



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

Jon Hackett
Pulpit Minister

Garbage In, Garbage Out

Computers have a funny way of teaching us spiritual lessons. Programmers have a saying: **“Garbage in, garbage out.”** In other words, if you put bad data into the system, you shouldn’t be surprised when the results come back looking like a dumpster fire.

The same principle applies to our Christian lives. What we feed our hearts and minds will eventually show up in the way we live, speak, and interact with others. If we constantly soak up negativity, bad language, gossip, or pessimism, then “surprise!,” that’s what will spill out of our mouths. Jesus put it plainly: *“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”* (Matthew 12:34).

Imagine a Christian who tries to convince the world of the joy of Christ, but their face always looks like they just sucked on a lemon. Or one who sings *“Oh, how I love Jesus”* on Sunday, but by Tuesday is grumbling, criticizing, and spreading doom and gloom. That’s garbage in, garbage out, and the world notices.

On the flip side, when we fill our minds with God’s Word, prayer, uplifting conversations, and gratitude, what comes out is encouragement, kindness, and light. Paul reminded the Philippians to think on *“whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable...”* (Philippians 4:8). When that’s what we take in, that’s what will come out—and the world needs more of it.

The Challenge: This week, take inventory of your inputs. What are you reading? Watching? Listening to? Who are you spending the most time with? Are those things filling your heart with garbage or with goodness? Choose to put in what will build you up in Christ so that what comes out of you will point others to Him.

Let’s show the world that a life filled with Jesus overflows with joy, grace, and hope!

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)



FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

@ Lomax Church of Christ

SEPTEMBER 7TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 AM

WORSHIP - 10:00 AM

SERVING A MEAL IN THE CSC

AFTERNOON SERVICE - 12:15 PM

Come join us!



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Sick: *Gwen Hinson* had successful hip surgery and recovering at home. *George Collison* had foot surgery and is at home recovering. *Elise Skelton*, the mother of Steve Skelton, is in Maury Regional dealing with several medical issues. *Christy Troutman* will have hip replacement on Sept. 8th. *Dennis Reynolds* is now at home but not doing well and requests our prayers.

Sympathy: *To the family and friends of Terry McDonald, the father of Lorie White., His funeral will be held Sunday in Waynesboro.*

Sympathy: *To the family and friends of Be Be Smith, former student at Lewis County.. Her funeral was held Saturday.*

Continue to remember: *Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Sharon Blake, Tina Bores, Lovada Burklow, Andrea Darden, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Michael Gray, Sharon Grinder, LaFon Griner, Wilma Harris, Braden Hinson, Ruby Hinson, Awny Jadon, Cynthia Kilpatrick, Ann McDonald, Howard Miller, Lillie Mitchell, Brenda Nance, Jeremy Pierce, Al Pogue, David Riley, Marcia Runions, Riley Stutts and Bill Tranovich*

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).

**Elders, Deacons, Ministers
Meeting
Sunday, September 14th
@ 4:30**



**Food For Friends:
September 11th
Team 6 (Annette & Barbara)**

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



**Our monthly Food for Families
distribution is**

Tuesday, September 16th

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:

M&M's, Skittles, Smarties

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

Thank you!



September 7—Friends & Family Day
September 12-14—Cleaning of the CSC

September 12-13—Diana Singing

September 20—Homestead Breakfast—Leave
church at 8:00 am

September 27—RUSH @ FHU

October 1—Family Meal Night

October 9-12—Couples Retreat

October 23—Thursday down the Trace, see
leaves and eat at Sissy's in Collinwood.

October 25—Hayride & Bonfire @ The Hamm's

October 29—Fall Festival

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Complete Paul's sentence, "Where
the spirit of the Lord is ———."
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



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Mark your calendar Primetimers September 20th we leave Saturday at 8AM for Homestead Restaurant in Centerville for breakfast. What a great way to start the day fellowship and eating together. 1st Cor. 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."



Family Meal Night September. Birthdays



Larry Tatum, Cale Halbrooks, and Jon Hackett

Jumping to Conclusions

An irate woman burst into the baker's shop and said, "I sent my son in for two pounds of cookies this morning, but when I weighed them there was only one pound. I want a refund, and I suggest that you check your scales!" The baker looked at her calmly for a moment or two and then replied, "Ma'am, I suggest you weigh your son."

Sometimes we let our mouth work before our mind does, and we speak before considering a matter. Oftentimes this is because man generally believes he is always right (Proverbs 21:2).

The Bible, however, tells us to gather evidence and listen before giving a response. "He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him" (Proverbs 18:13).

Don't jump to conclusions hastily! Consider a matter thoroughly before speaking.

Matt Clifton
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Youth Updates



Join Groupme to stay updated on events



7
Sept

Area Wide at Culleoka
(Bring a chair)
4:00pm leaving for Culleoka



13
Sept

East Main Girls Day
Sign up by today



14
Sept

Summertown Youth Rally
Leaving at 4:15pm



17
Sept

Progressive Dinner and Devo
5:00 start at building
Dinner provided



27
Sept

RUSH at FHU
7th-12th grade. Sign up in Foyer. Sign up by 9/17



6-7
Oct

All Ages Ark Encounter and Creation Museum Trip. See Brice for more details

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 8/24

A.M. Bible Class	140
A.M. Worship Service	261
P.M. Worship Service	80
Wednesday PM	168
Contribution:	\$9,296.28
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
July Lord Supper	Boo & Rose Spears

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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Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

**“And in her left hand
riches and honor.”**
Proverbs 3:16

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)
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