

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

FOOLISH Questions

Down through the centuries, folks have debated lots of foolish questions. I ran across a list of some questions debated since the middle ages: What shape are Gabriel's wings? Are there any angels with baritone voices? Did Pilate use soap to wash his hands? Did Adam and Eve have a belly button? It is hard to believe people spend time debating such trivial matters. After all, they really don't make much difference in how we ought to live. We, however, sometimes get caught up in things that really don't matter. Such speculations seldom edify and often create ill will, pride, controversy, and strife. We must learn to refocus our lives and decisions on helping those around us to learn about Christ, living the Christ-like life, and glorifying God.

Titus 3:9

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

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May 7, 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 May:

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Craig & Donna Case

Men Leading Services for May 7th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Vernon Garretson

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Randy McCord

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Gary Rice

Craig Case, Clofas Case, Garth Radcliff

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Frank Baldwin

ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Richard Bullough, Craig Standridge

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Men to Lead Devotional Wednesday, May 10:

Songs: Gary Cole

Speaker: Randy McCord

Announcements/Prayer: Vernon Garretson

Upcoming Events!

May 9th: Ladies Birthday Luncheon

May 21st – Birthday Fellowship

May 29th, YBC Memorial Day BBQ

May 31st – Lemoore to host 5th Wednesday Singing.

June 5th – Men's Business Meeting

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

Ladies Birthday Luncheon for May: All ladies are invited to come out and fellowship on Tuesday, May 9th, 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be at Reyna's in Lemoore. The address is 333 "E" Street. Please let Wilma Cole know if you plan to attend.

Seminar with John W. Smith in Sanger. May 12 – 14: Everyone is invited to a seminar to hear John W. Smith. He has been teaching and preaching over 45 years, is a trusted biblical scholar and has written 16 books with over 1.4 million copies. A flier with information and schedule of events is on the bulletin board.

Birthday Fellowship May 21st: Please join us in the fellowship hall after evening worship service on the 21st, to celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries of May with a potluck style meal. The theme will be "Mexican Food" and there will be a "Salsa Contest". Have some fun, test your skills in making salsa (and enjoy eating it). See you there!

*Thank you so much for all your prayers for Phyllis throughout her illness, and for your cards and prayers for the family. She loved everyone here so much. Her memorial will be on Saturday, May 13th, at Woodward Park church of Christ in Fresno at 11:00 a.m.
Love, Richard and Becky and Family*

FYBC Memorial Day BBQ: May 29th is the date this year for this annual event. This year happens to be the camp's 60th anniversary. A memorial service will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship. A dessert auction will also take place as a fund raiser for the camp. And boutique items will be sold by FYBC. If you have any questions regarding the BBQ, the auction or the camp's 60th anniversary, please get in touch with Lynda Martyn or Denise Dean.

Also: if anyone is interested in volunteering to go up to the camp the week before the BBQ to clean and prepare, please ask Lynda or Denise. Overnight stays as well as day trips are all welcome.

FYBC Boutique at the BBQ: Each congregation has been asked to donate a gift basket for the raffle. Lemoore will be donating an "Ice Cream Sundae" basket. Items needed to fill the basket are listed on the bulletin board. Please check the list if you would like to contribute any of the items. (Ceramic bowls have already been donated).

A pie auction (silent auction), will take place and pies and other family size desserts are needed.

Also, a variety of homemade jams and jellies are needed. If you can contribute any of the items, please talk to Denise Dean.

FYBC Memorial Day "Weekend": Why not turn the whole weekend into a family outing to enjoy while benefitting the camp? FYBC has plans to host several activities, including an "Ice Cream Sundae Bar" and "Movie Night", for all to enjoy. A flier will be available on the bulletin board with details.

The Tree Removal Project has been funded. Thank you to all who participated. In addition to that fund raiser, FYBC would like all who are interested to participate in helping to raise money for a 60th anniversary donation to the camp. A one-time donation of \$60 by 1000 people would deliver the \$60,000 goal. Please see Lynda Martyn or Denise Dean for details.

5th Wednesday Singing: Lemoore will host an evening of worship with the congregations from Riverdale and Caruthers. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and sing songs of praise and offer prayers to our Father. Immediately following, we will enjoy refreshments in the fellowship hall. For all those who would like to contribute refreshments, we have decided on a menu of finger foods and desserts such as cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc.

A Retirement Party is being planned for Lisa Butts. Lisa has been an award winning band director at Hanford West High School for many years. Her talent and dedication has been a blessing to many high school students. We plan to honor Lisa with a luncheon on June 11th, immediately following morning worship. Details will be available as time draws closer to the date.

James 5:16 NIV

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God

Prayer List

Gary Cole will have cataract surgery May 8th.

Marjorie Cooper has been quite ill with a fever.

Freddie Qualls – recovering from foot surgery.

Jackie Neal, niece of Craig and Donna Case, as she is receiving radiation therapy to treat Grave's Disease.

Glen Fraley, biopsy results of his heart were good and his foot is healing after a partial amputation of a toe.

Vernon Garretson; recovering after having a double bypass surgery. He continues to follow up with doctors for additional tests.

Whitney Broaddus - Feeling better after new medication was prescribed.

Richard Bullough – scheduled for kidney surgery July 10th.

Doug Standridge- continuing to improve while recovering from surgery, and continuing dialysis.

Alan Dewey, a friend of the Case's, undergoing medical tests for diagnosis of suspected pancreatic cancer.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile has moved to Somerford Place of Fresno. She has improved some.

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

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

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, if registered by June 1st. Scholarships are available for a limited amount of campers. After June 1st, the fee will be more. Registration forms are available online, or see Lynda Martyn if you would like a paper copy. Adult volunteers are also needed and their lodging and meals will cost \$30 for the week. Young children of staff members, (kindergarten age through 9 years) are welcome to register as pre-campers and daytime programs will be provided. Also, a sign-up sheet for supplies needed is on the bulletin board.

YBC Staff Positions Available: The person in charge of "Campfire" has taken a great job elsewhere, and has had to relocate, leaving the job of "Campfire Coordinator" open. His wife was the counselor for the 10 - 11 year old girls. Both positions are available and need to be filled. If the Lord moves you to consider filling one of these positions, please see Lynda Martyn for details.

Twila Johnson, daughter of Darlene Wilson, as she struggles with difficulties in life, including marital trouble.

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

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.

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.

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

Enjoy the Interval

Someone observed, "There is no cure for birth or death except to enjoy the interval in-between." Sometime in the early A. D. 60's, a man who could have moaned and groaned about how bad his life was chose instead to concentrate on how great it was to be a Christian, even though incarcerated! From a prison cell the apostle Paul wrote immortal words that have aided millions in choosing to enjoy the interval between birth and death, no matter how bad life may seem at the moment. With great faith and a positive, godly attitude, Paul transformed his prison of pain into a palace for praise and wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" What he enjoyed in Christ was as real in prison as it was out! Nothing this side of Heaven or hell could take away what he enjoyed in the Lord unless he gave it away. Painful as Paul's life was, he never doubted that he was more blessed than he was distressed.

Can we be more like that? How can we avoid the "stinking-thinking, poor pitiful me, I'm a victim, nobody-cares, life-ain't fair, I'm the only one trying" attitude that saturates the thinking of some people even inside the church? How can we avoid the mistake of letting life become a prison of unhappiness and malcontent and distress of our own making, thinking that we would be happier if we could only change somebody or something else? An old story attributed to T. B. Crews shows the way. A little boy lived with his parents in a home on the west side of a high mountain. Across the valley to the west there was another home built on the east side of the opposing mountain. Very early in life, the little boy began to notice that early in the morning, the house across the valley appeared to have golden windows. He begged his mother to let him go see the house with the golden windows. Finally, when his mother felt he was old enough to cross the valley alone, she gave him permission to go and see the house which had fascinated him for so long. On a set day, he rose early and rushed excitedly down the mountain, across the valley, and up to the house where the windows of gold had seemed to be. But while making the trip, the sun was moving across the heavens. By the time he reached his destination it was in the western sky. To his dismay there were no windows of gold -- just ordinary ones like those of his own home. However, as he looked across the valley, ready to start back home, he couldn't believe his eyes. His own house now seemed to have windows of gold! What he had seen, of course, was the reflection of the sun. Isn't life like that for many of us? We tend to see gold and believe life is better and more beautiful somewhere else than where we are. Could it be that that wife, husband, job, car, house, church, elder, preacher, etc. is not really what needs to change for us to be happy? Maybe the gold is right under our noses, in our own home and even more closely in our own heart! Life on earth has a beginning and an end. God wants us to enjoy the interval in between. So go ahead, rejoice in the Lord. Always!

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.