

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

The Road Less Traveled

Why are so many people concerned with living their lives in a pattern like those around them? It seems that a majority of people in this country are mainly concerned with fitting in and conforming to a pattern set forth by so called "Mainstream America". Sadly this pattern does not follow the path set forth by Christ, but it is one that leads to destruction. The famous poem, *The Road Not Taken*, by Robert Frost ends with these words: "...two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." As Christians, we do not need to take the path that is traveled by most people in this world. We need to look different and be set apart. The Psalmist understood who should lead him down the path of life in Psalm 16:1-7: "*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*" We need to be instructed by God's word and let Him be our guide.

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January 29, 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 29th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Richard Bullough

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Randy McCord

Mark Lane, Brandon Hodgson, Herminio Gutierrez

SCRIPTURE READING: Taylor Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Alex Hubble

ALTERNATES: Craig Standridge, Frank Baldwin,

Lynn Atkinson, Garth Radcliff

P.M. SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

Men Scheduled to Serve on Wednesday, February 1st:

SONGS: Vernon Garretson

SPEAKER: Richard Bullough

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER: Garth Radcliff

Upcoming Events!

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

February 6th – 10th – Termite Treatment

February 8th – No Wednesday night classes.

February 19th – Birthday Fellowship

March 4th – Lemoore Ladies Day

April 3rd – Lemoore hosts Area Wide Singing

Important Meeting Today: Please stay after morning worship for a short meeting regarding our Visiting Program that we are beginning. If you would like to be involved, please meet in the front of the auditorium.

Bible Bowl for January: Those that had 100% on the quiz were: Darlene Wilson, Donna Lane, Becky Bullough and Randy McCord.

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.

Valley Christian Home Worship : Lemoore will have the opportunity of visiting with the residents and hosting the worship service today 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 carrying on with our "Treats for the Residents", we will have muffins to share with the residents this visit. 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.

Truth Will Always Win

*I know it's hard to always do what we know is right,
We look around at other folks and how they live their lives*

*But just because they may do what we know is wrong,
We must stay true to God and keep our spirits strong*

Our eyes must always be fixed on our Lord and Savior Christ

Don't worry what the others do, in His word, we must abide

*They may laugh at our stand for righteousness and truth
Just know the one that matters most is smiling down on you*

*He alone is whom we please, not anyone else down here
For He alone is so worthy, nobody else compares*

No matter what they say and do, stand your ground for Him

They may try to ridicule, but truth will always win.

Prayer List

The Family of Joyce Stevens, Mary Fall's sister, as she passed away last Sunday, after being ill and in ICU.

Summer Greer, neighbor of Emily and Craig Standridge, as she was critically injured in an auto accident. Summer has suffered major head trauma and is in ICU. Her sister, Hope, was released from the hospital with less threatening injuries. Their mother remains in the hospital as well, in critical condition.

Lora Virden has been battling Pneumonia and Bronchitis.

Kaye Dodge is scheduled for a thyroid nodule - needle biopsy next week.

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. Bypass surgery will be scheduled within the next few days.

Gary Cole is recovering from surgery. He is home, but dealing with a fever since the surgery. He appreciates all the cards and phone calls that he has received.

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 3 ribs and also punctured a lung. She will be staying with Mark and Donna while she recovers.

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 doing a little better, as she continues to live at the retirement home.

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

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.

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

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Teagan Standridge	4 Gary Curtis
5 Diane Worrell	6 Building tented through Friday	7	8 No Classes	9	10 Red Cooper Jack Otto	11 Craig Case
12	13	14	15	16	17 Lorraine Reddell	18
19 Birthday Fellowship	20	21	22 Rich Rhoads	23	24	25 Carl Reddell
26 Mark Lane	27	28				

Are You Happy?

As the apostle Paul made his defense before King Agrippa he said, "I think myself happy" (Acts 26:2). In Paul's letter to the Philippians, we see repeated use of the words joy, gladness and rejoice. In fact, this epistle is thought by some to be the greatest treatise on happiness because it addresses things that will and will not bring happiness. Now, with that said, let me ask two very important questions: "Are you happy?" and "Do others see you as a happy person?"

In Philippians we notice somethings that will NOT bring us happiness. Possessions will not bring us happiness. This epistle of joy was written when Paul was in prison and possessed little to nothing. Yet, despite the circumstances, Paul was happy. Popularity will not make us happy. When we read Philippians 1:15-18 we see that Paul was not a very popular person. Some were jealous of his accomplishments, however, his amazing attitude was "Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice" (Philippians 1:18). Today, people forfeit their integrity, purity and even their identity to gain popularity, and yet they find no happiness. Finally, a problem free life will not bring happiness. In Philippians 4:10-12 Paul states that learned to be happy regardless of his circumstances. When life was difficult Paul was happy because he learned that happiness is a state of mind, it is a chosen way of life (Philippians 4:6-8).

Now let us notice some things that WILL bring us happiness. First, faith in God will bring us happiness (Philippians 1:24-25). Our faith is to be characterized by love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and faith (Galatians 5:22). We cannot experience true joy without faith (Hebrews 11:6). Paul said, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing" (Romans 15:13). As a Christian, if you feel that you are not experiencing the fullness of joy, try spending some serious time in prayer and in God's word. These two things will increase your faith, which will bring you joy in the Lord (Romans 10:17; James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:12). Secondly, fellowship and unity will bring us joy, (Philippians 2:1-5). The unity of believers is something Jesus prayed for (John 17:20-21). God wants His children to be likeminded because He knows that unity promotes fellowship and fellowship makes the Christian life joyful. The Psalmist declares, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). A lack of unity among Christians is a sure way to destroy happiness. Strive to be likeminded with other Christians and you will find great happiness in your life.

Finally, our Christian family can be a source of joy. In Philippians 4:1 Paul refers to the brethren at Philippi as the "dearly beloved" (Philippians 4:1). The church is a family and it should bring joy to our hearts to have a spiritual family to lean upon when we are discouraged or when we are struggling (1 Timothy 3:15). If your life lacks joy, try building fellowship with other believers by attending worship services regularly, participating in fellowship events and other activities of the church and spending quality time with other Christians outside of worship services. This type of fellowship will banish loneliness and bring happiness.

If you want to be happy the book of Philippians gives you the road to travel. Have faith in God and His word, be born again to become part of the Christian family, be like minded, and you will find great happiness.