The Lemoore Caller

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship	
Sunday P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Evening Bible Classes/Devotional	

Elders: Craig Case and Vernon Garretson

Written Sand and Stone

Two friends were walking through the dessert and got into an argument. One friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: Today my best friend slapped me in the face. They kept on walking until they found an oasis. Thirsty, they stopped for water. The one who was slapped got stuck in the mire, fell in, and started drowning. His friend saved him, he wrote in stone: Today my best friend saved my life.

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now you write on a stone, why?" He replied: "When someone hurts us we should write it in sand where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where it will be long remembered. Learn to write your hurts in sand and carve your benefits in stone. Someone observed that it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire lifetime to forget them. 2Corinthians 2:7 Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

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March 5, 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 March:
Communion Prep. & Greeters:
Craig & Donna Case

Men Leading Services for March 5th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Vernon Garretson

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Randy McCord

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Mark Lane Gary Rice, Taylor Radcliff, Garth Radcliff SCRIPTURE READING: Alex Hubble ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Craig Case

ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Richard Bullough,

Craig Standridge, Frank Baldwin P.M. SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

Men to Serve on Wednesday, March 8th:

SONGS: Gary Curtis SPEAKER: Frank Baldwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER: Richard Bullough

Upcoming Events!

March 5th, evening – Norman Atchison from Manuelito Children's Home will give a progress report

March 19th – Birthday Fellowship – Theme: Potluck

March 29th – Caruthers to host 5th Wednesday singing.

April 2nd – Valley Christian Home Worship

April 7th & 8th – Yard Sale at Valley Christian Home

April 28th – Lemoore Hosts Area Wide Singing

June 17th – 24th – YBC Summer Camp with Modesto

Genesis 18:19

For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

<u>Hannah Detlefsen Fund</u> – The family has incurred a great expense in traveling and lodging to meet with the doctors Hannah needs. If you would like to help, please see Lisa Butts for the account information to contribute.

Ladies Day 2017 - Our many thanks go out to all the brothers and sisters who worked together to make the Ladies Day, yesterday such a joyous event. Most of all, thanks to our Lord for blessing us with the opportunity to host the day. More than 80 ladies from 11 different congregations attended, inspiring messages were heard from the guest speakers and the breakfast was delicious; (thank you men!) Thank you to Becky Bullough for planning and organizing and thanks to all the ladies that participated in the program. We are truly blessed.

Yard Sale at Valley Christian Home: The Ladies Auxiliary is planning this bi-annual fund raising event for Aril 7th and 8th. The home's administrator has requested that donated items NOT be left outside the building, as it attracts trespassers. Anyone who has items to be donated may call Gary Cole at 559-381-5383 and arrangements will be made to accept the items. Donations may also be left at the Lemoore church of Christ building and will be taken to the home. Furniture, TVs, appliances, and any other large items cannot be accepted until the day before the sale, as there is no storage room available. Thank you for your participation in this event.

Have Any Plans for the Summer? How about Yosemite Bible Camp? This year, Modesto Area church of Christ has invited Lemoore to attend YBC while they are there. The dates will be June 17th through June 24th. The campers range in age from 8 to 18 and the cost is \$100 per camper. Adult volunteers are also needed and their lodging and meals will cost \$55 for the week. Registration forms will be available soon. Please see Lynda Martyn if you have any questions.

Just think,
you're here not by chance,
but by God's choosing.
His hand formed you
and made you the person you are.
He compares you to no one elseyou are one of a kind.
You lack nothing
that His grace can't give you.
He has allowed you to be here
at this time in history
to fulfill His special purpose
for this generation.
Roy Lessin

Prayer List

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

Chris Lane, Mark Lane's brother, had numerous medical tests after experiencing a mini stroke. He has been prescribed a new medication.

Summer Greer, 5 year critically injured in an auto accident. Summer has suffered major head trauma and is in the hospital, but may be going home soon. Denise Roberts, daughter of Marjorie and Red Cooper, has had melanoma removal surgery and will follow up with doctors.

<u>Mike Virden</u> has been in the hospital due to a ruptured disc in his back.

Wes Cole and his wife Lorene, Gary Cole's brother and sister-in-law, have both gone to live in an assisted living/rehab facility while recuperating from medical conditions.

<u>Richard Cole</u>, Gary Cole's brother, is now living in an assisted living facility.

Sandy Curtis - concerns regarding chest pain.

<u>Mark Stevens</u>, Jack Otto's son-in-law is in the hospital, battling alcoholism.

<u>Diane, Jazelle Gutierrez' grandmother,</u> has been ill and in the hospital. She has been diagnosed with Stage III Lung Cancer.

<u>Dustin Neibors</u>, a friend of Mark Lane, as he is experiencing marital problems.

<u>Vernon Garretson</u>, consulting with a cardiologist for medical tests.

<u>Douglas Dorn</u>, a relative of the Cole family will be moving soon to a long-term care facility after having been in the hospital. Hopefully a facility will be available near his family in Blacksburg, VA.

<u>Doug Standridge</u>, in ICU, recovering from emergency surgery. He is improving.

<u>Jan Rodriguez</u>, Mark Lane's sister, is living with Mark and Donna, while recovering from a fall.

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

<u>Lucile Chamberlain</u> continues to live at Fig Garden 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 was air lifted to the hospital because of pre-term labor. She did however deliver a healthy baby boy 6 weeks early.

Mother and baby are both doing well. She is still in need of prayer because of severe difficulties in her life. Thank you for all your prayers.

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.

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

Richard Bullough – will follow up with doctors

March 8th, for more medical tests before scheduling kidney surgery.

<u>Alana</u>, Jack Otto's granddaughter – Please pray that she will make better choices in life.

<u>Johnny Goodson</u>, Mark Lane's cousin is recovering from surgery.

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<u>Emmitt Walker</u>, Aguirre's great –grandson, who is less than 8 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.

<u>Casey Case, Jr.</u>, 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.

<u>Beverly Rice</u>, aunt of Donna Lane, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She is not doing well.

<u>Cold and Flu Season</u>, many people struggle with the effects of these illnesses this time of year, including several from our congregation.

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

Blessed Assurance?

Christians love to sing, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood."

Doubt cannot and will not remain in the heart of one who has deep and abiding faith in God. One cannot be assured that he pleases God without acts of faith that come from hearing and acting upon God's Word (Heb. I I:6; Rom. I0:17). When one places his confidence in God who is able to sustain us in the darkest of hours, he has "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding" and which shall keep our hearts and minds calm "through Christ Jesus"

(Phil. 4:7). This is indeed a "foretaste of glory divine!" But one cannot be an heir of salvation and purchase of God until they have reached the cleansing blood by having been baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4). In baptism one is "born of water and the Spirit" and enters into the church of Christ, the kingdom of God (Jn. 3:3-5). It is by one Spirit's teaching that we all enter by baptism into the one body, the church (I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22; 4:4). What is involved in this "blessed assurance?"

- 1. THERE IS THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION! No one should look toward eternal salvation with their fingers crossed! No doubt should be allowed in the Christian's heart about their eternal welfare. We can know the truth (Jn. 8:32), and we can know "that we have eternal life" in the world to come (I Jn. 2:25; 5:13).
- 2. WE CAN HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS! Forgiveness is a bookkeeping term meaning to remove or cancel a debt. In Christ, forgiveness is promised by God with the remission of sins and new life in Christ (Acts 2:38). After we become Christians, it is possible that we may fall back into sin. But continued assurance of forgiveness comes when we confess our sins to our Father and turn from those sins (I Jn. I:7-9).
- 3. THERE IS ALSO ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER IN OUR LIVES! Paul said, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8:31). God directs His children through His Word. He is by His providence "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with swelling thereof" (Psa. 46:1-3). Christians have the sustaining promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). If you are not a Christian, why not obey today, and take this "Blessed Assurance" for yourself. Replace your doubt with faith!

(Rom. I0:17). So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.