

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 Safest Place

Have you heard the news? If you want to greatly increase your chance for a long life, you will be interested in the following statistics:

1. Do not ride in an automobile or get in the way of one. They cause 20 percent of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay at home. Seventeen percent of all accidents happen in the home.
3. Do not walk around on the street. Fourteen percent of all accidents happen to pedestrians.
4. Do not travel by air, rail, or water. Six percent of all accidents are the result of this type of traveling.
5. Only .0001 percent of all deaths occur at worship, and these are related to previous physical disorders, such as heart attacks. So, obviously, the safest place in this world is at worship! Be on the safe side; be at church services every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday evening. It might save your life, to say nothing about your soul!

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." PSALM 29:2

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March 12, 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 12th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Mark Lane

Gary Curtis, Herminio Gutierrez, Brandon Hodgson

SCRIPTURE READING: Garth Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Gary Rice

ALTERNATES: Craig Standridge, Craig Case,

Richard Bullough, Randy McCord

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Men to Serve on Wednesday, March 15th:

SONGS: Vernon Garretson

SPEAKER: Randy McCord

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER: Craig Case

Upcoming Events!

March 13th – Men's Business Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

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

Men's Business Meeting – Calling all men! Your participation is needed. Please join us for the monthly meeting on Monday, March 13th at 6:00p.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall to discuss important matters that affect the congregation. Dinner will be served.

Hannah Detlefsen Fund – The family has incurred a great expense in traveling and lodging, as well as not being able to work, to meet with the doctors Hannah needs. If you would like to help, please see Lisa Butts for the account information to contribute.

Welcome to Daylight Savings Time!

Yard Sale at Valley Christian Home: The Ladies Auxiliary is planning this bi-annual fund raising event for April 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.

5th Wednesday Singing: Please join us as we travel to Caruthers church of Christ building on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. We will worship together in song and prayer and fellowship. We will meet in the parking lot here at 6:15 to car pool, if anyone is in need of a ride to Caruthers.

Be United, Not Divided

Why, O Lord, is there much division
Within the body of Christ?
For we have become sisters and brothers,
So why is there so much strife?

It seems to me there's much debating,
Arguing to and fro,
The Bible implores us to be united
And the love of God to show

But more than often we fight each other
When we feel that we are right,
Arguing and debating biblical truth
Does nothing to honor Christ

We must gird ourselves with God's compassion
And see others as He does
If we would only pray for each other,
There'll only be room for God's love.

Prayer List

Vernon Garretson; results of an angiogram concluded a double bypass is needed. Vernon remains in the hospital, anticipating surgery for Monday.

Richard Bullough – scheduled for kidney surgery April 14th.

Lora Virden is scheduled for an angiogram/stent placement on March 17th.

Kaye Dodge has been home with symptoms of a cold for several days.

Doug Standridge- continuing to improve while recovering from surgery and looking forward to being released from the hospital.

Lucile Chamberlain injured her arm in a fall, but no fractures were discovered. Lucile has moved to Somerford Place of Fresno.

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

Ryan, a friend of Stephanie Tischmacher has been diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disorder that has paralyzed him.

Connie, a friend of Garretson's from Victory Road in Nevada, is in ICU.

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

Denise Roberts, daughter of Marjorie and Red Cooper, has had melanoma removal surgery and will follow up with doctors.

Sandy Curtis - concerns regarding chest pain.

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

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

Dustin Neibors, a friend of Mark Lane, as he is experiencing marital problems.

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

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

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

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

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.

Dorma Atkinson- under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's and struggles with blood pressure issues.

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

Johnny Goodson, Mark Lane's cousin is recovering from surgery.

Emmitt Walker, Aguirre's baby great –grandson, 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 and has shown great improvement.

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

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

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deuteronomy 7:9 KJV

Raise My Ebenezer

It is very important that we think about what we sing in our worship to God if we want to be pleasing to Him. God commanded singing as worship, and not entertainment. Paul taught, Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16). Since the songs we sing should teach and admonish, we risk vain worship if we sing words that are in conflict with scripture.

The phrase, Here I raise my Ebenezer, is the beginning of the second verse of the familiar hymn, O Thou Fount of Every Blessing. This hymn, written by Robert Robinson in 1758, stresses the joy of Christianity and the Christian's need to rely on the Lord. Robinson chose the phrase, *Here I raise my Ebenezer*, from 1 Samuel 7:12, because it reminds God's people how He delivered Israel from danger.

Chapters 4 through 7 of 1 Samuel describe a series of battles between the Israelites and the Philistines. In an attempt to defeat the Philistines, the Israelites took the ark of the covenant into battle as a sort of good luck charm. To their anguish, however, the Philistines captured the ark and took it back to their pagan temple. God then sent plagues upon the Philistines and caused the idol of their god Dagon to fall over on its face. Fearing God, the Philistines sent the ark back to the Israelites, but continued to fight. As they fought more battles, the prophet Samuel led the Israelites as their last judge. As prophet and judge, Samuel offered sacrifices to God, so that when the Philistines approached, God thundered with a great thunder (1 Samuel 7:10). In the confusion that followed, the Israelites soundly defeated the Philistines.

As a reminder of the great victory God gave to Israel, Samuel took a great stone and raised it as a memorial between Mizpeh and Shen. As he raised it he called the name of it Ebenezer [or stone of help], saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us (1 Samuel 7:12). Whenever the Israelites looked at the stone, they would remember how God had helped them. Unfortunately, the exact site of the stone is unknown today.

When we sing, *Here I raise my Ebenezer*, we are poetically quoting Samuel, who raised the Ebenezer stone to remind the Israelites of God's help for them in their time of trouble. The words fit well with the sentiment expressed in the hymn: O Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me ever to adore Thee, May I still Thy goodness prove, While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home. The words of the hymn remind us that God is truly the fount of every blessing, Who deserves our worship and our praise. Although the words, Here I raise my Ebenezer sound obscure to us, they do express the sincere attitude of gratitude we should have to God Who is our help in time of trouble.