

# The Lemoore Caller

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## Schedule of Services

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| 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

## **I Am a Christian**

When I say that "I am a Christian," I am not shouting that "I am clean living." I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride." I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon his name.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow.

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April 2, 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 April:

Communion Prep.: Joyce & Gary Curtis

Greeters: Kaye Dodge & Whitney Broadus

## Men Leading Services for April 2nd:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Randy McCord

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Frank Baldwin

Craig Case, Clofas Case, Garth Radcliff

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Rice

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Gary Curtis

ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Richard Bullough,

Craig Standridge

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

## Men to Lead Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:

Songs: Gary Cole

Speaker: Richard Bullough

Announcements/Prayer: Randy McCord

## Upcoming Events!

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Valley Christian Home Worship

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Lunch & Egg Hunt

April 11 – Ladies Birthday Luncheon – Rice Bowl

April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Yard Sale at Valley Christian Home

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Birthday Fellowship

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Lemoore Hosts Area Wide Singing

May 6<sup>th</sup> – FYBC Annual Golf Tournament

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Lemoore to host 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing.

June 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – YBC Summer Camp with Modesto

Annual Lunch and Egg Hunt: Mark your calendar, this year we will meet after morning worship on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

A potluck style lunch will be the menu with dessert provided. The egg hunt will be immediately after.

Plastic eggs and small wrapped candies are needed by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are able to donate any of these items, please see Denise Dean.

Valley Christian Home Worship - We will be hosting worship service this afternoon at 2:30 at Valley Christian Home. Please join us to worship our Lord, as Gary Rice will be bringing the message today. We will also visit each resident before the service to invite them to worship with us and to share a delicious treat with them; muffins that have been so generously prepared. If you would like to participate in the pre-worship activities, please meet in the activity room of the home at 1:30. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yard Sale at Valley Christian Home Rescheduled: The Ladies Auxiliary has rescheduled this bi-annual fund raising event for April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The home's administrator has requested that donated items NOT be left outside the building, as it attracts trespassers. However, items of all kinds are greatly needed. Clothing for men, women and children in all sizes and styles are needed, as well as shoes and accessories. Furniture and other household items are needed; dishes, utensils, cookware, towels, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, decorative items and collectables, (clean and in good repair). 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 17<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>. The campers range in age from 8 to 18 and the cost is \$100 per camper, if registered by June 1<sup>st</sup>. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee will be more. Registration forms will be available online beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>, or see Lynda Martyn if you would like a paper copy. Adult volunteers are also needed and their lodging and meals will cost \$55 for the week.

FYBC Annual Golf Tournament: May 6<sup>th</sup> is the date set for this annual fund raising event to take place at Riverside Golf Course in Fresno. There will be a shot gun start at 1:00 p.m., lunch and registration will be at Noon. Golfers and Door Prizes are needed. If you would like to golf in the tournament or would like to donate items for door prizes, please get in touch with Denise Dean or Lynda Martyn.

FYBC Tree Removal Program: If you are interested in being a sponsor for the program, please make arrangements with Lynda Martyn to have the money sent to the camp.

## Prayer List

Vernon Garretson; recovering after having a double bypass surgery. He is home from the hospital and improving.

Richard Bullough – scheduled for kidney surgery April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Craig Case – good report from doctor regarding angiogram.

Doug Standridge- continuing to improve while recovering from surgery, although had some complications and had to return to the hospital. He is home now.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile has moved to Somerford Place of Fresno.

Edyth Hill, member of Caruthers church of Christ, recovering and doing well after complicated eye surgery.

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.

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.

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, 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 has been fitted with a prosthetic leg and is adjusting well.

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.

Emmitt Walker, Aguirre's baby great –grandson, is battling Cystic Fibrosis, as well as other health conditions. He has already had multiple surgeries as part of his treatment. He is doing well currently.

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.

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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

### *Trust in the Lord*

*The wind's not always at our back,  
The sky is not always blue.  
Sometimes we crave the things we lack,  
And don't know what to do.*

*Sometimes life's an uphill ride,  
With mountains we must climb.  
At times the river's deep and wide,  
And crossing takes some time.*

*No one said that life is easy,  
There are no guarantees.  
So Trust in the Lord continually,  
On calm or stormy seas.*

*The challenges we face today,  
Prepares us for tomorrow.  
For faith takes our fears away,  
And peace replaces sorrow.*

## Don't Stress

Stress in the Life of Christ Jesus knows all about stress. He was, "In all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Luke records that as He prayed in the Garden, "His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). Perhaps the busiest day in the life of Christ is recorded in Mark 5. Everybody seemed to want something from Jesus that day: He was worshiped (v.6), begged (v.10, 12, 17, 18, 23), thronged (v.24, 31), touched (v.28, 30, 31) and finally ridiculed (v.40). Stress is a natural and often unavoidable part of living in a demanding world, but stress brings peculiar temptations to our lives. First, it can weaken one's resolve to do what is right. Second, stress can encourage poor attitudes: anger, irritation, complaint, discouragement and a sense of futility are often companions of acute or prolonged stress. Third, stress can contribute to irrational thinking, unreasonable conclusions, and forgotten priorities. Certainly, stress seems to be one of the devil's devices to tempt us to sin (2 Cor. 2:11). Since periods of stress (sometimes prolonged) are inevitable, even for the Son of God, it is important to note what Jesus did to deal with it in His own life. Consider: Jesus took time to be alone with God – Early in the book of Mark, Jesus arose early in the morning and went to a private place to pray (Mark 1:35). On another occasion, He went up on a mountain alone (Mark 6:46). In the Garden of Gethsemane, the Lord intentionally prayed alone, a few yards removed from His closest friends (Mark 14:35). How telling that the Son of God repeatedly took time to be quietly alone with God! Jesus made prayer a priority – Christians are commanded to cast all their cares upon God (1 Pet. 5:7). We are promised that if we pray about everything then the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6-7). Jesus conquered the temptations presented by stress in fervent prayer to God (Luke 18:1; cf. James 5:16). Jesus identified Himself as a Servant – He declared, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45). Jesus had the power to choose His attitudes toward others in part because He had properly identified His purpose on earth. When the world seems demanding, it is essential that God's people remember that we are to be servants, just like our Master (John 13:15; Gal. 5:13). Jesus rested, and counseled others to rest – When the demands of ministry had begun to overwhelm the disciples, Jesus said, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Stress often increases when too little attention is given to one's physical needs (1 Tim. 4:8; cf. 1 Kings 19:5-8). Christians are certainly stewards of the Gospel, but we are to be good stewards of our physical bodies, too (Matt. 25:14-30). Jesus waited on God – There are times when stress-inducing circumstances cannot be removed. Obligations and responsibilities are sometimes ours whether we choose them or not. In such circumstances, it is important to note that Jesus always chose to do the right thing and to wait on God for deliverance: "Not what I will, but what You will" (Mark 14:36). How thought-provoking to consider that when the "pressure cooker" of life is most intense, God may be doing His greatest work in us (cf. James 1:2-4). Thank God for Jesus Christ, who shows us how to properly deal with the pressures and stresses of life! -