



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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The Perils of a Close-Minded Spirit

Being a close-minded Christian means shutting yourself off from growth, correction, and new insights from Scripture or other believers. This kind of mindset not only holds back your spiritual growth but also keeps you from fully living out God's plan for your life. Proverbs 12:1 puts it plainly: *"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid."* If you're not willing to learn or change, you're basically rejecting wisdom.

Think about the Pharisees in Jesus' time. Even though they saw His miracles and heard His powerful teachings, they just couldn't accept that He was the Messiah. Their stubbornness blinded them to the truth. Jesus called them out, saying, *"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life"* (John 5:39-40). Their close-mindedness led them away from the very salvation they were looking for.

We're all called to grow continuously. Peter tells us to *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18). But spiritual growth takes humility—a willingness to be corrected and to adjust our thinking when needed. Proverbs 27:17 says, *"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."* We need each other to stay aligned with God's Word.

If we reject correction or ignore different perspectives, we risk becoming spiritually stuck. Instead, we should aim to have a teachable heart, always seeking to align ourselves with God's truth. By embracing humility and being open to learning, we pave the way for deeper faith, greater wisdom, and a closer walk with God.

Let's not be close-minded. Instead, let's stay open to God's transformative work in our lives.

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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)



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



Sick: *Lavada Burklow* will begin radiation treatments on February 15th. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. **Pittman Baker** is in NHC Columbia for Rehabilitation—Room 1106. **Sharon Grinder** had knee surgery at Centennial Hospital and now at home recovering. **Chuck Oppermann** had shoulder surgery last week and needs our prayers. **Amy Lomax** is now home recovering following back surgery. **Ted Lawson** is now home and recovering. **Kay Casias** will have shoulder surgery on February 27th. **Megan Inman** is not doing well and in need of our prayers.

Sympathy: *To the family and friends of*

Continue to remember: *Barbara Baker, Pittman 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 & Janice Sublett.*

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).



Congratulations to
Bryce and Olivia Trull on
the birth of their daughter
Della LaRae Trull
Born February 3, 2025
8 lbs—2 ozs—20 3/4 in.
long
Proud Grandparents are
Brian & Simone Hinson.



Congratulations to
Murphy and Kaylie Watkins
on the birth of their daughter
Ivy James Watkins
Born January 31, 2024
7.9 lbs—20 in. long
Proud Grandparents are
Andy and Samantha Webb



**Food For
Friends:**

**February 20th
Team 6 (Annette &
Barbara)**



**Food
for Families**

**Our monthly Food for Families
distribution is**

Tuesday, March 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:**

Paper Towels

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

Thank you!



February 17—Monday Game Night w/Teens—
Subway Sandwiches

February 21-23—CYC

March 5—Family Meal Night

March 6— Thursday Farmers Family Restau-
rant—Leave at 3:00 pm

March 16-20—FHU Lectureship

March 22—Lomax Youth Rally w/Trent Hill

March 30—5th Sun. Contribution—Youth Fund

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

What proverb begins, “ In all thy
ways acknowledge him——”?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Boo's Belyeu

Fellowship, fun, entertainment words we should not dismiss as Christians. We have an opportunity to engage with our teens tomorrow night. Monday night game night we can play and eat together a chance for us to laugh, share, and learn something about each other. Prov. 17:22 "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Make your plans to be there.



Lomax Youth Group

Upcoming Events

**Youth Minister
Brice Van Hook
(636)-639-0153**

FEB 13	Small Group Bible Study 6:15pm-7:00pm Going over 1st Peter in the youth room
FEB 17	Card Games and Dinner with the Primetimers 4-6pm
FEB 19	Wednesday After School Hangout
FEB 21-23	CYC Leaving at 8am on 2/21
MAR 9	MC Area Wide at West 7th
MAR 22	Lomax Youth Rally

No One Came to Our Party

After a few days of hard work, all the preparations had been made and it was time for the party. The tables were ready, filled with stacks of paper plates, plastic flatware, and cups. Cold drinks were iced and ready while the grill belched out smoke with the smell of cooking steaks. There was sliced fresh watermelon, homemade ice cream and apple pie. Hanging decorations moved gently in the breeze while tunes played from the Bluetooth speaker. It was time for the party!

As the time for the gathering came and went none of the invited guest arrived. Perhaps the traffic was bad or other distractions were holding up the party goers. But as an hour passed, it soon became evident that no one was coming. The time, effort, and expense that had gone into getting ready for the party was all for nothing. The host felt disappointed and embarrassed. "No one came to our party."

Jesus told two similar stories, one about a wedding, the other about a great supper. (Matt. 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24) Both had been prepared but some guests made excuses as to why they could not come while others "made light of it and went their ways..." (Matt. 22:5).

Each week, the preparation for worship to God has been made for all of us. We may believe that our lack of attendance doesn't affect anyone but ourselves. However, by my absence I may be discouraging those who have worked diligently in preparation for me to experience the blessing of worship. Just as in our previous example, the bible class teacher may sit in an empty classroom and say, "No one has come." Let us all give appreciative consideration to those that work so hard to make it possible for us to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

Jay Launius – 2024
Maud church of Christ
Maud, Texas

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 2/09

A.M. Bible Class	126
A.M. Worship Service	246
P.M. Worship Service	90
Wednesday PM	146
Contribution:	\$8,478.74
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
January Lord Supper	Amy Carroll

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

All Ladies are
Invited to a Ladies
Day...

Laura Jenkins, speaking
at the Brushy
Church of Christ

Saturday, March 1st
8:30—12:00

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Jeff Spears—931-306-1362
Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

Lomax Christian
Day School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

**“Teachest thou not
thyself?”**
Romans 2:21

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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