

# *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 Church of Christ,

Let us introduce ourselves and our practices to you. It is our sincerest desire to emulate the church revealed in the New Testament, particularly as found in the book of Acts. We read in Acts 2:24 that the early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." Some early churches departed from that doctrine, thus inviting rebuke and correction by the apostles (e.g., the letters to the church at Corinth). Paul told Timothy that his letter was written to instruct him how to behave in the house of God, which is the church (1 Tim 3:14-15). Our worship only pleases God insofar as it is done in sincerity and by His authority (John 4:24, Col 3:17). Because we desire to do things as the apostles commanded the early church, our worship is different from most religious groups.

We do not use musical instruments in our worship services. God commands the church to sing (Eph 5:19, Col 3:16). We know this is the authorized and acceptable manner by which to praise God in song. The instrument is conspicuously absent from the worship of the church as seen in the New Testament. We want to do things as they did, for we know in so doing our singing will be acceptable to God.

We observe the Lord's Supper in the Sunday morning worship service each week. The disciples in the New Testament met on the first day of the week to remember the Lord's death through the observance of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11:20-26). We know that following their example is the safe and sure way to engage in this act of worship.

We take up a collection in the Sunday morning worship service each week as the saints commanded in 1 Cor. 16:1-2. We do not practice tithing, for 2 Cor. 9:6-7 teaches us to give bountifully, cheerfully, and with purpose. The weekly free-will offering is the only God-approved means of funding the work of the church.

We will also pray together and hear a message from God's Word.

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# Lemoore Church of Christ

July 21, 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 July

**Greeters for July:** Richard & Becky Bullough  
**Communion Prep:** Frank & Theresa Baldwin

## Men Leading Services today

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Gary Rice

**Song Leader:** Gary Curtis

**Opening Prayer:** Richard Bullough

**Prayer List:** Craig Case

**Lord's Table: LEAD:** Gary Cole

Rich Rhoads

Brandon Hodgson

Garth Radcliff

**Scripture Reading:** David Sander

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Randy McCord

**Alternates:** Clofas Case, Matt Rhoads,  
Herminio Gutierrez, Frank Baldwin

**P.M. Song Leader:** Gary Curtis

## Wednesday Night: July 24

**Bible Bowl:** Questions and Answers Night. Get your questions to Garrett early!



## Upcoming Events:

**July 27** Area Wide Singing  
**July 28** Birthday Fellowship  
**July 31** 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing  
**Aug. 4** Services at Valley Christian Home  
**Sept. 1** Services at Valley Christian Home  
**Sept. 12-14** Grief Seminar w/ Mike Whitworth  
**Sept 21** West Visalia Ladies Day  
**Oct. 4-6** Ladies Retreat at YBC  
**Oct. 11-15** Youth forum at West Visalia



## Birthday Fellowship:

The July Birthday Fellowship will be held on Sunday evening July 28<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be Potluck. Herminio and Isabel Gutierrez will be the hosts for the evening.



## Ladies Retreat

Registration forms are in the foyer for Ladies Retreat. It will be held at YBC Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>. Early bird registration is 90.00 prior to Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday only fee is 30.00. This year's retreat is being hosted by Madera.

## 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).

- 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



## Valley Christian Home

We have services at Valley Christian Home on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 1:30 by visiting with the residents and then services will begin at 2:30. All are invited to join us.



## Upcoming Singing Opportunities

The next 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday singing will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Caruthers congregation.

The July Area Wide Singing will be held at Community Church of Christ in Visalia on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 7 p.m.



## Prayer List

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

**Lorie Witt** will have surgery in late July

**Bob Martin** recovering from a fall

**Rita Frankmore** has been released from the hospital and is home.

**Sandy Curtis** defibrillator placed on July 8

**Ella Hunter** is home

**Ginko Reinhardt** has stage 4 cancer- in convalescent hospital now waiting for family to arrive

**Phil Borges, grandparent of student at Armona Elementary School,** will have mitral valve surgery on Thursday

**Don Blackwell** for strength and endurance as he recovers

**Bart Massey,** friend of Dixie Blair, diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer

**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.

**Doug Standridge**

**Sherry Smith,** friend of Kerri Hodgson, is now off the ventilator.

**Frances Aguirre** recovering from back surgery

**Becky and Glen Fraley,** Glen is on the SF transplant list. He is currently home 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

## God's Grace

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

After these forty-two years of ministry, I have learned two important things. First, God's servants are totally dependent upon the grace of God. God's grace or favor provides far more than forgiveness. God shapes and molds us into the kind of people that He wishes us to be.

In Philippians 1:6 Paul wrote, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Yes, God expects us to use the talents and abilities He gives us, but we should never forget that every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). Paul urges us, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13).

Second, we are wholly dependent upon the kindness of God to provide for our needs and the needs of this ministry. God does not send us into His vineyard empty-handed and ill-equipped. God's grace abounds so that we have all sufficiency in all things at all times for every good deed. When faithful Christians ask, God answers; when they seek, He helps them find; and when they knock, the Lord opens the door. God truly answers prayer (Matthew 7:7-9).

—Phil Sanders

Author of *A Faith Built on Sand and Adrift*  
Speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way"  
via The Gospel Advocate

## Listening For God's Voice

A Native American and his friend were in downtown New York City, walking near Times Square. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, the Native American said, "I hear a cricket." His friend said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," the Native American said, "I heard a cricket." "That's crazy," said the friend.

The Native American listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes beneath the branches, and sure enough, there was a small cricket. His friend was utterly amazed. "That's incredible," said his friend. "You must have super-human ears!" "No," said the Native American. "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be," said the friend. "I could never hear a cricket in all this noise."

"Yes you can," came the reply. "Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed that every person's head within twenty feet turned and looked to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked the Native American. "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for."

What's important to us? What do we listen for? Are there times that we fail to listen to God, because we are focused on other things that are more important to us? Regarding the Jews, Jesus said, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." (Matthew 13:15-16; cf. Isaiah 6:9-10; Acts 28:26-27).

Brethren, amid the distractions of the world all around us, may our ears always be open, not only ready to listen for, but to hear and be obedient to God's voice as He speaks to us through His word (1 Samuel 3:9-10; cf. John 8:47; John 10:4; John 10:27; 1 John 4:6).

### Romans 10:17-18

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. <sup>18</sup> But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world."