



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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Pulpit Minister

What Makes a Christian Distinct?

Today the word *Christian* is used so broadly in our world. Many here in the Bible Belt are quick to label themselves as "Christian" without truly living and practicing the life of one. This contributes to the negative and critical view many have towards Christianity. Yet, the Bible offers a clear and compelling picture of what sets true followers of Christ apart. Being a Christian is more than a label, it's a transformed life. After all Jesus didn't call His disciples to blend in, but to stand out for the right reasons.

One of the most distinctive characteristics of a born again Christian is **love**. Jesus said, *"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:35, ESV). Not just any love, but selfless, sacrificial love that mirrors Christ's. This love reaches across social, racial, and political divides and forgives even when it's hard.

Another key trait is **holiness**. Peter writes, *"But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct"* (1 Peter 1:15). Holiness isn't about perfection—it's about being set apart, resisting the pull of sin, and choosing God's way over the world's. Christians are called to shine like lights in a dark world (Philippians 2:15), showing integrity, honesty, and purity in every area of life.

Humility is also central. Jesus, the Son of God, came not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Christians are to reflect Him by putting others before themselves, rejecting pride, and serving with joy—even when no one's watching.

And finally, true Christians are marked by **faithful obedience**. James tells us that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). A real Christian doesn't just talk about faith—they live it out, consistently following God's Word and bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Being a Christian isn't just about what we believe, it's about how we live. Let your life reflect the One who saved you. Love deeply, live holy, walk humbly, and obey faithfully. That's what makes a Christian truly distinct.

In Christ,
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)



\$15 - ADULTS
\$6 - GRADES 1 - 8
FREE - UNDER 1ST GRADE

fish, french fries, cole slaw,
hushpuppies, frog legs, chicken
strips, dessert and all the fixings.

**Dine-in or
Drive Thru**

**GYIDE
FISH
FRY**

FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY
MAY 3RD
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**GYIDE stands
for Giving
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Devout
Education**

**Enjoy
Every
Crunchy
Bite of It**

For questions, please call Boo
Spears or Jeff Dye

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Sick: *Dan Toft* had back surgery on Tuesday, April 15th. now at home recovering. **Emberlee Casias**, daughter of Kay Casias is in Crockett Hospital with pneumonia. **Sandra Zoelle**, the niece of Marcia Runions having complications following surgery. **Braden Hinson**, from the Kimmins Congregation suffered a stroke and is in Southern Tn. Regional Health Rehabilitation in Lawrenceburg.

Sympathy: *To the family and friends of*

Continue to remember: Pittman Baker, Barbara Baker, Kasey Baker, Sharron Blake, Tina Bores, Lovada Burklow, Dustin Flowers, Peggy Flowers, Ophelia Green, Sharon Grinder, LaFon Griner, Wilma Harris, Ruby Hinson, Awmy Jadon, Gene Kilpatrick, Terry McDonald, Howard Miller, Lillie Mitchell, Brenda Nance, Gary O'Brien, & Al Pogue

Shut-ins: Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center:
Pittman Baker, 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).

- May 11 - Graduation Recognition



Food For Friends: May 1st 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, May 20th

If you have not brought your grocery items in,



**MAY 7TH @ 5:00
\$5 PER PERSON FOR PIZZA
PLEASE BRING DRINKS &
DESSERTS**



May 3—GYIDE FISH FRY

May 7—Family Meal Night

May 11—Graduation Recognition

June 4—Family Meal Night

June 7-9—Cleaning in CSC

June 14—Over 60's Banquet

June 22—Friends & Family Day

June 29—5th Sun. Contribution—Day School

July 2—4th of July Celebration

July 13-16—Gospel Meeting & VBS with Jeremy Weekly

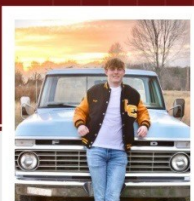
BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who wrote, "The fruit of
righteousness is sown in peace of
them that make peace"?
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Cade Lomax



Corbyn Harris



Gregory Jones



Will Rogers

If you would like to contribute to our
Lomax 2025 Seniors,
please give to Rose or Kara.



Boo's Belyeu



This coming Saturday the GYIDE fish fry will take place at Yogie's offices at 828 Smith Ave. GYIDE assist students financially who wish to attend a Church of Christ affiliated University.

We are so grateful for all the help we have received over the years. Almost every Church of Christ congregation in the county helps supply the food, drinks, and deserts for the fish fry. We hope you will make plans to come and eat with us.



LOMAX YOUTH GROUP

**I'VE BEEN
BAPTIZED
NOW WHAT?**

BAPTISM CLASS
APRIL 30TH AFTER EVENING DEVO

AREA WIDE AT SOUTHGATE
(6TH-12TH GRADE)
MAY 4TH



ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP
JUNE 9TH-11TH

**SEE BRICE FOR QUESTIONS AND TO TELL YOU ARE
INTERESTED. BRICE AND EMILY ARE GOING TO
TAKE A 6TH-12TH GRADE GROUP BUT FAMILIES ARE
WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WELL**

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CAMP YET?
TALK TO BRICE ABOUT SUMMER CAMPS!
CAMPS WILL START FILLING UP THIS WEEK!

Birthdays

3rd – Jaxon Long
3rd—Liam McClain
3rd – David Sloan IV
4th—Molly Reasons
4th—Rex Riley
5th—Derrick Staggs
6th – Jennifer Carroll
7th—Liam Reese
8th – Wilma Churchwell
9th—Steve Skelton
11th – Ted Lawson
14th – Yogie Spears
15th – Vickie Halfacre
17th – Ralph Conkle
18th—Kabry Howard
19th – Brice Van Hook
20th—Trace Andrew Clayton
20th – John Eglinton
21st – Pittman Baker
21st – Tony Seiber
23rd—Alex Clayton
24th – Ace Chapin
26th—Lyla Jancuska
27th—Tiffany Richards
29th—Rodney Odom
30th—Amy Lomax

Anniversaries

3rd—Caleb & Stevy Odom
6th – Greg & Theresa Whitehead
9th – Rick & Cindy Morrow
9th – Boo & Rose Spears
13th—Matt & Kenzie McClain
14th—Jerry Lee & Erin Harris
18th—Dan & Tammy Toft
24th – Lynn & Jan Ammons
28th—Jake & Lorie White
30th – Chip & Kelly Kilgore
31st – Lynn & Betsy Tiller

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 4/20

A.M. Bible Class	147
A.M. Worship Service	305
P.M. Worship Service	88
Wednesday PM	153
Contribution:	\$9,495.00
Weekly Budget	\$9,000
April	Kathy
Lord Supper	Oppermann

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



Ladies are invited to meet every **Wednesday evening at 5:30** in the **Meeting Room** to prepare cards for those in need. If you know of any to whom we should send cards, please meet with the ladies on

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931-796-5381

Email:
info@lomaxchurch.com

MINISTERS:

Jon Hackett—251-295-1475
Jeff Spears—931-306-1362
Brice Van Hook—636-639-0153

Lomax Christian
Day School
796-7373

Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:

“While it is called
To-Day.”
Hebrews 3:13

REMINDER

Please continue to
check out the
Visitation Notebook
in the foyer for updated
information.

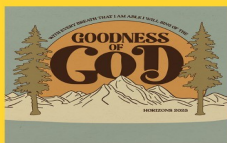
ELDERS:

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)

Summer Camp Sign-ups



Horizons

July 6th–11th

Horizons is a Bible and leadership camp held on Freed-Hardeman University's campus for 7th–12th graders.



Mid-South Youth Camp

Week 4:
June 15th – 20th

MSYC is an overnight Bible camp in Henderson, TN for 3rd–12th graders. Camp runs weekly from May 26 – July 19, but most of our Lomax youth will attend week 4.

The church helps to sponsor all students who attend a summer camp. Talk to any of our ministers or elders for more information. Don't hesitate to register your student for camp!

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