

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.

Cheerfulness is Contagious

Have you ever noticed how folks who are cheerful and have a cheerful countenance, usually influence the people they come in contact with to be cheerful as well? After all, cheerfulness is contagious! Folks who are able to accept things as they are and are always able to see their blessings in the darkest hours, are people of good cheer.

If you think about it, what else can you do in the face of things that cannot be altered? If we count our many blessings from our Heavenly Father, we will realize that they will always outweigh the tragedies and disappointments of life (James 1:17).

A positive, cheerful outlook on life is critical to being a true disciple. There is entirely too much defeatism in the world today without Christians contributing to it. Realize that we are children of God, and as such, are to be conquerors (Romans 8:37).

Let's think positively! Let's talk positively around our brethren, it can be done. Do you deny that cheerfulness is contagious? Let's act positively by picking ourselves up when we fall, and trying again. Let's never resign ourselves to failure. Our blessed King has "overcome the world", and we can as well (1 John 5:4).

The apostle Paul tells us to, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). But we are not able to rejoice, if we do not see the reasons for rejoicing. And, if we do not see those reasons, we will not have the right kind of fellowship with God.

Because we are blessed so abundantly in Christ, let's be of good cheer, and when we see our brethren discouraged and troubled, let's lift up their hands and strengthen them as best we can.

Remember, **Cheerfulness Is Contagious!**

If we here at the Centerville Church of Christ can be of any spiritual assistance to you, please let us know.

God Bless

Lemoore Church of Christ

May 5, 2019

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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 May

Greeter/Comm. Prep: Garrett & Lynda Sander

Men Leading Services for May 5:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Gary Curtis

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Richard Bullough

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Gary Rice
David Sander
Rich Rhoads
Craig Case

Scripture Reading: Brandon Hodgson

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Alternates: Clofas Case, Herminio Gutierrez,
Taylor Radcliff, David Sander, Randy McCord

P.M. Song Leader: David Sander

Wednesday Night: May 8

Songs: Garth Radcliff

Speaker: Richard Bullough

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Randy McCord



Upcoming Events:

May 5 Rick McWharter speaks tonight
May 6-10 Ignite workshop on Facebook
May 13 Men's Business meeting
May 18 Hughson Ladies Day
May 27 Memorial Day BBQ at YBC
May 29 5th Wednesday Singing
June 2 Valley Christian Home
June 15-22 Modesto YBC
June 23 Birthday Fellowship
June 29-July 6 West Visalia YBC
July 6-13 Madera YBC



Guest Speaker

Tonight, Rick McWharter will be speaking about the work in Ghana.



Birthday Fellowship:

The next birthday fellowship will be held on June 23rd. May and June birthdays will celebrate at that time. There will be a picnic. The coles will be hosing.



FYBC News

Each chapter from FYBC has been asked to bring 3 pies for the silent auction. We have 2 already but are in need of a 3rd homemade pie. If you can help please see Denise.

All of the items for our Tea Basket have been claimed. Thank you so much – Lemoore always comes through for YBC. If you have not brought your item for the basket – please bring by Sunday May 19th.



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. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and camp is free to stay for the weekend. If you would like to reserve a room – please see Gary Rice for more information.



Ladies Day

Ladies Day in Hughson will be held on May 18th. Registration is at 9:30, Program at 10:00 and will be followed by lunch. See the bulletin board for RSVP information.



Teaching America Workshop

Each evening this week at 4:00 and 5:00 there will be a virtual Christian Workshop held on Facebook. It can be found on the Teaching America page. You can find it in the search window and look for picture above.



Singing

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



Teacher Needed:

A teacher will be needed for the Pre-K – 2nd grade class on Sunday mornings Beginning May 26th through the summer. Please let it be known if you are willing to help.



Save the dates:

- Tahoe Family Encampment will be held July 20 -26 At the Tahoe Valley Campground.
- West Visalia Ladies Day – Sept. 21, 2019. Excel Still more is the theme.



Prayer List

Twila Johnson Seeing specialist May 7 for her Lupus

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, taken to hospital for bleeding in stomach – has 3 masses.

Cindy Fuentes recovering from hip surgery

The family of Kenneth Neal, Donna Case's brother and Goldie Nel's son, passed away Monday night from a heart attack.

Melanie Hooper, classmate of Tiffany Radcliff, was in an accident, broke hip in 3 places and had to drop her classes.

Angelina Denver has macular degeneration – most probably non reversible.

Sherry Smith, friend of Kerri Hodgson, on a ventilator.

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

Brenda Talbert, mother of Donna Boyd from FYBC, has been diagnosed with a glioblastoma. Dementia is now evident. Please keep her caregivers in prayer also

Frances Aguirre -back surgery went well.

The Mc Cords Janice hasn't been feeling well and Randy has pneumonia

Mike Virden is home in Lemoore

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

Becky and Glen Fraley, Glen has been placed on 2 transplant lists

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

Casey Case, Jr., ongoing Oncology treatment.

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

Jordan Willis is stateside – in Oklahoma earlier this week..

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

Our God does not faint,
Nor grows weary each day
There's no searching His understanding
Or knowing His infinite ways
He gives power to the faint
Increasing their strength and might,
For even the young lie exhausted
And grow weary in their lives
But those that wait upon the Lord,
He shall strengthen and renew
They shall mount up close to God
And soar as eagles do
They shall run and not be weary
They shall walk and not grow weak
They shall be changed and renewed
As their God they humbly seek.

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*Consider it all joy, my
brethren, when you
encounter various trials,
knowing that the testing
of your faith produces
endurance.*

James 1:2

Christian Prayer, Part 1

Prayer is a very important privilege and duty that many Christians take for granted. Prayer is mentioned in some form or fashion over 500 times in scripture. For the Christian, prayer is; obedience to God, an aid to spiritual growth, and a form of worship to God. It is important that our prayer be Biblically based. Some denominations emphasize prayer, however, it is not Scripturally based, ie., using medieval mystical terminology, counting beads, using crucifixes, praying to dead "saints" etc.... We need approach God in the way He has commanded, not in ways devised by men.

Fundamentals

First, there are some fundamental assumptions we must hold. There is a loving God whom man needs (Amos 4:13, Psa. 121). God hears and answers our prayers (Zech 13:9, 1 John 5:14, John 14:13). God loves us (John 3:16, Rom. 5:6-8). These assumptions are necessary because if any one of them were not true, prayer would be a ridiculous concept. Any who do not hold these beliefs firmly cannot come to God in acceptable prayer. The skeptics approach to prayer, "Oh God if there be a God...", is an exercise in futility. Those who come to God in prayer must do so from a position of faith.

Aids to Prayer

What are some things that will aid our prayer life? First, a spirit of obedience is necessary for an effective prayer life. In the disciples' prayer Jesus says, "Thy kingdom come, They will be done on earth..." These words reflect a spirit of obedience. The Kingdom of God, as Jesus uses the term here, is defined by His next statement, "Thy will be done". Where the will of God rules, His kingdom exists. His kingdom is in the hearts and minds of His people because they do His will. His will reigns supreme in their hearts.

John stated in 1 John 3:21-22, "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." What does John say is the reason for our confidence? It is the knowledge that we are living in harmony with His will.

Secondly, a spirit of reverence to God is necessary for effective prayer life. Again, in Jesus' model prayer He begins by saying "hallowed be thy name". One should never have a casual, careless or flippant attitude in prayer. Our reverence can be reflected in our posture and our language. Bent knees and bowed heads are never out of order (Ezra 9:5, Ex. 34:8-9). Our reverence is often reflected in humility. Contrast the prayers of the Pharisee and the publican (Luke 18:10-14). What's the difference? Humility.

Prayer is a powerful asset available to every Christian. We must, however, be sure that we avail ourselves of this asset in a scriptural manner. God loves us and wants us to approach him in prayer. Let us approach him in spirit of obedience and reverence. In so doing, we can have confidence that He hears us.