

The Lemoore Caller

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship.....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Classes/Devotional.....	7:00 p.m.

Elders : Craig Case and Vernon Garretson

I Am the New Year. .

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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January 1, 2017

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Classes

Members scheduled to serve for January:

Communion Prep. & Greeters:

Lynn & Linda Atkinson

Men Leading Services for January 1st:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Randy McCord

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Gary Rice

Gary Curtis, Garth Radcliff, Clofas Case

SCRIPTURE READING: Alex Hubble

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Frank Baldwin

ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Richard Bullough,

Craig Standridge, Mark Lane

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Men Scheduled to Serve on Wednesday, Jan. 4th:

SONGS: Taylor Radcliff

SPEAKER: Mark Lane

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER: Gary Curtis

Upcoming Events!

January 1, 2016 - Happy New Year! We will have classes and worship service scheduled as usual.

January 4th, Wednesday - Classes resume as usual, adult class will study and answer questions asked by members.

January 9th - Men's Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

January 10th - Ladies' Birthday Luncheon

January 15th - Birthday Fellowship

January 25th - Bible Bowl - Ephesians 3&4

January 29th - Valley Christian Home Worship 2:30 p.m.

Men's Business Meeting for January: The meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 9th at 6:00 p.m. All men are encouraged to be involved in the business meeting. Men, please show your support in the works of this congregation by participating in the meetings. Dinner will be provided.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !! 2017

A New Year's Poem!

*Instead of making a New Year's
resolution*

*Consider committing to a biblical
solution*

*Your promises are easily broken
Empty words, though earnestly
spoken*

*But God's Word transforms the soul
By His Holy Spirit making you whole
As you spend time alone with Him
He will change you from within*

*This is what the LORD says— he who made
a way through the sea, a path through the
mighty waters, "Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a
new thing! Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? I am making a way in the
wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

Isaiah 43:16, 18-19 NIV

Abdiel, Our Sponsored Child from City of Children:
*Please notice the thank you card (translation included)
and new school picture on the bulletin board, from
Abdiel. He is grateful for all of his 'family' here in
Lemoore, as the gifts and words of encouragement help
him in his daily life.*

Wednesday Night Adult Class: Please remember to submit any questions to the elders that you would like to add to the list for study on Wednesday nights, as we continue our "question and answer" style of class on Wednesday, January 4th.

Bible Bowl 100%- Becky Bullough and Linda Atkinson. Good work, sisters!

Prayer List

Doug Standridge, waiting for a kidney transplant. He will require more medical tests, including an angiogram to determine if a stent is needed.

Lucile Chamberlain has not been doing well, as she has been experiencing health issues this week and spent time in the hospital.

Shari Williams – Betty Edwards mentioned that this is a difficult time for Shari and that she asks for prayers for strength.

Anna Stewart, a niece of Donna Lane, as she is having severe difficulty in her life.

Dannielle, an acquaintance of Caitlyn Harp, as she will require dialysis. Dannielle had a kidney transplant years ago, but her condition has declined.

Edna Rice, recovering after receiving 2 stents, as a result of chest pain that sent her to the hospital.

Glen Fraley, his heart is still doing well, after having a transplant; however, he had to endure surgery for a partial leg amputation. Glen is recovering well at home and continues to follow up with doctors.

Bill Butts, as he recovers from a sprained ankle.

Dorma Atkinson– under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's.

Gary Cole is scheduled for surgery on January 16th, in Newport Beach.

Richard Bullough – will follow up with doctors for more medical tests before scheduling kidney surgery.

Alana, Jack Otto's granddaughter – Please pray that she will make better choices in life.

Danette Curtis– recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Kristen Hill Menezes, a friend of Emily Standridge, is receiving chemo therapy for breast cancer. She anticipates having surgery in February.

Johnny Goodson, Mark Lane's cousin has been diagnosed with COPD.

Emily Carpenter, recovering from a bone marrow transplant; her younger sister was the donor and is recovering from the procedure as well.

Mike Souza – recovering well after hip replacement surgery.

Alfredo Gonzalez, Rosa Gutierrez' father, has been moved to a rehab hospital, to recover and rehabilitate from the effects of West Nile Virus.

Emmitt Walker, Aguirre's great –grandson, who is only 4 months old, is battling Cystic Fibrosis. He has already had 6 surgeries and may require more during his treatment.

Marge Tassler, grandmother of Nick and Caitlyn Harp will be meeting with doctors soon regarding cancer treatment.

Merlin Welch, a neighbor of the Atkinsons, as he recovers from a stroke.

Casey Case, Jr., grandson of Clofas and Jeanne Case, going through treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and an additional blood disorder. He is responding well to treatment.

Lois Gable, a friend of the Lane family, has been diagnosed with cancer. Her health is declining greatly.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She is not doing well.

Cold and Flu Season, many people struggle with the effects of these illnesses this time of year.

Holiday Travelers – this is a very busy time of year for traveling. Please pray for all those who may be driving, flying and any other type of travel, that they may have a safe journey.

Members of the Armed Forces: those on deployment and those closer to home. Please remember them all in your prayers, as we pray they are safe and we thank them for their service.

First Responders in all fields: Please keep those in mind who work diligently in keeping up with emergencies and providing medical care, fire protection and security from danger for all our citizens.

Our Mission Work

*Our Preachers in Nicaragua

*Agape Village

*Crossover Ministry

*City of Children

*Manuelito Children's Home

*church of Christ in Branson, MO

*church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund

Psalm 10:17

You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,

Psalm 69:29

But as for me, afflicted and in pain— may your salvation, God, protect me.

Mark 6:56

And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

"Make a New Years' Resolution"

"I never make New Year's Resolutions, anymore," the man told me, "I never keep them, anyway." I can remember all too many resolutions I've made and let slip away, too. But I believe New Year's resolutions are worth making. Let me tell you why.

First, we all need changes. Some we find very hard to admit to ourselves. I've heard people who say, "I have no regrets about my life. If I had it to do over, I'd do it the same way again." But that attitude is way too blind and self-serving so far as I'm concerned. There is great power in confession--to ourselves, to God, to others. Owning up to our failures is the first, painful step on the road to something better.

Second, when we change calendars is a good time for reassessment. How did last year go? What do I want to do differently this year? This time of year always reminds me of a passage of scripture, better understood by farmers than suburbanites: "Break up your unplowed ground, and do not sow among thorns" (Jer 4:3). It makes sense. The more land you put into production, the more prosperous you'll be. But some of us are stupid enough to try to sow seeds in land overrun by star thistle without breaking up the soil and taking care to root out the thorns as they come up. Call it laziness. Call it stupidity.

Let me ask you a serious question. What percentage of your life is producing something of value to God? How much "unplowed ground" do you have that ought to be broken up in this coming year and made useful? Reassessment. The brink of a new year is a good time for reassessment.

Third, New Year's is an excellent time for mid-course corrections. Sure, we might fail in what we set out to do, but if we fail to plan, the old saw goes, then we plan to fail. If you're so fearful of failure that you never set up your row of tin cans to shoot at, you're not very likely to hit any at all. Failure is not the end. For the person who determines to learn from it, failure is a friend.

One of my heroes in the Bible is the Apostle Paul. Talk about failure! Throughout his life he was opposed, persecuted, shipwrecked, stoned and left for dead, deserted by trusted co-workers, slandered, and scorned. Sometimes it seemed that projects to which he had devoted years were turning to dust before his eyes. But during from one of his stints in prison, we can see from one of his letters an unwillingness to quit. "Forgetting what is behind," he wrote, "and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13-14, NIV) No wonder he made a mark on his world. He stopped looking back, and looked forward instead. He didn't let the fear of failure keep him from trying again.

Fourth, New Year's is a time to learn to rely more heavily on the grace of God. Now I've met a few self-made men and women and so have you, but so often these people seem proud and driven. There is another way: beginning to trust in God's help. One more secret from the Apostle Paul: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength," he said (Phil 4:13, NIV). And God's strength saw him through a lot--through pain, through joy, and through accomplishment.

If this last year, you didn't practice relying on the Lord as much as you should have, there is no time like the present to make a New Year's resolution. In fact, why don't you say a short prayer right now--use these words if you like: "Dear God, I want the new year to be different for me." Now spell out in prayer some of the changes you'd like to see. And close this way: "Lord Jesus, I know that I'm going to need a lot of help for this. So right now I place myself in your hands. Help me to receive Your strength. Amen." Good. Now you've got a much better chance of a Happy New Year.