

The Lemoore Caller

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....	9:30
Sunday A.M. Assembly.....	10:30
Sunday P.M. Assembly.....	5:00
Wednesday Evening Classes/Devotional.....	7:00

The Obedience of Noah

Genesis 6:15-7:23

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

Noah's obedience serves as an example for us for several reasons. **First, Noah's obedience required that he make a start.** The 120 years in Genesis 6:3 is most likely a reference to a one hundred and twenty year period that God allowed to expire before sending the flood, thus providing man with an opportunity to repent (II Peter 3:9). Noah could have procrastinated, but did not. Our obedience requires that we make a start. Unfortunately, many people procrastinate for a number of "reasons" (excuses? - too young, don't know enough, pressured not to by my parents, etc.).

Second, Noah submitted to God's plan. God gave Noah a specific plan whereby Noah and his family could be saved from the flood (Genesis 6:14-16). God has given us a specific plan whereby we can be saved from our sin (Romans 10:17, Mark 16:16, Acts 17:30, Romans 10:9, Acts 2:38, Romans 12:1-2). Noah did not have the freedom to alter God's plan, nor do we. We must submit to all God has commanded (Genesis 6:22, Genesis 7:5, John 14:15, John 15:14). We often emphasize the necessity of confession and baptism but trivialize other commandments (ex: controlling our anger - Matthew 5:22, Colossians 3:8, modest dress - I Timothy 2:9, pure speech - Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:8, keeping our word - Matthew 5:33-37, and fairness in business matters - Romans 12:17).

Third, Noah shared God's plan. The scriptures teach Noah was a preacher of righteousness (I Peter 3:19-20). We have a responsibility to take the gospel to the lost. Consider Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 28:18-20, along with II Timothy 2:2.

Fourth, Noah stuck to God's plan. Because of Noah's steadfastness, God "shut him in the ark" along with his family (Genesis 7:16). Christians are to remain steadfast (I Corinthians 15:58) and refuse to give up (Galatians 6:9).

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May 31, 2015

Sunday: 9:30 am Bible Classes
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Classes

Members scheduled to serve for June:

Communion Lead: Randy McCord

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Alice Fall and Lora Virden

Elders Meeting: The elders will meet on the last Monday of each month.

Men's Business Meeting: will be the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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Men Leading Services on May 31st:

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Randy McCord

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead – Excell Green

Mark Lane, Frank Baldwin, Herminio Gutierrez

Announcements: Garth Radcliff

Closing Prayer: Stetson Schmitt

Alternates: Jeff Mason, Scott Ervin,

Judson Ervin, Michael Fite

Update: We have enough Vintage Dishes, Thank you! Just wait till you see how the ladies have styled these new works of art from all the pieces. We do still need some "candle stick style" candle holders; they can be made of porcelain, glass or metal. If you have any 'candle sticks' you can donate, please see Isabella Gutierrez or Linda Atkinson. We also will need several boxes, (sturdy, larger than shoe box size and lids are not needed) to transport the items up to camp, as well as packing them in to take home. Bubble wrap and tissue/newspaper will also be needed. Thank you again for all of your generous donations.

**COMMIT thy way
unto the Lord;
TRUST also in him,
and he shall
BRING IT TO PASS.**

—Ps. 37:5

Hospitality Baskets: Several of the items to fill the baskets have been donated, but we still need body wash, dental floss, mouth wash, band aids, shampoo and conditioner, lotion and nail files. Please see the updated list of items on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping out. Thank you.

"Won by One" singing group from Pepperdine University will be in Hanford at the Church of Christ building on June 8, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Super Saturday: Plans are in the works and the date has been set for June 27th. Please see the flier on the bulletin board and sign up to help. This is an excellent way of reaching out to the children in our congregation and the community.

Morro Bay Church of Christ Family Retreat: June 25 through June 28 are the dates scheduled for the 42nd annual event. Make your reservations for accommodations early if you plan to stay. There is a flier on the bulletin board for more information.

Smile☺ we want your picture! Denise Dean will be taking photos of our members to send to Abdiel, our new sponsored child at City of Children. This will be a great way for Abdiel to get acquainted with his new family in Christ.

Bible Bowl and Devotional: last Wednesday the quiz was on Matthew 17 & 18 and several people received a score of 100%. They included Wilma Cole, Craig Case and Gary Curtis. Good job folks!

Graduation Time is Near: We would like to recognize the accomplishments of all the students in our congregation that will graduate this year. Please submit a picture and information for the graduates to Donna Case. Or if you would like to email to donna_c_2005@hotmail.com

Guest Speaker: Dale Lindge from Church of Christ Disaster Relief will be here on Wednesday, June 17 with a short informational presentation about the good works this organization is involved in. We will have the opportunity to learn more about this ministry that we have been supporting.

~ June 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2 Jasmine Gutierrez	3	4	5 Nick Harp	6 Lisa & Bill Butts
7 Rosa & Rogelio Gutierrez	8	9	10 Calllyn Harp	11	12	13
14	15	16 Theresa & Frank Bakdwin Stephanie & Brian Tischmacher	17 Wilma & Gary Cole	18	19 Randy McCord	20 Lucille Chamberlain
21	22	23	24 Debbie & Mike Souza Austin Oliveira	25	26	27 Lucile & Don Chamberlain Mirella & Michael Lopez
28	29 Joanne & Scott Ervin	30				

ASSETS AND OBSTACLES

Christians are tools in God's hand. One of our primary "this world" purposes is to allow God to use us individually and collectively to accomplish His objectives. A good tool "fits the hand well," functions well, works well, and serves its purpose.

Nothing is quite so helpful as having the right tool for the job. Nothing is quite so frustrating as addressing the necessary with the wrong tool. Did you ever use a fingernail file for a screw driver? a sauce pan for a skillet? a rock for a hammer? a piece of wire for a screw? a pry bar for a key?

A fingernail file may loosen a screw, but a screw driver will not file your nails. A sauce pan may function as a skillet, but it makes the task more difficult. A rock may drive a nail in some situations, but it is more likely to bend the nail and mash your finger. The wire may hold something together temporarily, but only the screw produces a "permanent fix." The pry bar can open the door, but you immediately need a new door.

The first thing I do when I begin a job: look for the right tool. One positive and one negative truth always prevail when I build something or repair something. The positive truth: the right tool for the job produces enormous satisfaction. The negative truth: the wrong tool (or no tool!) results in indescribable frustration.

Each Christian is a tool in God's tool box. In three ways we determine our usefulness as a tool. (1) Does my heart belong to God? (2) Is my attitude in step with God's heart? (3) Will I joyfully surrender my abilities to God's purposes?

I avoid using some of my tools unless it is absolutely necessary. Those tools never work well. They make the job difficult and cause enormous frustration. I have other tools I use every time possible. They work easily and well. As a result, they give me enormous satisfaction.

You and I are tools in God's tool box. When God needs a necessary job done, are we an asset or an obstacle? Does God dread using us because (1) we serve Him poorly and (2) we cause more frustration than satisfaction? Or, is God delighted that we are available? We are versatile. We are cooperative. We are confident God knows what He is doing and knows how to use us well. And we love to serve His purposes--even when it is hard on us.

Does God look at you and say, "How can this be done?" Or, does God look at you and approach His purposes with joy. He knows you are the right tool for the job. He knows you will help accomplish His purposes.