

# 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.m.

## **Do We Need a New Gospel For the New Age?**

There have been more changes in our lifetime than in any other period in the history of the world -- changes in travel, communications, medical science, education, etc.

Our present world is dreaming and planning for a more modern age. The world will continue to change with a more rapid pace. But does this mean we need a new gospel for the new age? Many modernists think so. They think the Bible, as it is, is not adapted to man as he is.

Can we take the inspired writer, Jude, seriously when he says, "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints?" Yes! Man has not changed. We live in a changing world, but man remains basically the same. His needs and desires are the same. He is still flesh and spirit. His body still needs water, food, air, and sunshine. We are still dying spiritually because of our sin (Romans 6:23) and the only power to save our soul is the gospel (Romans 1:16; James 1:21).

Man is still struggling with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life (1 John 2:15-17). No man in this modern age is tempted any more or less than men were in the first century. Man's adversary, the devil, has not changed; he still walks about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Satan still works today, as he always has, through agents who appear as servants of God. The Bible says, *And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve* (2 Cor. 11:14-15).

The message that "we need a new gospel for the new age" is from Satan and not from God. The simple gospel of Christ met every need in the first century and it will meet man's every need as long as the world stands.

***All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17).***

Roy Dunavin - West-Ark Church of Christ, Fort Smith, AR  
Bulletin Article, 6 July 1997

# Lemoore Church of Christ

April 28, 2019

You have already done men to  
serve – you need Wednesday  
night.

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## Services:

Today: 9:30 Bible Classes  
10:30 Morning Worship  
5:00 Evening Worship  
Wed. 7:00 Bible classes

## Servants for April/May

**Greeter:** Whitney Broadus

**Communion Prep** Garth and Tiffany Radcliff

**May Greeter/Prep:** Garrett and Lynda Sander

## Men Leading Services for April 28:

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Frank Baldwin

**Song Leader:** Gary Curtis

**Opening Prayer:** Randy McCord

**Prayer List:** Gary Cole

**Lord's Table: LEAD:** Garth Radcliff  
David Sander  
Rich Rhoads  
Herminio Gutierrez

**Scripture Reading:** Craig Case

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Gary Rice

**Alternates:** Clofas Case, Brandon Hodgson,  
Richard Bullough

**P.M. Song Leader:** Gary Curtis

## Wednesday Night: May 1

**Songs:** Taylor Radcliff

**Speaker:** Randy McCord

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Gary Cole



## Upcoming Events:

<b>April 28</b>	Birthday Fellowship
<b>May 5</b>	Rick McWharter speaks in evening
<b>May 13</b>	Men's Business meeting
<b>May 19</b>	Birthday Fellowship
<b>May 27</b>	Memorial Day BBQ at YBC
<b>May 29</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing



## Birthday Fellowship:

Comfort Food is the theme for tonight's birthday Fellowship. Lisa Butts will be our hostess.



## FYBC News

There are only 7 items left for our Memorial Day Basket. The theme is "Tea Party". These items are on cards on the bulletin board. Please take the card of the item you wish to donate and bring it by Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Memorial Day BBQ

The annual Memorial Day BBQ, sponsored by the YBC board, will be held on Monday, May 27. Garrett Sander will be the guest speaker that day. As always – pies are need for the live auction. It is a wonderful weekend and camp is free to stay for the weekend. If you would like to reserve a room – please see Gary Rice for more information.



## Guest Speaker

Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Rick McWharter will be speaking on Sunday Evening. He will be telling us about the work in Ghana.



## Singing

Lemoore will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday singing on May 29<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming.

*I have come as a light to shine in  
this dark world, so that all who put  
their trust in me will no longer  
remain in the dark.*

*John 12:46*



## Prayer List

**June England, wife of YBC caretaker,** fell and broke her wrist. PT has not been going well.

**Twila Johnson** Seeing specialist about Lupus  
**Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair,** taken to hospital for bleeding in stomach – has 3 masses.

**Cynthia Hagerty** has pneumonia

**Cindy Fuentes** had hip surgery last Tuesday.

**Richard Bullough** will be consulting a specialist in San Francisco regarding surgery.

**Whitney Broaddus** is feeling much better following her cardioversion

**Brenda Talbert, mother of Donna Boyd from FYBC,** has been diagnosed with a glioblastoma. Even with treatment, the family will cherish your prayers over the next 9 months.

**Craig Case** for strength

**Sandy Curtis** is home

**Doug Standridge** is home

**Frances Aguirre** recovering from surgery and her back surgery is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mike Virden** is home in Lemoore but will be going to SF for checkup and biopsy.

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

**Jack Otto's daughter, Robin,** recovering from back surgery and walking without pain

**Becky and Glen Fraley,** Glen has been placed on 2 transplant lists. He has been in the hospital with pneumonia.

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

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

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

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

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

**Jordan Willis** deployment for the Navy and, if all goes as planned, will be stateside in about a week.

**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

**Tahoe Family Encampment will be held  
July 20 -26 At the Tahoe Valley  
Campground. The theme is "Standing  
on the Promises". Below is a list of  
preliminary speakers and topics:**

Kerry Williams

"The Promise of Victory"

Keith Parker

"Standing on the Promises"

Jeff Jenkins

"The Promise of Becoming Like Christ"

David Hester

"The Promise of Fellowship"

Ralph Gilmore

"The Promise of Answered Prayers"

Truitt Adair

"The Promise to Have a Healthy Family"

Hi Jones

"The Promise to Reach the Lost"

Doug Burleson

"The Promise to Never Leave Us"

Wesley Walker

"The Promise of Heaven"

Joe Wells

"The Promise of Forgiveness"

Bob Turner

"The Promise of Spiritual Maturity"

Chris Swinford

"The Promise of Perfect Peace"

*"No temptation has overtaken you  
except such as is common to man;  
but God is faithful who will not  
allow you to be tempted beyond  
what you are able but with the  
temptation will also make the way  
of escape, that you may be able to  
bear it"*

*1 Corinthians 10:13*

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Allison Baldwin	2	3	4 Jeff McCord Matthew & Jennifer Rhoads
5 Guest Speaker: Rick McWharther	6 Edna Rice	7 Darlene Wilson	8	9 Frances Aguirre Martin Gutierrez	10 Matthew Rhoads	11
12 Mother's Day Shannyn Martyn	13 Emily Baldwin	14 Craig & Donna Case	15 John Hodgson	16 Diane & Rick Worrell	17	18 Taylor Radcliff
19	20 Men's Business Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
Birthday Fellowship						
26	27 Memorial Day Annual BBQ at YBC	28 Irene Aguirre	29 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing-Lemoore Hosting	30	31	

## Cephas to His Friends

Have you ever wondered why the apostles often seemed to have more than one name? Let's take the apostle Peter, for example. He is sometimes in the Bible called Peter; he is sometimes called Simon; and he is sometimes called Cephas. All three names are used to refer to the same man, sometimes in close proximity to each other. For instance, in the book of Galatians, Paul refers to Peter, as Peter in [Galatians 2:7, 8](#). But he calls him Cephas in [Galatians 1:13](#), and [Galatians 2:11, 14](#). This is not the only time Paul calls Peter, Cephas. He does so as well in [1 Corinthians 1:12, 3:22, 9:5](#) and [15:5](#). Why the different name?

And why is Peter called Simon in so many other places? In approximately 69 places in the New Testament, in the four Gospels and in Acts, the name Simon is used to identify Peter. (cf. [Acts 11:13](#), etc.)

Peter is the name most often used (well over a hundred times) and is the name used by the apostle himself when penning his own epistles (cf. [1 Peter 1:1](#)) though in his second epistle, he identifies himself as Simon Peter, or Simeon Peter, depending on the spelling. ([2 Peter 1:1](#))

The answer has to do with languages, and perhaps something to do with the reason why God chose the period of time He did for the birth of the church and the initial preaching of the Gospel.

We are told that in many synagogues in Palestine, in the first century, Jewish children were taught to read, write and speak in at least three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. It was also common for Jews to have names for each of these languages. In Peter's case, Simon was his given Hebrew name, the name he grew up with. In [John 1:42](#), when Simon meets Jesus, Jesus gives him a new nick-name: Cephas. Cephas is Aramaic for rock. The Greek equivalent to Cephas is Peter, which also means stone, or rock.

Paul, writing to the Galatians in the Greek language, naturally used the name Peter in some places. This was the name most of the Greek-speaking church would have known him by. However, in private conversation, with his friends, Peter, who was a native Aramaic speaker, most likely called himself Cephas. Thus Paul, when thinking about his close friend and brother, often thought of him as Cephas, the name by which he knew him best.

Though we often think of the apostles as "uneducated," we should recognize that they were each multi-lingual individuals who could read and write fluently in several languages. This practiced ability was further supplemented by the miraculous gift of tongues which allowed them to preach and teach to a wide variety of individuals in that own individual's native language. (cf. [Acts 2:7-11](#))

It was God's plan for His apostles to take the Gospel to the world, and the world all spoke different languages. It was thus necessary for the apostles to each be able to communicate effectively to a wide swath of people. When the apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews," and "to those outside the law I became as one outside the law... that I might win those outside the law," we should not overlook the lingual aspects of this approach. (cf. [1 Corinthians 9:19-21](#))

God wanted the Gospel presented to people where they were, in the place where they lived, in the language they were accustomed to speaking. This is why the books of the New Testament were so quickly translated into other languages soon after they were written, including Coptic and Latin. It was so that men could have the message taken to them in their own language.

This was God's plan, and it is reflected in the Lord's grand commission, commanding us to, "Go to all the world ([Matthew 28:19](#))."

One wonders how often modern Christians would prefer for the world to come to us? If we meet a non-believer who is also not a native English speaker, would we prefer that they first learn English before we convert them, or are we willing to put forth the effort to learn their tongue so as to better teach them? Do we prefer potential converts to walk into the doors of our buildings, or are we willing to go out and meet them where they are? These are important questions to consider.

As we consider such questions, we might keep in mind the Apostle who was willing to address his epistles, in Greek, as Peter, even though to his friends, he normally went by Cephas.