

# 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 Bible Classes.....7:00 p

## You've Got to ASK!

A 60-year-old retired man named Gary from Phoenix, Arizona had a brilliant plan. He'd simply ask for all of his money back. On every dollar bill he spends, he writes a little note: "Please return this bill to me." He writes his address in the spot below. He began asking for his money back ten years ago. Since then, he's started averaging getting back \$2 a day. Some months, he's received almost \$100! All because he had the audacity to ask. James said, "You do not have, because you do not ask." (James 4:3) Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8) Why don't we ask God for the things we need? Here are my theories. We don't ask because we forget that he *wants* to take care of us. We sometimes get a false image of God that says that he expects us to make it totally on our own. (Go read the rest of Matthew 7!) We don't ask because we're afraid of rejection—what does it mean if God says no? (James 4 tells us how to ask for the right sorts of things). We don't ask because we don't know how to ask or even what to ask. It's good to remember that God knows and understands—and intercedes for us when words are impossible (Romans 8). Need to grow in faith and wisdom? Ask God!

### James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

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## February 17, 2019

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 **February:**  
**Communion Prep and Greeter:** Shirley  
Garretson.

## Men Leading Services for February 17<sup>th</sup>:

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Richard Bullough

**Song Leader:** Taylor Radcliff

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Curtis

**Prayer List:** Gary Cole

**Lord's Table: LEAD:** Frank Baldwin  
Rich Rhoads  
Garth Radcliff  
Brandon Hodgson

**Scripture Reading:** Gary Rice

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Craig Case

**Alternates:** Clofas Case, Randy McCord,  
Herminio Gutierrez, David Sander

**P.M. Song Leader:** Taylor Radcliff

## Wednesday Evening February 20<sup>th</sup>:

**Songs:** Gary Curtis

**Speaker:** Gary Cole

**Ann/Prayer:** Taylor Radcliff

## Upcoming Events!

**Feb. 17** – Birthday Fellowship

**Feb. 24** – Teacher's Meeting

**Mar. 9** – Lemoore Ladies Day

**April 5-6** – Men's Retreat at YBC

## February Birthday Fellowship:

We will have a Baked Potato Night for our birthday fellowship tonight following evening services. The evening will be hosted by Craig and Donna Case. Potatoes will be provided.

## Bible Class Teachers:

The teacher's meeting will be held February 24<sup>th</sup> after morning services. Please see Garrett if you have any questions.

## Men's Retreat:

Save the date: Men's Retreat at YBC April 5-6.  
More info coming!

## Lemoore Ladies Day:

Ladies Day will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Lynda Sander will be the speaker. Please see Becky Bullough for more information

## FYBC News:

For the next 2 weeks we are looking for scrapbook paper. Full sheets, partial sheets – any print, pattern or solid will help. There is a plastic tub in the foyer for your donation. Also – we will be building some baskets for Memorial Day. A list of items will be available soon.

## YBC Camp News:

It seems early – but it's not. Camp season is right around the corner and planning has already begun. Our young adults have the opportunity to attend Bible camp with Modesto, Madera, Visalia and Hanford just to name a few. We have camp scholarships available for our kids. There is a list of items needed for the first camp in June. It is on the table in the foyer.

## Do it Now

Around the corner I have a friend  
In this great city that has no end,  
Yet the days go by and the weeks roll on,  
And before I know it a year is gone.  
And I never see my old friend's face,  
For life is swift and a terrible race,  
He knows I like him just as well,  
As in the days when I rang his bell,  
And he rang mine, we were youngsters then,  
But now we are busy tired men.  
Tired of playing a foolish game,  
Tired of trying to make a name,  
"Tomorrow" I say, "I will call on Jim,"  
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,  
And the distance between us grows & grows,  
Around the corner, yet miles away,  
"Here's a telegram sir, Jim died today",  
And that's what we get and deserve in the end,  
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

## Prayer List

**Sandy Curtis** has been moved to CCU.

**Doug Standridge** has been transferred back to San Francisco.

**Debbie Souza/Betty Standridge** as they travel between Sandy and Doug

**Garret Sander's uncle** had a successful bypass surgery.

**Mike Virden** had exploratory abdominal surgery and is still in ICU.

**Lois Atchley, Sandra Case's grandmother**, under hospice care.

**Lynda Sander** had an infusion

**The family of Mary Battey, friend of Stephanie Tischmacher**, passed away.

**Phillip Garretson** home from the hospital

**The family of Wille Dunn** – Larry Gamble's uncle – passed away this past week.

**Jack Otto's daughter, Robin**, will be seeing a specialist regarding back surgery.

**Becky and Glen Fraley**, as Glen goes through the process of being placed on the kidney transplant list.

**Hal Crain** is having dialysis 3x a week.

**Leon and Lois Collins**, Wilma Cole's brother and family, for strength with daily issues and Leon is undergoing immunotherapy.

**Lavita Hardison**, Donna Case's sister, is in a nursing home due to a stroke she had last May.

**Ron Cole**, Gary Cole's son, still in pain from 1<sup>st</sup> surgery – 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery is on hold.

**Casey Case, Jr.**, ongoing Oncology treatment.

**Hannah Detlefsen**, daughter of friends of Lisa Butts,

**Dennis Thomas**, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing treatment

**Jordan Willis** deployment for the Navy

**First Responders**

**Military and their families**

**Those traveling**

**Our Mission Work:**

\*Our Preachers in Nicaragua

\*Agape Village

\*Crossover Ministry

\*City of Children

\*Manuelito Children's Home

\*church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund

\*World Christian Broadcasting

## **Temper**

When I have lost my temper, I have lost my reason too,

I'm never proud of anything I angrily do.

When I have talked in anger and my cheeks are flaming red,

I've always uttered something that I wish I had never said.

In anger I have never done a kindly deed or wise,

But many things for which I felt I should apologize.

In looking back across my life and all I have lost or made,

I can't recall a single time when fury ever paid.

So, I struggle to be patient, for I've reached a wiser age;

I do not want to do a thing or speak a word in rage.

I've learned by sad experience that, when my temper flies,

I never do a worthy thing, a decent thing or wise.

*Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

*Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4: 6-7*

## Lights in the World

One of the many ways that Scripture describes the people of God is through the metaphor of light. Paul wrote: "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life..." ([Phil 2:14-16](#)). This passage is grounded in the example of Jesus Christ Himself. Paul had just described the importance of living "worthy of the gospel" and "standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents" (1:27-28). He then points out that if they have any sense of encouragement, comfort, fellowship, or affection and sympathy, they needed to be of one mind, having the same love, and being of one accord (2:1-2). How would they be able to achieve this? In a nutshell, through humility, and that humility could be reached by following the mind of Christ: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus..." (v. 3-5).

Christ, who is God, did not seize upon His godhood when He left heaven to come to earth. Rather, He emptied Himself by going to the cross. This was indeed the humility of our Lord. He esteemed others as better, more important than His own life. Paul's point is that if Jesus, God manifested in the flesh, could treat others this way, then how much more ought we, who have no claims to being divine, shed our pride and treat others as more important?

Paul then speaks to the glorification of Christ once again; noting that every knee would bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to God's own glory. We do desire to confess this truth, both with our lips and with our lives.

If we are to confess the Lordship of Jesus by the way we live, then the next section helps us understand how we do so. Paul writes, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (vv. 12-13). As we serve the Lord, we are committed to the very end, willing to be vessels through which God works according to His will.

That brings us back to our beginning passage above. As God works through us, this will be seen in the way we act in this world. We will not be grumblers and complainers. We will seek to be holy in a world that is badly crooked and twisted. We will seek to shine as lights and hold fast God's message both for ourselves and others.

Being lights in the world results from following the example of Jesus and walking in His light (1John 1:7). Yet back up a bit and remember the first words that God speaks in Genesis: "Let there be light" (1:3). That sets the stage for God's redemptive scenery. By the time we get to the end of Scripture, we find that God is the light in heaven ([Rev. 22:5](#)). Light bookends all of Scripture, with God Himself being the source. This is no surprise, since God "dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see" ([1 Tim 6:16](#)). God is Light!

Now focus for a moment on the fact that Jesus, as the living Word of God communicating God's perfect plan for redemption, came into this world as light. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" ([John 8:12](#)). "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" ([John 1:4-5](#)).

It is in this light that Christians are called upon to be lights in this world. We are imitating the ultimate Light, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose image we are reborn. This, then, is our task:

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ([Matt 5:14-16](#)).

May God help us to be what He has called on us to be, "for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" ([Eph 5:8](#)).