

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 Evening Bible Classes/Devotional.....	7:00 p.m.

Encouragement to prayer.

Asking of the Father shows a sense of spiritual wants, and a desire of spiritual blessings, with conviction that they are to be had from God only. Asking in Christ's name, is acknowledging our unworthiness to receive any favors from God, and shows full dependence upon Christ as the Lord our Righteousness. Our Lord had hitherto spoken in short and weighty sentences, or in parables, the import of which the disciples did not fully understand, but after his resurrection he intended plainly to teach them such things as related to the Father and the way to him, through his intercession. And the frequency, with which our Lord enforces offering up petitions in his name, shows that the great end of the mediation of Christ is to impress us with a deep sense of our sinfulness, and of the merit and power of his death, whereby we have access to God. And let us ever remember, that to address the Father in the name of Christ, or to address the Son as God dwelling in human nature, and reconciling the world to himself, are the same, as the Father and Son are one. (John 16:28-33)

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July 23, 2017

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 July:

Communion Prep. : Frank & Theresa Baldwin

Greeters: Richard & Becky Bullough

Men Leading Services for July 23rd:

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP: Randy McCord

SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Curtis

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Gary Cole

Herminio Gutierrez, Brandon Hodgson, Jordan Willis

SCRIPTURE READING: Frank Baldwin

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Rice

ALTERNATES: Rich Rhoads, Richard Bullough, Craig Case,
Taylor Radcliff

P.M. SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

Bible Bowl - Wednesday, July 26th: James 5

Upcoming Events!

July 16th - Birthday Fellowship

July 22nd through 28th - Tahoe Family Encampment

July 23rd - Valley Christian Home Worship

July 26th - Bible Bowl - James 5

July 28th - Area Wide Singing - Hanford

August 7th - Men's Business Meeting

August 20th - Birthday Fellowship

August 30th - 5th Wednesday Singing - Riverdale

Sept. 8 - 10 - Woodward Park to host YBC Ladies Retreat

Oct. 19th - 21st - Family outing at YBC

Valley Christian Home Worship: Please join us today, July 23rd, as Lemoore will host afternoon worship service at the home. This is an excellent opportunity to share time with the residents and hear the Word, as many do not have the opportunity to attend services elsewhere. Gary Cole will be the speaker and worship will begin in the activity room at 2:30.

Area Wide Singing - July 28th. This month, Hanford has offered to host Area Wide Singing on Friday, July 28th. It had been scheduled to be in Porterville, but they needed to move their date to host to August. All congregations in the area have been invited to attend. Hope to see you there.

YBC Ladies Retreat 2017 - Woodward Park church of Christ will host this annual event September 8th through 10th. The theme will be "Reflections" - Proverbs 27:19. All ladies are invited to attend. Several ladies, including our sister, Becky Bullough, and from Tulare, Pat Coppinger, have been scheduled to speak. Becky's topic will be "In the Image of the Father". Classes and activities have also been planned. The retreat is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. A flier with more information is on the bulletin board and registration slips are available on the table in the foyer.

Family Outing at YBC: The Lemoore Church of Christ has selected Thursday, October 19th through Saturday, October 21st to travel to Yosemite Bible Camp to enjoy a family outing and a work session to replace the fence in front of the girl's cabins. The fencing materials will be paid for from the Ladies Retreat fund. There will be a sign-up sheet later for all those wanting to enjoy this outing.

A Perfect Christian

*You could count on a perfect Christian
To always be gentle and humble,
To be immune to sin,
And never, ever stumble.*

*He'd study and remember
All of God's commands;
He'd be trustworthy, moral and honest,
You'd know just where he stands.*

*With others, she'd be in harmony;
She'd never lose her cool,
Forgiving and forgetting,
Following the Golden Rule.*

*He'd surrender his life to God,
Full of joy and peace,
Free of stress and worry...
Perfect, pure release.*

*She'd lift up everyone,
Full of sweet compassion,
Free of worldly wants,
Ignoring worldly fashion.*

*But we can't ever be perfect,
So we always need to pray
For the strength to do our best
To love God and obey.*

Prayer List

Scelene Walton, a long time friend of Lora Virden has been diagnosed with cancer. She is under the care of Hospice.

Doug and Cindy Peas and Family, from Caruthers, as Doug's mother passed away this week. Services will be Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. – Washington Colony Cemetery.

Waylon Wittry, great nephew of Wilma Cole – return of brain cancer.

Kerri Hodgson has strep throat.

Allison Baldwin – discharged from hospital after having a kidney infection.

Suzanne Mason's Mother – double mastectomy.

Bree Radcliff is scheduled to have a tonsillectomy July 24th.

Griselda Gutierrez, as her baby is due soon. We pray that all goes well for a safe and healthy delivery for both mother and baby.

Linda Atkinson – recovering from surgery to repair her broken wrist.

Eddie Hukill, friend of Seth Belwood, is recovering from cancer, however, is suffering from other severe medical issues.

Darlene Wilson fell and it was later determined, she has a hairline fracture in her hand.

Beverly Forte, a friend of Alice Fall, as she is having medical issues.

Glen Fraley, continuing to do well regarding his heart transplant. Will continue ongoing checkups with doctors.

Raquel Gutierrez, spent time in the hospital and was diagnosed with a cortisol deficiency. She is being treated for that.

Richard Bullough – kidney surgery has been rescheduled as he continues with foot therapy.

Doug Standridge- continuing dialysis and scheduled for surgery on Monday.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile has moved to Somerford Place of Fresno. She has improved some.

Hannah Detlefsen, baby daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, is suffering the effects of major birth defects, including blindness.

Tim Nichols, Lynn Atkinson's cousin, suffering the effects of bladder cancer and bone cancer. He is under the care of Hospice.

Twila Johnson, daughter of Darlene Wilson, as she struggles with difficulties in life, including marital trouble.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

Dorma Atkinson- under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's and struggles with blood pressure issues.

Casey Case, Jr., receiving additional chemo therapy, in an effort to keep cancer under control.

Alana Pfeiffer, Jack Otto's granddaughter – Please pray that she will make better choices in life.

Merlin Welch, a neighbor of the Atkinsons, as he recovers from a stroke.

Members that are traveling, it is a busy vacation time and many people are driving, going by train, flying and/or cruising to their destinations.

Mariposa Area Fire – Thousands of people have been evacuated from Mariposa and surrounding areas. Many homes were lost in the fire.

First Responders

Military and their families

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

God's Eternal Blessings

*God's eternal blessings
flow down from above
To equip us in His mission
To spread His wondrous love*

*So He can always use us
and stretch us in our faith,
so we may be a blessing
to others by His grace*

*For everything we need,
God will graciously provide
Through His eternal blessings
That is abundant in our lives*

Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Five Causes of Decline in Belief

MODERN PHILOSOPHY. After the Renaissance and the Protestant Reformation, men were much more free to explore new ideas. Some began to question everything and believe in nothing. The British philosopher David Hume (1711–1776) argued that no one can prove anything, even the law of cause and effect. The German philosopher Immanuel Kant (1724–1804) insisted that we can only know how we perceive something and that we really cannot be certain about things like the existence of God. These men were agnostics, and their skepticism has influenced our culture. Their main idea was that we can't be sure about anything (of course, they thought they were certain about that). This view has saturated our educational system, especially at the university level, and it has crippled religion in America by convincing people that no one can be sure that his belief is right.

DEISM. Deism is the belief in the one true God but not in the Bible and especially the miracles of the Bible. It is often described as the view that God's relationship to the world is like winding up a clock and letting it run down without interfering. Deists believe in God. They believe that God created the world, but they don't believe God has ever intervened miraculously in the world. They reject the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Jesus Christ, and all the stories of God's intervention, from the flood to the miracles of the New Testament. They believe in some basic moral guidelines, but they usually abhor "organized religion." Thomas Paine summed up deism when he said, "I believe in one God, no more." Thomas Jefferson showed how prevalent deism was in his time when he produced his own New Testament (usually called the Jefferson Bible) in which he literally cut out all verses in the gospel accounts that mention miracles. The French deist Voltaire (1694–1778) was also famous for his attacks on the Bible.

"HIGHER" CRITICISM. The Jewish philosopher Baruch Spinoza (1632–1677) attacked the Bible and said it was not divinely inspired. As skepticism spread in Europe, liberal theologians, especially in Germany, questioned who actually wrote the books of the Bible. Under the guise of "scholarship" they concluded that these Scriptures were not written by the men previously thought to have penned them or at the time many supposed. They claimed that the Bible has been revised and edited by numerous unknown writers. Julius Wellhausen (1844–1918) championed the view that the first five books of the Bible were not written by Moses but were produced much later from at least four sources. F. C. Baur (1792–1860) said that many books in the New Testament were written after the apostles died. Later Rudolph Bultmann (1884–1976) said that a modern reader must remove all the "myths" of the New Testament to discover what the actual message is.

EVOLUTION. About five hundred years before Christ, Anaximander set forth a theory of evolution in rough form. The idea never took hold until Charles Darwin wrote *Origin of Species* in 1859. When Darwin wrote this book, he believed in God. At that point, his theory would be better described as theistic evolution.

Toward the end of his life, Darwin was more of a skeptic than a believer. Though not well received by churches of his day, the theory of evolution has since gained widespread acceptance in education. It has also made inroads into many Catholic and Protestant churches. Since even theistic evolution denies the creation account in Genesis, a person cannot consistently believe in the Bible and in this view. Also, since Jesus upheld the creation account in Genesis (Matthew 19:4-5; Mark 10:6), theistic evolution is an anti-Christian belief, though amazingly some who claim they are Christians hold this view.

SOCIETAL REBELLION. Not all the factors that have contributed to disbelief in the Bible are intellectual. The morals of people in this country have changed drastically. It is true that the teachings of agnosticism and evolution have weakened people's faith in God and that this has weakened their moral convictions. But it is also the case that others are skeptics or atheists because they want to be, rather than because they have looked at the evidence and decided to be. They have made up their minds to live in sin, and these theories of infidelity are a mere excuse and rationalization for their rebellion against God.

No amount of proof of God's existence or of the inspiration of the Bible can convince them unless or until they have a change of heart. When people today say they don't believe or don't know if the Bible is inspired, they sometimes say this because they don't want to live by its teaching. —Lance Cordle, reprinted from "House to House Heart to Heart"

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who **believes**: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.