

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.

The Maid of The Mist

A cartoon shows a boy standing in the very front of the boat called The Maid of the Mist. This boat carries sightseers so close to Niagara Falls that they must wear rain gear to keep from being drenched by the spray. Wearing his raincoat and hat, the boy stood at the front of the boat, squirting a water pistol at the falls. People can be like that; they aim criticisms at the Bible. Nevertheless, in the light of the Bible's continuing witness to the righteousness and love of God, any attempt to discredit its message is like squirting a water pistol at Niagara Falls.

ACTS 23:9

"Let us not fight against God."

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May 20, 2018

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:
Lynn and Linda Atkinson

Men Leading Services for May 20th:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Gary Curtis

Song Leader: Taylor Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Garth Radcliff

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Gary Rice
Rich Rhoads
Lynn Atkinson
Brandon Hodgson

Scripture Reading: Brandon Hodgson

Announcements/Closing Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Alternates: Clofas Case, Randy McCord,
Richard Bullough, Herminio Gutierrez

P.M. Song Leader: Taylor Radcliff

Wednesday Evening May 23rd:

Bible Bowl! Study Ruth Chapter 2

Upcoming Events!

May 20th –Jordan's care package today

May 20th – Birthday Fellowship

May 27th – Graduation pictures due

May 28th – Memorial Day BBQ at YBC

May 30th – Wednesday Singing in Riverdale

June 1st – Camp Apps due for early bird price.

June 16th – 23rd: YBC with Modesto

June 30th – July 7th – YBC with West Visalia

Sept. 7th – 9th – Ladies Retreat at YBC

Sept. 22nd – West Visalia Ladies Day

Care Package Collection:

We are collecting items for our care package to Jordan today. Please bring your items by tonight. A box is in the foyer.

Memorial Day at YBC:

The annual Memorial Day BBQ will be held on May 28th. This is a major event for the camp. FYBC will hold their annual silent auction. Donations of desserts/pies will be needed. Also, each congregation has been asked to supply a theme basket. This year Lemoore will be gathering games for a game basket. A box is in the foyer for game donations.

May Birthday Fellowship:

The May birthday fellowship will be held tonight. The theme is Spanish night. The annual Salsa contest will be held. Will a new Salsa King or Queen be crowned??

Visitor's Lunch:

The visitor's lunch will resume on May 27th. Anyone who would like to be involved in hosting lunches, please see the sign-up list in the foyer.

Teacher Needed:

A teacher is needed for the 3-6 yr. old class on Sunday May 27th and Sunday June 17th. The regular teachers will be at YBC on those days. Please see Gary Rice or Denise Dean if you can help.

Graduation Time:

It is the time of year for graduations. If you or a family member are graduating this spring, please submit a picture and information to Donna Case. The deadline is next Sunday - May 27th, 2018

Services for Stoney Dodd:

Graveside services at the Lemoore Cemetery will be held for Stoney Dodd on Monday May 21st at 10:00 am. Bill Hope will do the service. Viewing will be held on May 20th from 2:00-5:00 at Phipps-Dale.

Ladies Birthday Luncheon:

The monthly ladies' birthday luncheon for June will be held at the home of Wilma Cole. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday June 12 at 11:30. Please let Wilma know if you plan to attend.

Prayer List

Hal Crane has been moved to a rehab hospital for recovery.

Lynn Atkinson Ill this past week

David Ryal Minister from Morro Bay, had a liver/kidney transplant at Stanford. He is out of ICU at this time.

Randle Watkins Congestive heart failure – in hospital

Leonard Mendes long time neighbor of the Garretson's, hospitalized due a stroke.

Randy McCord doing well following surgery

Bill Curtis recovering

Stoney Dodd family as he passed away.

Becky Hunt, friend of Lisa Butts, melanoma – prognosis is good.

Jason Burlson stomach cancer

Mike Virden Ongoing medical treatment

Richard Bullough – medical issues

Pat Souza, Debbie Souza's sister-in-law is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Ron Cole, Gary Cole's son, undergoing a medical harvest at UCLA for bone marrow transplant in June.

Calvin Yee's aunt, as she has suffered a stroke.

Sandy Curtis has been experiencing back pain and will have an MRI and possibly surgery.

Melissa Costa, a friend of Calvin Yee, will undergo medical tests

Kerri Hodgson is awaiting results

Chelsea Stafford has seen a specialist and will be following up with more tests.

Thomas Dewey, grandson of Clofas and Jeanne Case, health is improving

Scott Worrell recovering.

David Ramirez, missionary in Nicaragua, is suffering complications after having shoulder replacement surgery.

Alexa Martinez, friend of the Baldwin family, is suffering a return of cancer

Jordan Willis, is deployed with the Navy.

Paula Ali, Betty Standridge's niece, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in both lungs.

Alexis Raygoza, Gutierrez's nephew, recovering from a heart infection & 2 strokes.

Hannah Detlefsen, baby daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, - major birth defects.

John Whited, brother-in-law of Whitney Broadbuss, home with medical care.

Doug Standridge- continuing with dialysis.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing radiation for a recurrence of cancer.

Casey Case, Jr., undergoing Chemotherapy.

Alana Pfeiffer, Jack Otto's granddaughter, as she struggles with issues of domestic violence.

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 in Branson, MO**

***church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund**

***World Christian Broadcasting**

A Searching Question

Christian, where is your Bible, when did you see it last?

Since you sat and scanned its pages, say how many days have passed?

You have read your daily papers and

With novels regaled yourself, but...

When did you read the Bible that lays untouched on the shelf?

Christian, where is your Bible,

What is the place that you give,

To the book that you say is your hope in death,

And that teaches you how to live?

Don't say that your life is too busy,

Full many a soul is dead,

Because the book of eternal life,

Lies somewhere unused and unread!

--Unknown

Guidance from God

You may have heard of how some find guidance from God and His Word by randomly opening the Scriptures in the morning and placing the finger on a verse and then read it as God's guidance for the day. As one account goes, the verse that person happened to put his finger on was Matt 27:5: "Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself." He did not like what it said. He opened the bible again and placed his finger on another verse, and it read: "Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37). He found that troubling, and so he opened the Bible the third time, and this time his finger landed on this verse: "Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." (John 13:27) "Is God telling or signaling to him that he should quickly go and hang himself?" he wondered. Of course not! Nowhere in the Bible do we read of God telling His people to find guidance from the Scriptures in this manner.

We do read that when the Israelites returned to Jerusalem after their 70 years exile in Babylon, Ezra read the Scriptures to them and explained the sense of the scriptures to them: "(They) helped the people to understand the Law; and the people *stood* in their place. ⁸ So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading...And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them." (Neh 8:7-8,12). When they understood the word of God, they did what was required of them by God (Neh 8:14-15).

Similarly, when the Ethiopian eunuch read the prophet Isaiah, he did not get the sense of what Isaiah was writing about: "So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him...So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him." (Acts 8:30-31, 34-35). When the eunuch understood the gospel concerning Jesus Christ and his need for salvation, he asked: ""See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. "In both instances, there were no "signs" or "signals" given by God to tell the readers of the Scriptures what they were required to do. Neither we should study the Scriptures in a "random" manner seeking "mystical" directions from God. They had "teachers" to guide them to understand the Scriptures and when they understood the Scriptures, they knew what they had to do, and they did exactly what God required them to do. Today, God has also given "teachers" in the body or church of Christ to guide us to understand the Scriptures so that we may grow up in our understanding of God and His Revealed Will, and be mature in our faith such that we will not be "misled" or "tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine introduced by the craftiness of men in deceitful plotting" (Eph 4:11-16); we would be able to "speak the truth in love", and we may be able to "discern between good and evil" (Heb 5:12-14). When we have understood the Scriptures, then we need to do what God requires of us: "Therefore, lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ...But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:21-22, 25)