

# 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.

## God's three steps to success

In successfully leading the Israelites into the Promised Land, Joshua had to obey God's simple instructions. The first step being to "be strong and of good courage" (Joshua 1:6); the second step included continually meditating on the Book of the Law; and finally, he was to do everything it said (Joshua 1:8). As long as Joshua followed these three steps, God promised him "good success." Notice that God's idea of success has little to do with fame, fortune, or knowing the right people. In the original Hebrew, the phrase, "then you will have good success" means "then you will act wisely." Just as God called Joshua to walk in wisdom, He wants us to "walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15). As we take courage in the Lord (John 16:33), feast on His Word (1 Peter 2:1-2), and obey Him (Romans 6:17), we have a recipe for godly success that's better than anything we could possibly think up on our own.

*Philippians 4:9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you*

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July 30, 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 August:

Communion Prep. : Whitney Broaddus

Greeters: Frank & Theresa Baldwin

## Men Leading Services for July 30th:

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP: Gary Rice

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Frank Baldwin

PRAYER LIST: Randy McCord

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Gary Cole

Rich Rhoads, Craig Case, Herminio Gutierrez

SCRIPTURE READING: Taylor Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Garth Radcliff

ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Jordan Willis,

Brandon Hodgson, Richard Bullough

P.M. SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

## Men to Lead Devotional on Wednesday, Aug. 2:

Songs: Gary Cole

Speaker: Gary Rice

Announcements/Prayer: Taylor Radcliff

## Upcoming Events!

August 7<sup>th</sup> – Men's Business Meeting

August 20<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Fellowship

August 30<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing - Riverdale

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

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Family outing at YBC

Bible Bowl on James 5 was last week. Several members attended the class. Those who had 100% on the quiz were: Gary Curtis, Whitney Broaddus, Lora Virden, Wilma Cole and Darlene Wilson. Good Job!

YBC Ladies Retreat 2017 - Woodward Park church of Christ will host this annual event September 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## *Pray In The Battle*

*I know, Lord, I don't always try  
And sometimes I don't even care  
I often let the worries of this world  
Become a heavy burden to bear*

*I know at times I do not react  
The way that I know I should,  
Instead my feelings rule my tongue  
And I'm often misunderstood*

*I get so sick of constantly repeating  
The same failures day after day,  
I feel so worn down by the constant battle,  
Maybe I should give up and 'Pray'*

*Does this sound at all familiar?  
Are life's hassles wearing you out?  
Do you remember to stop and pray  
So faith can replace your doubt?*

*God never said that it would be easy  
But He did say He'd always be there  
We need to stop battling on our own  
And give it over in prayer*

*Prayer is so needful in our lives,  
Constantly, throughout the day  
When we are faced with spiritual battles,  
We should never forget to pray*

*It's so important to commit each day  
Into the care of the Lord,  
So we can walk more victoriously  
Than how we had walked before*

*The enemy tries to get a foothold  
In every little way he can,  
We must be aware of his evil tactics  
And refuse to give in to his plans*

*For we have Christ Jesus in our lives  
And the power to overcome  
As we keep praying and standing firm,  
All our battles shall be won.*

## Prayer List

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

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

Sarah Dewey, granddaughter of Clofas & Jeanne Case, as she consults with cardiologists for medical testing.

Bret Dewey, son-in-law of Clofas and Jeanne Case, as he recovers from surgery.

Suzanne Mason's Mother – double mastectomy.

Bree Radcliff, recovering from a tonsillectomy.

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 and expects to follow up with specialists.

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

Doug Standridge - it was determined surgery was not needed. He will continue with dialysis.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile is living at Somerford Place of Fresno.

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.

## 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

## *The Healing That We Need*

*Why, O Lord, does it always seem  
That we often get no reply?  
When we are so very desperate  
For all the answers why*

*When we need a special touch  
To heal all of our sickness,  
A miracle that only you can do,  
Restoring strength to our weakness*

*We do not know the reasons 'why'  
You don't answer straight away,  
We only need to have faith in you  
And be persistent when we pray*

*You may choose to heal much more  
Than our needs of the physical  
So much more is the spirit inside  
That may be in need of a miracle*

*For you care so much for us  
And want to see us healed,  
Not only in this body of ours  
But in our souls as well*

*For healing is for every part,  
Our body, spirit and soul  
And God just wants to touch each part  
And make us truly whole*

*We needn't feel so downcast  
As we wait upon the Lord,  
For the answer will come in His time  
Then we shall be restored.*

## What Is Unique About Christian Joy?

First, one's capacity for joy is increased by sorrow and trials. This is true even though it may appear counter-intuitive. Jesus told his disciples that the sorrow they felt over His departure will make their joy even greater upon His return (John 16:20-22). Just as thirst can make a cool drink taste more refreshing, so present sorrows can help intensify appreciation for future joy. In the world, grief robs us of joy; in Christ, grief becomes an avenue for joy.

Second, true joy helps the Christian to discover profit and advantage in his sufferings. James instructs us to take joy in trials (James 1:2-4), for trials bring patience, a much needed virtue for Christian living. The Hebrews took joy in the robbing of their property by persecutors because it reminded them of their great possessions in heaven (Heb. 10:34). The apostles joyfully viewed persecution as an affirmation that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ (Acts 5:41). Jesus taught that those who suffer persecution should take joy in the sharing of suffering with Himself and the prophets (Matt. 5:11-12). Outside Christ, suffering becomes a cause for anger and despair. Among Christians, burdens are looked upon as welcome opportunities.

Third, joy is shared among Christians. In Luke 15, Jesus relates three parables designed to teach us to rejoice together, especially when the lost are restored to God's favor and to our fellowship. In the parable of the lost sheep, the shepherd calls his neighbors together when he finds the sheep and says "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost" (v 6). In the account of the lost coin, the woman, upon finding the coin, summons her neighbors saying, "Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost" (v 9). Upon the return of the prodigal son, the father says to the envious older son, "It was right that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found" (v 32). Joy begets joy among God's children (Rom. 12:15; 1Cor. 12:26); in the world, joy often produces jealousy in the hearts of others.

Lastly, Christian joy is burglar-proof; it cannot be stolen away by anyone or anything. Jesus said in John 16:22 that no man would be able to take away their joy. Grief and suffering do not have the capacity to rob us of joy; no man can steal our joy; no force of nature can diminish our joy. The lost have a joy that is easily taken away; the saved have a joy that cannot be moved. One might ask at this point: "If Christian joy cannot be taken away, then why are some Christians unhappy?" The answer is simple... our own sins diminish our joy. Our sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:2). Since our joy is based on a right relationship with God, when that relationship is damaged, our joy is damaged along with it. When David sinned, he acknowledged that he had to be restored to righteousness before he could find joy again (Psalm 51:8, 12).

### Conclusion

Joy is not elusive; it is readily found by those who pursue righteousness. Joy is listed as a fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, produced by those who live according to the guidance of the Word. If we walk in fellowship with God, Christian joy will be our companion along the pathway. "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).