

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.

Jesus is the way. In a day of compromise, arbitration, and concession, the thought of there being only one way to life is offensive to some. Yet Jesus was not a lunatic when He affirmed, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Jesus is the way out. He is the way out of sin. Sin deceives and many are enslaved without realizing it. Some say, like the ancient Pharisees, "We are not under bondage" (John 8:33). This denial is based on a limited understanding of sin and moral wrongdoing. Sin will manifest itself by blatant actions such as stealing, killing, and immorality, but it may also occur in attitudes and ambitions. Only Jesus can deliver from the slavery of sin (John 8:32). Jesus is the way through. When illnesses, disappointments, and failures come, Jesus is the way through these difficulties. Just as Israel needed the cloud by day and light by night, so we need a guide that assists us through the dangers of evil and wrong. Jesus is also the way through an uncertain future. Jesus gives us hope for the future. Experience confirms the need for strong daily faith. Jesus is the way in. Jesus gives life in abundance. All seek satisfaction, yet some are confused in thinking an affluent life is equivalent to abundant living. Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He is the way to have inexpressible joy, a condition much deeper and more permanent than happiness. Happiness to many depends on circumstances, yet Christ brings joy even in the midst of the most adverse circumstances. Jesus is the way up. He enables us to reach greater potential. We're made to love, worship, and serve the Lord. Someone once said, "If you would find the best potatoes, go to Idaho; the best onions, go to Michigan; the best apples, go to Washington; the best peaches, go to Georgia; the best sailors, go to Annapolis; the best soldiers, go to West Point; but to find the best being, you must go to Jesus." He alone will lift you up to heights never imagined before. Jesus is the way to heaven. If you sought a guide to a location you had never visited before, you would not choose a guide who had never visited your desired destination, but you would seek one who knew the way. Jesus left the splendors of being with the Father.

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June 16, 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 June

Greeter/Comm. Prep: Alice Fall and Lora Virden

Men Leading Services today

Welcome/Call to Worship: Gary Rice

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Richard Bullough

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Randy McCord
Rich Rhoads
Frank Baldwin
Brandon Hodgson

Scripture Reading: David Sander

Announcements/Ci. Prayer: Taylor Radcliff

Alternates: Clofas Case, Matt Rhoads, Herminio Gutierrez, Craig Case

P.M. Song Leader: David Sander

Wednesday Night: June 19

Songs: Taylor Radcliff

Speaker: Garth Radcliff

Announcements/Ci. Prayer: Gary Rice



Upcoming Events:

June 23 Birthday Fellowship

June 29-July 6 West Visalia YBC

July 6-13 Madera YBC

July 20-26 Tahoe Family Encampment

Aug. 4 Services at Valley Christian Home

Sept. 12-14 Grief Seminar w/ Mike Wentworth

Sept 21 West Visalia Ladies Day



Birthday Fellowship:

The birthday fellowship will be next Sunday, June 23rd. May and June birthdays will be celebrated at that time. The theme will be Picnic. The Coles will be hosting.

West Visalia Summer Series:

Thursdays at 7:00pm "Learning from the Past While Focusing on the Future" (Great and Not-So-Great Characters in Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job).

- June 20 - Job's Wife - Wesley Walker
- June 27 - God in Job - John Couch
- July 4 - Ezra - Jovan Payes
- July 11 - Zophar - Cliff Sabroe
- July 18 - Mordecai - Matt Threlfall
- July 25 - God in Esther - Rob Redden
- August 1 - Job - John Poole
- August 8 Vacation Bible School
- August 15 - Sanballat - Chris Nunes
- August 22 - Haman - Chris Roberts
- August 29 - Haggai - Nick Westberg



Prayer List

Dick Coxsey has been moved to rehab in Hanford.

Dan Blackwell for strength and endurance as he recovers from accident that caused paralysis.

Peggy Case daughter-in-law/sister-in-law to the Case's, had surgery on Tuesday in Sacramento.

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

Cindy Fuentes recovering from hip surgery and investigating heart issues.

Ron and Kris Cole Ron's Myeloma has returned. Infusions have not been effective at this time. Clinical trials are being investigated.

Melanie Hooper, classmate of Tiffany Radcliff, is home now and learning to walk again.

Doug Standridge had 6 liters of fluid drained recently.

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

Frances Aguirre recovering from back surgery and has a long way to go

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

Becky and Glen Fraley, Glen is on the SF transplant list. He is currently home in bed on oxygen.

Hal Crain is having dialysis 3x a week.

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

Casey Case, Jr., ongoing Oncology treatment.

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

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

SEEING GOD

Has anyone ever seen God? Some passages seem to indicate "yes" but others "no."

The apostle John wrote "No man hath beheld God at any time, if we love one another, God abideth in us, and His love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12). Other passages indicate that some mortals have indeed seen God. Consider the following examples from Scripture: Although Abraham may not have realized at first, he was visited by God and two angels in human form (Genesis 18). After that, Moses and seventy-three others saw God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 24) and later Moses saw the glory of God in part (Exodus 33). Isaiah saw the Lord (most likely in a vision (Isaiah 6).

In the New Testament, as Stephen was dying from being stoned, he saw God's glory and Jesus standing at His right hand (Acts 7:56). These passages indicate that in the past, some humans have indeed seen God in some way, shape or form! Was the apostle John wrong? Does the Bible contradict itself? Or is there a reasonable explanation to what seems to be a

problem? Perhaps this will help: God is by nature a spirit (John 4:24) and spirits are invisible to human eyes. But God has at times revealed Himself in the presence of humans in ways that humans can comprehend. Certain apostles and prophets saw Him in visions.

But no mortal man has ever actually entered the Heavenly realms to behold God as He really is. That's because flesh and blood cannot enter there. Humans like us must undergo a change first that will happen when the Lord returns: first the dead in Christ shall rise, then living saints will be changed (1 Corinthians 15:50-52). Then these will behold God as He really is. Meanwhile (are you ready, here comes-the main point), if you want to see God, take a close look at His Son. Jesus made Him known: "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1:18).

When Phillip asked to see the Father, Jesus replied that to know the Son would be to know the Father, and he who had seen the Son had seen the Father also (John 14:7-9). Thomas (the one we call "doubting") wouldn't believe that Jesus had been resurrected until he saw for himself (John 20:20-28). But Jesus called "blessed" those who would believe without seeing (John 20:29). In other words, we shouldn't have to see Him personally to believe in Him. In the first passage we mentioned, John's point was that if we love one another, we don't need to see Him because He abides in us!

Faith is believing in what we have not seen (Hebrews 11: 1). We walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Someday all will behold Him in a meeting that will be one on one face to face! The question is, Are you ready for that?

--Via: The Casa Grande Church of Christ – AZ

"Oh God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory."

Psalms 63: 1-2

Father's Day

The most widely accepted story on the origin of Father's Day comes from Spokane, Washington. Sonora Smart Dodd, who grew up without a mother, was looking for a way to publicly recognize, thank and honor her father who had raised six children single-handedly. She brought the idea to her minister and church members who embraced the idea and held the first Father's Day celebration on June 19, 1909.

The day as it was established was well meaning, but it is impossible to improve on Scripture. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *"Honor your father and mother,"* which is the first commandment with promise: *"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*

(Ephesians 6:1-3) Because there is a link between honoring our parents and honoring God, we need to be aware of the unintended consequences of establishing one day to honor parents; people tend to forget the history that led to the establishment of this day of honor and begin to act as if it is the only day that they should or need to honor their parents. We can also see how the law of unintended consequences can impact our relationship with God. For instance, if we are not careful, the term "Lord's Day" can come to mean Sunday is the only day that belongs to God and, therefore, is the only time we pause to worship, praise and honor Him. Left uncorrected, this concept can take root and lead one to falsely believe that God is pleased if we only pause once a week for an hour or two to honor Him. When we were growing up my mom and dad were never big on mother's or father's days. They taught us that if we lived our lives as Christians we would naturally bring honor to them every day. Conversely, we were taught if we rejected our Christian faith, giving them cards, flowers or other presents to honor them on one specific day once a year, amounted to a hollow gesture. Again, I believe this has application in our relationship with God; if we only pause once a week to honor him, our Sunday assembly can become a hollow gesture. As a community of faith we understand that we are created to honor God through lives of daily service. So, what does it mean to honor Him daily? We honor God daily when we engage the culture: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:13-16) We honor God daily by loving Him and obeying His word: Jesus said, *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* (John 14:15) *your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 24...Of how much more value are you than the birds?* (Luke 12:22-24) We honor God daily by making His priorities our top priorities: *"Seek FIRST God's Kingdom and His righteousness."* (Matthew 6:33) We honor God daily by treating others with the grace he has shown us: *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."* (Matthew 5:43-48) Finally, we honor God daily by sharing the story of His salvation with others: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16)

While we are thankful that America pauses on this day to recognize the blessings of fathers for those of us who have become God's children, every day is Father's Day, a day that we joyfully recognize, thank, and honor God as our spiritual Father!