



→ THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST →

MESSSENGER

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

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Thoughts for the Journey

Pulpit Minister: Jon Hackett

Peacekeeper vs. Peacemaker

Most of us like peace. We like calm rooms, quiet conversations, and relationships without tension. But sometimes, in our desire to “keep the peace,” we avoid the very things that could actually create peace. There is a difference between being a **peacekeeper** and being a **peacemaker**. A peacekeeper often tries to prevent conflict at all costs. They may stay silent when something needs to be said, ignore an offense, avoid a difficult conversation, or pretend everything is fine. The goal becomes keeping everyone comfortable. But comfort is not always peace.

A peacemaker is different. A peacemaker is willing to step into tension with humility, truth, grace, and love in order to bring healing. Jesus said, **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God”** (Matthew 5:9, ESV). Notice Jesus did not say, “Blessed are the peacekeepers.”

Peacemaking requires action. Romans 12:18 says, **“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”** Sometimes living peaceably means having an uncomfortable conversation. Sometimes it means apologizing. Sometimes it means forgiving. Sometimes it means lovingly confronting sin or addressing hurt. Matthew 18:15 teaches us that when a brother sins against us, we should go to him. God’s plan is not avoidance. His plan is reconciliation. We must be careful not to confuse silence with wisdom when fear is actually keeping us from speaking. We must pursue real peace instead of simply avoiding discomfort. There may be a relationship in our lives where God is calling us to take the first step toward reconciliation. Peacekeepers avoid tension. Peacemakers pursue reconciliation. Peacekeepers protect comfort. Peacemakers pursue healing.

God has not called us merely to keep things quiet. He has called us to make things right. And sometimes, the most Christlike thing we can do is have the difficult conversation, extend the grace, offer the apology, forgive the hurt, and take the first step toward peace.

Don’t just keep the peace. Be courageous enough to make it.

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:

- **Emily Schorr** is at Centennial. She hopes to come to Lewis Park Post Acute very soon.
- **Stevy Odom** will be having a MRI soon. Prayers for answers to her health struggles.
- **Kandra Barnes**, friend of several members, is in Vanderbilt with a brain bleed.

Continue to Remember:

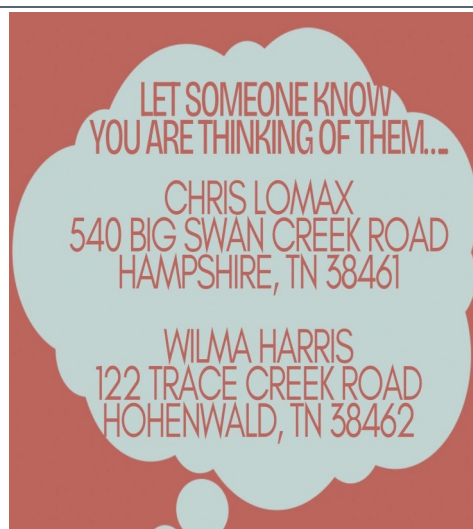
Betsy Tiller, Kelly Kilgore, Lovada Burklow, Cynthia Chapin, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Dennis Reynolds, David Riley, Marcia Runions, Michael Gray, Jan Hill, Vickie Halfacre, Wilma Harris, Lillie Mitchell, Jeremy Pierce, Joe Morton, Debbie Rasbury, Alice Hines, Bettie Roden, Crew Lawson, Randy Tanner, Tina Bores, Eddie Talley, Chris Lomax, Dianne Cooper, Maeve McLeord, Kathy Knight

In Lewis Park Post Acute:

Karen Broadwater (Room 102), Michelle Huff (Room 509b), Betty Ann Nutt (Room 106a), Eliese Skelton (Room 307), Betty Stafford (Room 308a), Nell Wisdom (Room 206b)

Remember our Military:

Ian Clement, Kerry Conkle, Brindan Jancuska, Jon Lower, Austin Pierce, Tyler Galino & David Sloan



Upcoming
EVENTS

Sept. 13th

SNL

Sept. 19th

Golf Outing

Sept. 20th

Youth Rally @ Summertown

Sept. 25-26

RUSH @ FHU

Sept. 25th

Anytime Singers @ Lomax

Sept. 27th

Friends & Family Day

Sept. 29th

Ladies Night Out



Food For Friends:

September 17th

Team 5 Kay & Kathy

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

SUNDAY NIGHT

LIVE

SEPTEMBER 13TH

5TH GRADE CLASS AND CRAFT: ZACCHAEUS
AND UNDER Chapel

6TH-12TH GRADE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS DIFFICULT VERSES IN THE BIBLE
Auditorium

ADULT CLASS HOMEBUILDERS CLASS
Christian Service Center

**6:00 PM DEVOTIONAL IN AUDITORIUM
THEN RELEASED TO CLASSES**

This Weeks Birthdays & Anniversaries

13th Rick Morrow

13th Pace Clayton

15th Lynn Tiller

16th Cathey Roberson

16th Cale Holbrooks

16th MaKenzi Parrott

18th Cynthia Collison

18th Korbin Hinson

18th Emily Schorr

19th Ella Harris

Anniversaries

14th Andy & Samantha Webb

16th Dennis & Janet Johnson

18th Rodney & Amy Lomax



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Happy Grandparents Day

National Grandparents Day is today September 13th. The observance in the United States is dedicated to honoring the love, wisdom, and role grandparents play in families and communities. As it was first created it advocated adopting a grandparent and celebrating senior citizens' contributions. We at Lomax certainly do not take our SALT group for granted we appreciate them and their influence on our congregation. Job 12:12 "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."

Announcements & Events



GOLF OUTING
Sat. Sept. 19th
PILLOW SPRINGS GOLF CLUB
PLEASE SEE MATTHEW FARR TODAY IF YOU ARE WANTING TO GO.



Back To School Youth Rally
Sunday September 20th, 2026
@ 5 PM
Summertown Church of Christ
303 Church Street
Summertown, TN 38483

Speaker: Coach Jonathan Estes
Song Leader: Andrew Tomlin

Meal Provided After Service
Please RSVP To Brent Blackwood
(931)-629-6795



RUSH at Freed Hardeman
September 25th-26th
Cost: 40\$
Campus tour on Friday (9th-12th grade)
Classes and Keynotes Saturday 7th-12th grade
Sign-up in Youth Room



Anytime Singers
JOIN US AS LOMAX WILL HOST
Friday, Sept. 25th
Eating at 5:30
Singing at 7:00
Breakfast food on the menu.



Ladies Night Out
Tues. 9/29 @ 5:30
Lomax Pavilion



Lomax Church of Christ
FAMILIES CONNECT TAILGATE BASH
Bring your favorite finger food and come watch the game on the BIG screen.
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD
TIME OF KICK-OFF TBA
LOMAX PAVILION

Wear Your Fav. Tennessee attire!
If you are not a Tennessee fan, please wear your favorite football attire and come join us anyways!



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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 9/6

A.M. Bible Class	192
A.M. Worship Service	302
P.M. Worship Service	139
Wednesday PM	184
Contribution	\$11,168
Weekly Budget	\$9,000



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.



Hymnal Trivia

What line is next "Oh, Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder..."

Hymnal Trivia

Last Weeks Answer:
"There's a land that is fairer than day.." begins this hymn written in 1868 by Sanford F. Bennett.
Sweet By & By



Send our college kids a letter from home!

MARY HALFACRE
D202B 3125 MALONEY RD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37920-4745

CADE LOMAX
THE MARK APARTMENT
ROOM-449A
124 SOUTH CONCORD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

Those honored to serve in September

Prepare Lord's Supper: Dan & Tammy Toft

August Assignments: Jacob Odom, Alex Clayton, Matthew Farr

Lord's Table: (Those in **Bold**, Serve up front)

West: Vic Nichols, **Dan Toft**, **Ryder Ward**, Derick Carroll, Louie Chapin, Lynn Ammons

East: Herschel Anderson, Patrick Halfacre, **Chip Kilgore**, Jacob Odom, Derrick Staggs, Zack Frey

Sunday Morning - September 13th

Song Leader:	John Eglinton
Bible Reader:	Lukas Loftis
Opening Prayer:	Larry Tatum
Lord's Supper:	Mike Parker
Sermon:	Jon Hackett
Closing Prayer:	James Howard

Sunday Evening - September 13th

Song Leader:	Alex Clayton
Opening Prayer:	Yogie Spears
Sermon:	Jeff Spears
Closing Prayer:	Mike Parker
Lord's Supper:	Larry Tatum

Wednesday Evening - September 16th

Song Leader:	Tom Kilpatrick
Opening Prayer:	Jessie Eglinton
Devotional	Jeff Spears
Closing Prayer:	Greg Mullinicks