Class</b>	131
<b>A.M. Worship Service</b>	216
<b>P.M. Worship Service</b>	127
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	147
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$8,173.79
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$9,000
<b>July</b>	<b>Jan</b>
<b>Lord Supper</b>	<b>Ammons</b>

**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



**MSYC FISH FRY**

MSYC Fish Fry was a great success. We fed approximately. 400 people. We could not do this without Lomax. There were 20+ helping outside as well as inside. Lomax is the best.



**Men's Golf Outing**

**August 16th**  
**See Matthew Farr**  
**for Details.**

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**Day School**  
**796-7373**

**Last week's Know Your**  
**Bible Answer:**

**Jeremiah**  
**Jeremiah 8:22**

**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)

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