

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

You Asked for It!"

The story is told of a lady who had a very willful and spoiled child. One day when a wasp flew in the window, the youngster began crying for it because it looked so pretty with its brilliant colors. Finally, the mother called the one who was caring for the child from another room, asking, "What in the world is that child crying for? Will you please give it to him!" It wasn't long before she heard a loud scream. "What is the matter now?" shouted the mother. "He got what he wanted," was the calm reply.

Quite often the things we think will bring us happiness and joy bring only heartache and pain. This is why we must not spend our time longing for things we do not possess as though the mere possession of those things will bring us happiness. Instead, we need to be thankful and content for the things we have been given so that, when we are blessed with more, we will glorify God.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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June 17, 2018

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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 June:

Communion Prep. and Greeters:
Alice Fall and Lora Virden

Men Leading Services for June 17th:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Richard Bullough

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Gary Rice

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Randy McCord
Rich Rhoads
Lynn Atkinson
Brandon Hodgson

Scripture Reading: Brandon Hodgson

Announcements/Closing Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Alternates: Clofas Case, Craig Case, Richard Bullough, Herminio Gutierrez

P.M. Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Wednesday Evening June 20th:

Song Leader: Gary Cole

Speaker: Gary Curtis

Announcements/Prayer: Randy McCord

Upcoming Events!

June 22 Area Wide Singing

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

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

Sept. 22nd – West Visalia Ladies Day

Visitor's Lunch:

Our Visitor's lunch will resume on June 24th.

Area Wide Singing:

The Area Wide Singing will be held on Friday evening June 22 at 7 p.m. at the Hanford Church. Refreshments will be served after the singing.

Prayer List

Hal Crane is now home

Lynn Atkinson

Lavita Hardison, Donna Case's sister, in Visalia Rehab following a stroke

Ava Rodriguez, Great granddaughter of Betty Satndridge, 10 weeks of therapy for a tight muscle in her neck.

Justin Witt will follow-up with Dr. to address symptoms.

Chelsea Stafford awaiting results

Caitlyn Harp recovering following oral surgery.

David Ryal Minister from Morro Bay, had a liver/kidney transplant at Stanford.

Randle Watkins Congestive heart failure

Bill Curtis recovering

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, had bone marrow transplant

Marjory Cooper

David Ramirez, Nicaragua missionary, shoulder replacement surgery.

Alexa Martinez, friend of Baldwin's, return of cancer

Jordan Willis, is deployed with the Navy.

Alexis Raygoza recovering from a heart infection & 2 strokes.

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

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

Fathers 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 6:1-3¹)

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.

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 5:13-16¹)

We honor God daily by loving Him and obeying His word: Jesus said,

"If you love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

We honor God daily by trusting Him: (Luke 12:22-24) *Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about 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?"*

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!

Psalm 103:13

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

Renewing Your Joy

For most of us, true joy has been crowded out by the pressures and cares of responsibility. Joy becomes contingent upon the circumstances of our lives. Most of us feel the pressure of finances, work, relationships, and even serving God consistently to the point that joy is a pursuit we've almost given up on. But God has a message and a plan for you for a renewal of consistent and unshakable joy. Our joy is not to be of this world, but of God. Psalm 16:11 says, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." The fullness of joy will only be found in God's presence, and the Bible tells us that God's presence is everywhere! (Psalm 139:7-10) Because God is everywhere and in His presence is fullness of joy, joy is available to you 24/7. And Scripture teaches us in Romans 14:17 that "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." God's lordship in our lives is all about "righteousness and peace and joy." Our heavenly Father desires to bring about those incredible fruits of the Spirit in you today. He has a plan to lead you to perfect, unshakable joy. But in order to receive the incredible gift God wants to give you today, you will have to make a choice to place your hope and trust in Him. Scripture tells us that our joy is to be wholeheartedly found in God and not in the world. The joy our heavenly Father longs to bring us is meant to transcend anything this world could ever do to us. But in order for God's desire to come to fruition in our lives, we have to place our hope and trust solely in Him. Psalm 33:21 says, "Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name." Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." What we place our trust and belief in becomes the rudder that guides our emotions. If you place your trust in your job, people, or finances, you are building a foundation for your joy that can be crushed at a moment's notice. But if you will choose to place your trust and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will have a sure foundation unshakable by any trial or circumstance that comes your way. In fact, those very trials that had the power to destroy your joy will, in God, become yet another source of it. James 1:2-4 says, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." When you place your hope and trust in God, your eyes will be opened to see the incredible work He is doing in you through any and every circumstance. Whether you have success in this life or not, you will have joy -- because your life will be wholly lived with your relationship with God as first priority. When your faith and hope are in God, the circumstances of your job and relationships won't have the power to shake your joy and satisfaction any longer. You see, God's plan to is to redeem your life totally and completely. God's plan is to renew your joy every morning as you place your hope and trust in Him alone.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!