

# 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.

## *How Happy are you?*

"Rejoice in the lord always: and again I say rejoice." (Phil. 4:4) Look at all of the blessing that Christians have. The material blessings are available for everyone and they are without number. We live in a country that is well blessed with material things, freedom, beauty of all kinds - and how long could the list be! Even the air that we breathe, the water that we drink, and the ground that we walk upon are blessing from God. In addition to these things Christians have the forgiveness of sins, fellowship with God and fellow Christians, and the hope of an eternity in the presence of

God. God has written to us about the assurance of His love, the blessedness of His hope, and the wonders of salvation. We can, by adhering to His word, bask in the sunshine of His love. When we look around us and observe fellow Christians, what do we see and hear? There is murmuring and complaining. There is worry about mundane things and things that we cannot do anything about, and we complain about everything in sight. We must learn to exercise our minds, and learn to separate the good from the evil. God says "rejoice" and we need to be learning how.

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January 7, 2018

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. and Greeters:

Taylor and Bailey Radcliff

## Men Leading Services for January 7th:

WELCOME /CALL TO WORSHIP: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Gary Rice

Gary Curtis, Herminio Gutierrez, Rich Rhoads

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Frank Baldwin

ALTERNATES: Clofas Case, Brandon Hodgson,

Richard Bullough, Randy McCord

P.M. SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

## Men to Lead Wednesday, January 10th:

SONGS: Gary Cole

SPEAKER: Gary Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER: Craig Case

## Upcoming Events!

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - Men's Business Meeting

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Birthday Luncheon

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Work Day

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - Birthday Fellowship

**Visitor's Lunch** - We are so glad you are visiting with us today! Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall right after service. A meal has been prepared and we would love to visit with you.

**Men's Business Meeting** - All Men, please plan to attend the next business meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be provided and the meeting will include several very important topics to discuss. Thank you for your participation.

*The Ladies' Birthday Luncheon will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are invited to gather at 11:30 a.m. at Reyna's in Lemoore. Please join us, as we will celebrate the ladies birthdays that are in January. If you plan to attend, please talk to Wilma Cole.*

**Work Day!** On Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m., a work day has been planned. Your help is greatly needed! One project will be to clear out the office in the front of the building and turn it into a library. Other tasks need attention and the more helping hands that volunteer, the more work gets done. Hope to see you there.

**Birthday Fellowship for January:** Please join us as we get together for a potluck style meal and fellowship in honor of our brothers and sisters with birthdays and anniversaries in January. The date will be January 21<sup>st</sup>, after evening worship. The theme for the meal is "Baked Potato Bar" and Craig and Donna Case will be hosts. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board with a list of suggested items.

*The previous plan for the January Ladies' Luncheon and Program scheduled at Linda Atkinson's home has been postponed until further notice due to the health issues going on within her household.*

*Have you ever noticed how much of Christ's life was spent in doing kind things? Henry Drummond*

*Acts 14:17*

*Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."*

## Prayer List

The Family of Vern Davis, from Riverdale, as he passed away yesterday.

Phillip Garretson – concerns of a cardiac problem. He is under the care of a cardiologist.

Lynn Atkinson, Recovering from surgery and received good news about the biopsy. However had to visit the doctor again Friday with an urgent matter and might have additional surgery in the near future.

Isabel Gutierrez will have a biopsy done on a spot in her mouth that the dentist discovered.

Jordan Willis, as he has been deployed with the Navy. He will be gone for several months.

Jim Coxey, formerly of Hanford church of Christ, has been in the hospital with complications of Diabetes.

Mary Keam, a friend of Darlene Wilson, had a mini stroke and was in the hospital. She had come home, but is now back in the hospital because of pneumonia.

Randy Rhoads – recovering from surgery.

Kaye Dodge, as she is recovering from cold and flu symptoms and also a ruptured blood vessel in her eye.

Mike Virden will have a consultation with a specialist at UCSF January 12<sup>th</sup>, to determine when he will qualify to be on the lung transplant list. He has been approved for an experimental medication currently.

Ginko Reinhart, a friend of Darlene Wilson has been seriously ill due to a lung infection. Her condition has gotten worse.

Terry Pugsley's father, a friend of Calvin Yee, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer.

Paula Ali, Betty Standridge's niece, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in both lungs that is believed metastasized from cervical cancer she had 2 years ago. She will meet with specialists to discuss her treatment options.

Alexis Raygoza, Gutierrez's nephew, as he is in the hospital down South. He is suffering a heart infection and also a blood clot has caused 2 strokes. He is recovering and expected to stay in the hospital for an undetermined amount of time.

Lora Virden's niece, JeanAnne Emmins, as she has been diagnosed with cancer.

John Whited, brother-in-law of Whitney Broaddus, has spent time intermittently in the hospital, rehab hospital and home with medical care.

Waylon Wittry, great nephew of Wilma Cole – return of brain cancer. He is undergoing an experimental treatment program, but is suffering with adverse effects.

Glen Fraley - He continues to do well regarding his heart transplant and will continue ongoing checkups with doctors.

Doug Standridge- doing well, continuing with dialysis.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile is living at Somerford Place of Fresno.

Hannah Detlefsen, baby daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, is suffering the effects of major birth defects, including blindness.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

Dorma Atkinson- under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's and struggles with blood pressure issues.

Casey Case, Jr., under ongoing care of oncologists.

Alana Pfeiffer, Jack Otto's granddaughter, as she struggles with issues of domestic violence.

### First Responders

#### Military and their families

#### 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

\*World Christian Broadcasting

*<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5" 13-16*

## *Be Ready To Give An Answer*

We know that all Scripture comes from the very mouth of God (2 Tim.3:16-17), even to the selecting of the words that were written for our learning (1 Cor.2:13). The Almighty carefully chose those who would transmit His divine will to us as they were born along by the Holy Spirit, recording for us the precious, soul-saving word of God (2 Pet.1:20-21). In spite of the fact that God chose the words that these men were to write for posterity, it is interesting how He allowed the personalities of these inspired penmen to shine through at times. These were not mere automatons. God used their various backgrounds, educations, and characteristics to transmit His word and preserve it for all generations. Peter is one of those that God entrusted to record the Divine record. He is a great man of faith, but he was as flawed as any of us can be. I suppose Peter appeals to us so much because we see in him much of ourselves. God allowed Peter to write these words: "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Pet.3:15, ESV). My, how Peter had grown by the time he penned these words! It must have been a very humbling experience to him to be instructed to write this charge, when Peter had failed so miserably early on in his life in living out this charge!

Peter was often impetuous in both word and deed. He meant well, but he didn't always do well. It seems he was always prepared with an answer, though his answers were not always tempered with meekness and reverence. When Jesus was walking on the water, Peter requested that he be allowed to join his Lord (Matt.14:28). We admire his courage, and sympathize with his doubts. It wasn't long until he was sinking and crying out for the Lord to save him. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, James and John were in the presence of three of God's greatest spokesmen—Moses, Elijah, and Jesus Christ. Peter, perhaps sensing that someone needed to do or say something, spoke up and said that they should build three tabernacles to honor these three men (Matt.17:4). The voice of the Father quickly admonished Peter to hear Jesus (vs.5). When the Savior predicted that all of his disciples would forsake him, Peter replied that though the others might deny their Lord, he would never act so cowardly (Matt.26:33). He was brash and bold in his declarations, but often he had to eat his words. Peter had learned to answer with gentleness and respect through some of these experiences.

While Peter was often brazen in speaking out, there were times when he failed to give a defense of his faith. Three times he was given the opportunity to declare himself a disciple of Jesus Christ, but in all three instances he denied his Lord and his faith (Matt.26:70, 72, 74)! While Peter was willing to draw the sword to defend the life of his Master (Matt.26:51), he was unwilling to give an answer to those who questioned his discipleship. I am grateful that Peter did not allow his failures to defeat him. Some fifty days later, Peter would stand before a crowd of likely hundreds of thousands (perhaps even millions) to boldly declare the risen Savior (Acts 2:23). Peter had learned by his own failings to be ready always to give an answer to those who ask of the hope that is in you, and to do so with meekness and fear. Hopefully we, like Peter, can mature in our faith so that we can faithfully carry out the charge to give an answer to all who ask us about our Lord Jesus!

*1 Peter 3:15*

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*