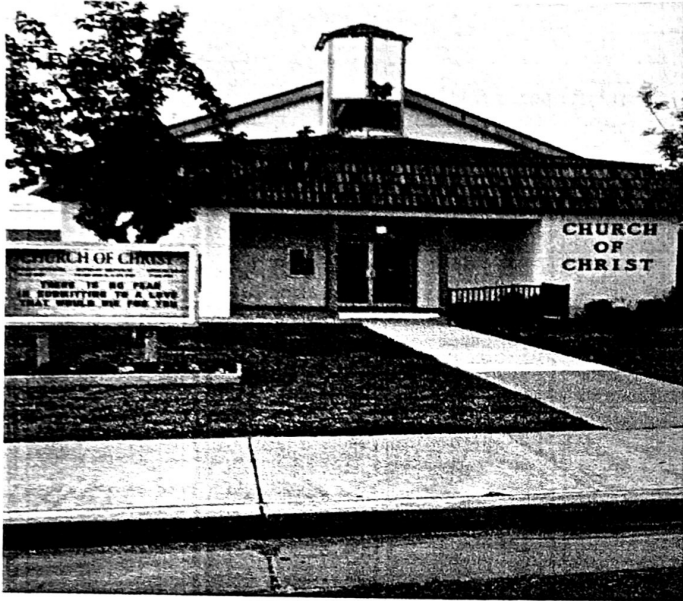


# *The Lemoore Caller*

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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.

## **Fellowship**

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:3-7).

Fellowship is Rooted in Truth

"We proclaim to you... so that you too may have fellowship" (1:3).

"These things we write" (1:4).

"This is the message we have heard" (1:5).

"We lie and do not practice the truth" (1:6).

Therefore, fellowship with God and thus with other faithful Christian's is dependent upon obeying the truth. This means that God's truth can be understood and practiced by each and every Christian.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

# Lemoore Church of Christ

June 23, 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/July

**Greeter/Comm. Prep:** Alice Fall and Lora Virden

**Greeters for July:** Richard & Becky Bullough

**Communion Prep:** Frank & Theresa Baldwin

## Men Leading Services today

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Craig Case

**Song Leader:** Taylor Radcliff

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Rice

**Prayer List:** Gary Cole

**Lord's Table: LEAD:** Randy McCord  
Matt Rhoads  
David Sander  
Herminio Gutierrez

**Scripture Reading:** Jordan Willis

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Garth Radcliff

**Alternates:** Brandon Hodgson, Rich Rhoads,  
Richard Bullough, Frank Baldwin

**P.M. Song Leader:** Taylor Radcliff

## Wednesday Night: June 26

**Bible Bowl!**



## Upcoming Events:

**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:

Tonight following evening services we will meet for the birthday fellowship. May and June birthdays will be celebrated at that time. The theme will be Picnic. The Coles will be hosting.

## Thank You:

Thank you all for your support of our youth that recently attended the Modesto YBC. We had 10 campers and 8 staff members present for the week. We hope to have pictures posted soon

## 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 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

*Finally, brothers, 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.*

*Philippians 4:8*



## Prayer List

**Dick Coxsey** has been moved to rehab in Hanford.

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

**Bart Massey**, friend of Dixie Blair, under care of doctors, following a hospital stay.

**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**

**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 Ciofas 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

### THE PROGRESSION OF SIN

Nations do not fall into a state of moral decay overnight: a definite progression of sin can nearly always be observed. This progression may be seen in four distinct stages:

**SHOCK:** The first reaction of decent folks to ungodly behavior is one of SHOCK. People simply can't believe what their eyes are seeing and their ears are hearing. We don't have to think back very many years to remember some things that don't raise an eyebrow nowadays which would have shocked the general public only a few short years ago! Shortly before they went into captivity, God

said of His people Israel, through the prophet Jeremiah, *"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush"* (Jeremiah 6:15).

**TOLERATION:** When God's Word is not honored, shock gives way to TOLERATION. We still may not like something, but after the initial shock wears off, we put up with it! When God's Word is not held up as the standard to determine right from wrong, who is to say what's right or wrong? We don't want to be labeled bigots, so we swallow hard and keep our mouths shut. However, God does not overlook sin (Acts 17:30-31)

**ACCEPTANCE:** Toleration will soon be replaced by ACCEPTANCE. The majority approves of that which once was unacceptable. At this stage, we may not even realize a change in values has occurred. Passages like Romans 1:21 indicate that approval of sin puts one into the same category as those who practice such sins!

**PARTICIPATION:** The final stage is PARTICIPATION. After all, if you can't lick 'em, you may as well join 'em, right? Behavior that was before repulsive, becomes an accepted lifestyle. Did it happen that way to Sodom and Gomorrah? Stop and think a minute: how far the USA has fallen in the last few decades! What stage are we now in? (I'll give you a clue: it probably isn't the first one!)

We read in Daniel 2:21 that God sets up kings and removes kings. That applies to presidents and governors as well. God still rules in heaven and on earth! However, if we want to be an exalted nation, we must determine to be a righteous nation. We must return to God before it is too late.

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"* (Psalms 33:12).

Rio Evans – via the Casa Grande Church of Christ  
– Casa Grande AZ

## **The rest of the Story**

The Bible can change not only a life but also an entire lifestyle. Most of us have heard the story of the Mutiny on the Bounty, but few of us have heard how the Bible played a very vital part in that historical event. The Bounty was a British ship which set sail from England in 1787, bound for the South Seas. The idea was that those on board would spend some time among the islands, transplanting fruit-bearing and food-bearing trees, and doing other things to make some of the islands more habitable. After ten months of voyage, the Bounty arrived safely at its destination, and for six months the officers and the crew gave themselves to the duties placed upon them by their government. When the special task was completed, however, and the order came to embark again, the sailors rebelled. They had formed strong attachments for the native girls, and the climate and the ease of the South Sea island life was much to their liking. The result was mutiny on the Bounty, and the sailors placed Captain Bligh and a few loyal men adrift in an open boat. Captain Bligh, in an almost miraculous fashion, survived the ordeal, was rescued, and eventually arrived home in London to tell his story. An expedition was launched to punish the mutineers, and in due time fourteen of them were captured and paid the penalty under British law. But nine of the men had gone to another distant island. There they formed a colony. Perhaps there has never been a more degraded and debauched social life than that of that colony. They learned to distill whiskey from a native plant, and the whiskey, as usual, along with other habits, led to their ruin. Disease and murder took the lives of all the native men and all but one of the white men named Alexander Smith. He found himself the only man on an island, surrounded by a crowd of women and half-breed children. Alexander Smith found a Bible among the possessions of a dead sailor. The Book was new to him. He had never read it before. He sat down and read it through. He believed it and he began to appropriate it. He wanted others to share in the benefits of this book, so he taught classes to the women and the children, as he read to them and taught them the Scriptures as discovered. The people were living in decency, prosperity, harmony, and peace. There was nothing of crime, disease, immorality, insanity, or illiteracy. How was it accomplished? By reading, the believing, and the appropriating of the truth of God!

2 Tim. 3:16-17

"Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness. That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work".