# The Lemoore Caller

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#### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m
Sunday A.M. Worship	
Sunday P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Evening Bible Classes/Devotional	

Elders: Richard Bullough, Craig Case, Vernon Garretson

#### **Three Gardens and Three Trees**

What's the Bible all about? What's its major theme? If you were to write a *Cliff Notes* on the Bible, and be as brief as possible, what would you say about it? Well, at least one concise way to sum up the story of the Bible requires only five words. They are: Three Gardens and Three Trees. Think about it.

- 1. The Garden of Eden and The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (The Fall of Man)
- 2. The Garden of Gethsemane and The Cross of Christ (The Sacrifice for Man)
- 3. The Garden of God (Heaven) and The Tree of Life (The Eternal Salvation for Faithful Men)

This concise summary hits the beginning, middle, and end of human history and addresses its most pivotal moments. Three gardens and three trees-that's the story of the Bible in a nutshell.

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August 7, 2016

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. – Jeff & Suzanne Mason
Greeters: Frank & Theresa Baldwin

## **Men Leading Services for August 7th:**

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Richard Bullough

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis OPENING PRAYER: Craig Case PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORDS TABLE: LEAD: Jeff Mason

Excell Green, Gary Rice, Craig Standridge SCRIPTURE READING: Taylor Radcliff ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mark Lane

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ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Randy McCord,

Vernon Garretson, Garth Radcliff P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

<u>Preaching Today -</u> Mike Mason will be here this morning to bring us the message. We welcome Brother Mike as we look forward to hearing the word.

## Men to Serve for Wednesday, August 10th:

Songs: Taylor Radcliff Speaker: Jeff Mason

Announcements: Craig Standridge

**Prayer: Gary Curtis** 

## **Upcoming Events!**

August 13th - Fresno Chaffee Zoo

August 20th - Youth Devotional in Lemoore

August 21st - Birthday Fellowship

<u> August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ladies Luncheon – at Sizzler</u>

<u>August 31<sup>st</sup> –</u> Lemoore – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday singing September 9<sup>th</sup>- YBC Ladies Retreat – Hosted by

Highland Church of Christ

A baby Shower is Being Planned: To welcome the new little Case baby. We want to welcome this new little blessing with a baby shower for Sandra. A flier is on the bulletin board for more information.

**Teachers:** A workday is being planned for the fall to set up the teacher supply room. This will be coordinated with a work day for all members. A classroom inventory will be given out soon to assess what our classroom needs are.

Preschool Sunday School Class: The new teaching quarter has begun and we now have a class for the young children. Every Sunday morning, at 9:30, children 3 years old and younger can meet in classroom 1, (in the auditorium) for a weekly Bible lesson.

### **City of Children:**

We received a letter regarding Abdiel. He has graduated from 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will collect back to school supplies this month to send to him. A list of items needed is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please see Denise Dean for additional details.

Welcome Visitors: We are always grateful and encouraged to have visitors on Sunday morning, evening, Wednesday nights, and anytime we meet here at church of Christ. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card and hand it to one of our members, or place it in the offering plate. Our mission is to learn and teach God's word.

<u>Praise The Lord:</u> we have a new brother in Christ, Julian Arnold, grandson of Joyce and Gary Curtis was baptized while at camp last week. What a blessing it is to Rejoice in the Lord!!

Chaffee Zoo Trip August 13<sup>th</sup>: A trip to the zoo in Fresno for all members is being planned! We plan to meet at the building and car pool to the zoo. Admission for children age 2-11 and seniors age 62 and older will be paid. General admission for ages 12 – 61 is \$10.00. Parking fee is \$5 per car. Refreshments inside the zoo are available for purchase. A picnic lunch will be provided for those who wish to participate. Please be sure to sign up immediately, as plans are being made for transportation.

5th Wednesday Singing in Lemoore: August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is the date set for this time of worship and fellowship. Please join us as we host this event and welcome the Riverdale and Caruthers congregations. Refreshments planned for afterwards are a variety of appetizers and desserts, provided by Lemoore members. Please see the signup sheet in the foyer.

# **Prayer List**

Glen Fraley has received approval to be enrolled on the list for a heart transplant. He could receive a call at any time to go to the hospital.

Lora Virden is recovering from Bacterial Pneumonia.

Gary Cole, as he is being treated for an upper respiratory infection.

Lori Witt, niece of Richard and Becky Bullough, became ill while in Lake Tahoe for the Family Encampment. She was diagnosed with Bronchitis and prescribed medication for treatment. Concern, however, is that it has developed into Pneumonia. Merlin Welch, a neighbor and friend of the Atkinson's has suffered a stroke and is in ICU. Melodie, a friend of Emily Standridge, as she suffers the tragic loss of her sister, niece and nephew.

<u>Evan</u>, grandson of Darlene Wilson, dealing with personal struggles.

<u>Dennis Thomas</u>, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case is receiving chemo therapy, as his cancer has returned.

<u>Gary Rice and Braxston</u>, as they prepare for court/custody matters.

<u>Whitney Broaddus</u> – recovering from heart surgery. <u>Mike Virden</u> –recovering from surgery.

Edna Rice - health concerns.

Ron Edwards, Betty Edwards' nephew, remains in an acute care facility, as he continues to recover from pneumonia. However, he is improving greatly, but slowly.

<u>Casey Case, Jr.</u>, grandson of Clofas and Jeanne Case, is continuing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and an additional blood disorder. Treatment is showing improvement.

Van Bass recovering from a fall.

<u>Craig Hall</u> from Arkansas, a friend of Elizabeth Puckett recovering from a serious car accident. <u>Richard Bullough's</u> surgery has been postponed; additional information will follow.

<u>Charlotte Mendes</u>, Dixie Blair's sister, has been admitted to Hacienda Healthcare.

<u>Katelyn McCord</u> continuing to consult with doctors regarding a neck injury.

<u>Jeff O'Neal</u>, continuing treatment for stage 4 colon cancer – some improvement.

Pablo de Gracia's father – medical concerns.

<u>Pat Methvin</u> – health issues due to medications needed following liver transplant.

<u>Doug Standridge</u> – recovering after a cardiac procedure and hopes to be back on the kidney transplant list soon.

<u>Rita Frankmore</u> has been very ill as she has struggled with ongoing health problems.

<u>Lois Gable</u>, a friend of the Lane family has been diagnosed with cancer.

<u>Beverly Rice</u>, aunt of Donna Lane has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

<u>Jamie Smith</u>, Jack Otto's granddaughter, has Stage 4 Multiple Sclerosis.

<u>Summer vacation travel</u>, Many will be traveling throughout the summertime.

Members of the armed forces: those on deployment and those closer to home. Please remember them all in your prayers, as we pray they are safe and we thank them for their service. First Responders in all fields. Please keep those in mind who work diligently in keeping up with emergencies and providing medical care, fire protection and security from danger for all our citizens.

Loss due to wildfires: Many people in different parts of California have lost homes, land and locations of employment, due to the fires. Please pray for the recovery of these individuals and that they have faith in God to see them through.

<u>Terrorist Attacks:</u> Please pray for those that have suffered loss at the hands of terrorists. And pray for the terrorists that their eyes and hearts will be opened to the love of God.

<u>Pray for our Nation:</u> as we are in a presidential election year and need to make wise choices at the polls.

**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

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:130

# **Things That Are Broken**

If something is broken, we generally discard it. However, God uses broken things to accomplish His purposes. God used broken pitchers (Judges 7). Gideon conquered the Midianites by putting their lamps within pitchers; at his direction, the soldiers broke their pitchers and revealed the light, which greatly confused the Midianites, and they were defeated. The light of truth is often hidden by error, and it is when the error is broken that the light is revealed. God used broken tables of stone (Exodus 32). Aaron had erected the golden calf because Moses had been gone and the people thought they had been abandoned. When Moses came down off the mount and saw what was happening, so it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain." (Exodus 32:19). He then took the golden calf, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder. Next, he put it in the water supply and made the people drink it (Exodus 32:20). We must get rid of the world from our lives. God used a broken alabaster box (Mark 14). "And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head". (Mark 14:3). With this, the woman did what she could; we also must do what we can. God used the broken body of Jesus (Matthew 26). When He instituted the Lord's Supper, Jesus took bread and blessed it (Matthew 26). Paul later wrote, quoting the Lord, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (1 Corinthians 11:24 KJV). Note from the Scripture that His bones were not broken: "A bone of him shall not be broken" (John 19:36; Psalm 34:20). God used the broken heart of David (Psalm 51). We must have a broken heart over our sin. David said, "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17). Yes, God uses broken things. Perhaps your life has been broken by sin, but unlike Humpty Dumpty and the king's horses and men, God can put it back together again. —