

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.

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round, or listened to rain slapping the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight, or gazed at the sun fading into the night? You better slow down, don't dance so fast, time is short, the music won't last. Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask, "How are you?" Do you hear the reply? When the day is done, do you lie in your bed, with the next hundred chores running through your head? You better slow down, don't dance so fast, time is short, the music won't last. Ever told your child, "We'll do it tomorrow", and in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch, let a friendship die, 'cause you never had time to call and say hi? You better slow down, don't dance so fast, time is short, the music won't last. When you run so fast to get somewhere, you miss half the fun of getting there. When you worry and hurry through your day, it's like an unopened gift thrown away. Life isn't a race, so take it slower, hear the music, before your song is over.

Written by David L. Weatherford

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. NIV

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February 25, 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 February:

Communion Prep. and Greeter:

Shirley Garretson

Men Leading Services for February 25th:

WELCOME /CALL TO WORSHIP: Gary Curtis

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Frank Baldwin

Herminio Gutierrez, Brandon Hodgson, Garth Radcliff

SCRIPTURE READING: Brandon Hodgson

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Craig Case

ALTERNATES: Rich Rhoads, Richard Bullough, Gary Rice,
Ciofas Case

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Wednesday, February 28th, Bible Bowl

Upcoming Events!

Feb. 28th – Bible Bowl / Esther 7&8

March 5th – Men's Business Meeting

March 10th – Lemoore Ladies Day

March 11th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13th – Ladies Birthday Luncheon

March 18th – Birthday Fellowship

March 24th – Ladies Brunch and study on Roman
Culture, part 3, at Linda Atkinson's home

June 16th – 23rd: YBC with Modesto church of Christ

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. Also, for anyone who is interested in hosting future lunches, a signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

Bible Bowl Wednesday Evening – February 28th during adult Bible class, we will test our study skills with a quiz on Esther 7&8. Hopefully everyone can be there for an evening of worship.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15

Lemoore Ladies Day - Spring is on it's way, the trees and flowers are starting to bloom, it is a joyous time here in our Lord's creation! This renewing time of year is a wonderful time here in Lemoore as we host our annual Ladies Day. We are planning a joyful day of worship, prayer, fellowship, a delicious breakfast, and Spiritual growth on March 10th. All ladies please join us, as we welcome many ladies from surrounding congregations. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for more information.

Ladies light Brunch, all ladies are invited on Saturday, February 24th from 10:00 a.m. till Noon, to Linda Atkinson's home for a lovely time of fellowship, food, and a lesson on The Roman Culture. In continuing with the series that we started at Marjory Cooper's home in November, the focus of the topic will be the five Caesars of the Roman Empire during the time of the New Testament - Augustus to Nero. We hope you can join us Saturday. Part three of the series will be on March 24th at Linda's house. More information will follow.

The Men's Business Meeting will take place on Monday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. All men are encouraged to attend and participate in discussion of the business matters of our congregation. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and business will follow.

Ladies Birthday Luncheon: The ladies will celebrate birthdays for the month of March with a luncheon at China Inn, in Lemoore on the corner of Larish and Lemoore Ave. Ladies, please meet at the restaurant at 11:30 on Tuesday, March 13th. If you plan to attend, please let Wilma Cole know.

Care Package, we would like to send a care package to Jordan Willis. He has been back East for training before his deployment with the Navy to Africa. He has now provided us with his address in Africa and it will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. He welcomes cards and letters from our brothers and sisters in Lemoore, as he misses everyone. If you would like to contribute any items for the package, check with Lynda Martyn about dates and details please.

2 Chronicles 19:9

He gave them these orders: "You must serve faithfully and wholeheartedly in the fear of the LORD.

Prayer List

The Family of Chris Allen, Lemoore resident and friend of many congregation members, as he lost his battle with cancer. He was 36 and leaves behind his wife and young son.

Leah Grilioni, as she has suffered with flu symptoms for several weeks.

Gutierrez Family, as several members have been suffering with cold and flu symptoms.

Kerri Hodgson had a medical procedure done and requires further tests.

Amanda, 8 year old daughter of Chelsea Stafford's co-worker has been diagnosed with leukemia. She is tolerating treatment well.

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

Cindy Fuentes, Gary Rice's aunt, is recovering from hip replacement surgery and doing well.

Twila Johnson, Darlene Wilson's daughter has issues with her thyroid.

Marjory Cooper has been struggling with pain in her shoulder and is under doctor's care.

Pat, a friend of Kaye Dodge, recovering from placement of a pacemaker, but continues to struggle with other health issues.

MaryAnn Chamberlain is recovering from foot surgery.

Rhonda Whooten will be going in for a CT Scan.

Scott Worrell, relative of Diane Worrell is scheduled for surgery for an abdominal aneurysm March 6th.

Alexis Martinez, friend of the Baldwin family, is suffering a return of cancer.

Ron Cole, Gary Cole's son, has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. He is under the care of specialists.

Cleta Sisk, Eula Rhoads sister, fell and injured her back. She is under doctor's care.

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

Mike Virden is under the care of a pulmonologist as he undergoes treatment for a serious lung condition. His lung capacity has decreased significantly and he will see a specialist soon to determine when he will be placed on the lung transplant list.

Ginko Reinhart, a friend of Darlene Wilson, is home from the hospital after a long stay. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

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.

Alexis Raygoza, Gutierrez's nephew, as he is in the hospital. He is recovering from a heart infection and also 2 strokes. He is 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. Recent MRI showed tumor had not grown.

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.

Hannah Detlefsen, baby daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, is suffering the effects of major birth defects, including blindness. Her condition has declined recently.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer. He may require additional surgery.

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

Luke 9:11

but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Alex Stafford Emily Standridge Annabelle Oliveira	5 Shirley Garretson Flavio Gutierrez, Jr.	6	7	8	9 Ruth Lacey	10 Ladies Day
11 Daylight Saving Begins Jordan Willis	12 Janice & Randy McCord	13 Theresa Baldwin Ladies Luncheon	14	15 Hannah Hubble Lynda Martyn	16 Paige Case	17 Becky Bullough Grant & Lynda Martyn
18 Raquel Lopez	19 Logan Tischmacher	20 Whitney Broadus	21	22 Kylie McCord	23	24 Ladies Brunch/Linda Atkinson's
25 Rick Worrell	26	27 Julissa-Michelle Lopez	28 Nicole McCord	29	30	31 Braxton Rice
Birthdays Birthdays Fellowship						

By The Grace Of God

There may be no more important Bible topic than that of God's grace. These days a great deal of emphasis is being given to teaching on the grace of God. Unfortunately, most of the emphasis seems to be very narrowly focused. As a result, much of what is being taught on the subject is short-sighted, some of it is outright wrong! What does the word "*grace*" mean? In a nutshell, it speaks of "*favor*." To be in God's grace is to be in His favor. In bestowing His grace, God bestows His favor upon us. What makes God's grace so special is the fact that we do not deserve it. Thus, it is often referred to as God's "*unmerited favor*," indicating that it is unearned and undeserved.

If justice prevailed, God would condemn mankind eternally because of sin. But God created man in His own image (Gen. 1:26-27). He loves man in a special way, enough to give him a second chance, a chance to be forgiven of his sin and to be reconciled to God. A chance for eternal life.

God did this by sacrificing His Son, Jesus Christ on the cross to pay the debt for the guilt of man's sin (Jn. 3:16). Man did not deserve such "*loving kindness*," another expression that defines God's grace. Man did not deserve it, did not have it coming, could not rightfully expect it. But God did it anyway, and *that is God's grace!*

Most discussions on the subject of grace seem to almost exclusively emphasize that it is only by God's grace that we can be saved. That statement is essentially correct (Eph. 2:8-9). The follow up statement usually further emphasizes that we cannot earn salvation by working for it. That statement is also correct (Rom. 4:4).

But, without question, God requires a proper response on our part to His offer of grace. He requires faith: "*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is...*" (Heb. 5:8-9). He requires repentance: "*...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.*" (Lk. 13:3). He requires obedience: "*And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,*" (Heb. 5:8-9). It is through the pivotal act of obedience in being baptized that our sins are forgiven (Acts 22:16), we are saved (Mk. 16:15-16) and we come into Christ (Rom. 6:3).

Without our required response, we should expect God's offer of grace to be taken off the table. The fact that God requires a response to His offer of salvation does not change the fact that it is a gift by grace. It is God who saves us.

Many people do not realize that every aspect of God's plan for man's redemption involves God's grace. The church is not separate from, or in addition to, God's plan for our salvation (Eph. 3:8-11). The doctrinal teachings of the Bible are not separate; they instruct us in the fullness of God's plan (2 Tim. 3:15-17). The list could go on and on. Every blessing from God is a product of His grace.

We must never cheapen, or treat with disrespect, the grace of God (Rom. 6:1). The only way to fully understand God's grace is to study carefully what the Bible teaches on the subject. Let's be about that task...