

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

Simply wanting something is not hope. Hope is desiring something and expecting to receive it

Without Jesus Christ, none of us have any hope of salvation. When he was writing to the Ephesians, Paul pointed out that, as Gentiles, they were not included in the Law of Moses. They were without God and had no hope. "That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." ([Ephesians 2:12](#)). But they were given hope through Christ; "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." ([Ephesians 2:13](#)).

Thanks to the sacrifice of Christ, we can hope (desire and expect) for salvation ([1 Thessalonians 5:8](#)). That is not to say that everyone is going to be saved. Christ died for all but only those who are obedient to Him will receive salvation. These obedient individuals desire and expect that their sins will be forgiven. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ([1 John 1:9](#)). Due to the fact that God has made salvation possible we can now hope for eternal life with Him

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you..." ([1 Peter 1:3-4](#)). We can look forward to and hope for an eternal abode where there is no more death, sorrow, pain, or crying.

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January 22, 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 22nd:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Vernon Garretson

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Craig Case

Herminio Gutierrez, Frank Baldwin, Gary Rice

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Randy McCord

ALTERNATES: Craig Standridge, Brandon Hodgson,
Richard Bullough, Alex Hubble

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Upcoming Events!

January 22nd- Ladies Day Meeting/after a.m. Worship

January 25th - Bible Bowl - Ephesians 3&4

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

February 6th - 10th - Termite Treatment

March 4th- Lemoore Ladies Day

April 3rd - Lemoore hosts Area Wide Singing

Wednesday Night Adult Class: Please remember to submit any questions or topics for discussion 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.

Bible Bowl for January: Wednesday the 25th, is the date for the monthly Bible Bowl. It will cover Ephesians 3 and 4 this month.

Please Note! Wednesday Night Bible Class will be cancelled on **February 8th**, as the building will be tented for termite control February 6th through 10th. Services will resume as usual on February 12th.

Ladies Day Meeting Today! Ladies, please stay after morning worship for a short meeting about our annual Ladies Day. Please see Becky Bullough if you have any questions.

Valley Christian Home Worship: Lemoore will have the opportunity of visiting with the residents and hosting the worship service on Sunday, January 29th at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend; it is great encouragement to the residents, as some of them do not get the chance to attend worship service elsewhere. Also, especially when the weather is colder in the winter months, many residents do not feel up to getting out at all. Please consider attending service at VCH and fellowshiping with the residents. Hope to see you there. In keeping up with our "Treats for the Residents", we will have muffins to share with the residents this visit. The muffins will be prepared at Linda Atkinson's home on Saturday, the 28th. Please see Linda if you would like to participate in preparing the treats. Also, if you would like to join us one hour prior to the worship service, we will be stopping into each resident's room to share a treat and an invitation to worship service. Hope to see you there.

Baby News! The Hodgson family welcomes a new grandbaby. Harlowe Dawn Marie Hernandez was born on January 18, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces and measuring 20 and 1/2 inches. She is welcomed home by proud parents Ashley and Anthony, along with brother and sister, as they all live in Italy, while stationed there with the Navy. Congratulations on this new little blessing.

"When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us." ~ Alexander Graham Bell, Scottish Scientist and Inventor

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
Matthew 7:7-8 NIV

Prayer List

Douglas Dorn, a relative of the Cole family, as he is in the hospital. He is no longer on life support, but still in critical condition. His condition is due to complications of diabetes and other health issues.

Doug Standridge, waiting for a kidney transplant. The results of a recent angiogram showed that he will need bypass surgery before being considered for the kidney transplant. He has a consultation scheduled for tomorrow with the cardiologist.

Gary Cole recovering from surgery.

Hannah Detlefsen, 4 month old daughter of Lisa Butts co-workers; it has been determined that Hannah is blind.

Jan Rodriguez, Mark Lane's sister fell and fractured 2 ribs and also punctured a lung.

Joyce Stevens, Mary Fall's sister, has been in ICU because of an intestinal infection.

Cal Rogers, a friend of Alex Hubble, needs prayers for patience and understanding, as his mother, Billie Rogers, is living in a rest home.

Tim Nichols, Lynn Atkinson's cousin, had been battling bladder cancer. He now has bone cancer; his prognosis is not good.

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

Twila Johnson, daughter of Darlene Wilson, needs prayers for guidance to make better choices in life.

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.

Glen Fraley, his heart is still doing well, after having a transplant; he continues to follow up with doctors regarding his heart. He also had to have a partial leg amputation and will be going through physical therapy and be fitted with a prosthesis.

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

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, is home now, still recovering, after being in the hospital for several weeks while battling West Nile Virus.

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

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

2 Samuel 22:40

*You armed me with strength for battle;
you humbled my adversaries before me.*

1 Chronicles 16:11

*Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his
face always*

Building Fellowship by Working Together for the Lord

You cannot read the apostle Paul's epistles for very long before realizing the camaraderie he felt for all those who participated with him in his work in any way. He did this in four separate occasions just in Romans 16 (Romans 16:3, 7, 9, 21)! He identified with those Christians who worked alongside him in various ways in the kingdom (Colossians 4:11; Philemon 1). He felt kinship with those whose commitment to the work extended even to the hardship of imprisonment (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 23). He considered the contributions of all Christians valuable, regardless of gender (Philippians 4:3), in contradiction to those modernists and feminists who interpret his inspired limitations on women as hatred. He referred to other preachers as "fellow soldiers" (Philippians 2:25; Philemon 2). He recognized the contributions of others and their selflessness as "fellow servants" (Colossians 1:7; 4:7). Sadly, we often pass over these references without considering their full impact. After all, what would it mean to you for the apostle Paul to use a term that equated your own efforts in God's kingdom with his? But that is exactly what he did (2 Corinthians 8:23). Paul appreciated the contributions that every person made in the work of the Lord so long as it truly benefited the kingdom. Regardless of his own amazing history, he considered others' contributions to be just as valuable because they were working for the same cause, for the same purpose, and for the same Lord. "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

We ought to cherish opportunities to work together with our brethren because of how working together can cement a relationship already established on faith (2 Peter 1:1). In almost every place I have been, I have grown much closer to people as a result of our working together, sometimes in very simple tasks, for the benefit of the church. Workdays, which are necessary from time to time, can become fellowship days quite easily with the right attitude. Just the knowledge that other people care and are prepared to work beside you lifts your heart and strengthens your hands. Knocking doors to invite people to worship or to try to get Bible studies provides a great deal of time to talk and get to know people in a deeper way. While major efforts in the Lord's church often have one person to lead the work, such as a deacon, another person to support, assist, and encourage throughout the process, even while learning, creates a positive atmosphere that helps distribute the burden of the work, both physically and emotionally. There is a reason the Lord sent the twelve and the seventy out in pairs (Luke 10:1). There are many reasons why the Lord's plan calls for at least two elders (Philippians 1:1-2). If at all possible, it would be better for two people to work together in conducting bible studies, providing multiple experiences and opportunity for one to study a question that arose while the other continued the study. "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour" (Ecclesiastes 4:9). However much working together in the kingdom may benefit the work; it also benefits the workers. It provides assurance to one another of mutual commitment. It creates opportunity to discover mutual interests or perhaps even complementary strengths. It gives Christians an opportunity to see one another outside of the assembly context and thereby emphasizes that Christianity is far more than just the assembly. Working together reinforces our understanding that we need one another and that everyone has an important role in the work of the Lord.

Working together in the kingdom should never become a competitive sport. We should never use our own efforts to seek preeminence or even prominence. As Paul told the Corinthians, "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand" (2 Corinthians 1:24). All that we do together should seek to further the message of the gospel and strengthen people in the faith (1 Thessalonians 3:2). When we have the opportunity to help our fellow workers in any way, we should rejoice at the opportunity (3 John 8) because this strengthens our ties to one another and so encourages greater fellowship (Philippians 1:5).