

# 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 pm.

## The Last Will Be First

Those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:12

Recently I was among the last in line to board a large passenger jet with unassigned seating. I located a middle seat beside the wing, but the only spot for my bag was the overhead compartment by the very last row. This meant I had to wait for everyone to leave before I could go back and retrieve it. I laughed as I settled into my seat and a thought occurred to me that seemed to be from the Lord: "It really won't hurt you to wait. It will actually do you good." So I resolved to enjoy the extra time, helping other passengers lower their luggage after we landed and assisting a flight attendant with cleaning. By the time I was able to retrieve my bag, I laughed again when someone thought I worked for the airline. We serve Him best by serving others. That day's experience made me ponder Jesus's words to His disciples: "Anyone who wants to be first, must be the very last, and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). I waited because I had to, but in Jesus's "upside down" kingdom, there's a place of honor for those who voluntarily set themselves aside to attend to others' needs. Jesus came into our hurried, me-first world not "to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). We serve Him best by serving others. The lower we bend, the closer we are to Him. *Loving Lord, help me to follow You into the needs of others and serve You there.*

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August 12, 2018

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/Greeters: Frank & Theresa Baldwin

## Men Leading Services for August 12<sup>th</sup>:

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Randy McCord

**Song Leader:** Garth Radcliff

**Opening Prayer:** Craig Case

**Prayer List:** Gary Cole

**Lord's Table: LEAD:** Frank Baldwin

Gary Rice

Herminio Gutierrez

Brandon Hodgson

**Scripture Reading:** Gary Rice

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Gary Curtis

**Alternates:** Clofas Case, Rich Rhoads, Richard Bullough

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

## Wednesday Evening August 15:

**Songs:**

**Speaker:**

**Announcements/Prayer:**

## Upcoming Events!

**August 12** – Collection day for Jordan/Taylor

**August 19** – Birthday Fellowship

**August 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing-Caruthers

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Retreat at YBC

**Sept. 11** – Monthly Ladies Luncheon resumes

**Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – West Visalia Ladies Day

## Birthday Fellowship for August:

The next Birthday fellowship will be held on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, following evening services. The theme is taco night. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer with suggestions of food to be bought. The Coles will be hosting – Let's have a great turn-out!

## Collection boxes:

Today we will collect our boxes for Taylor and Jordan. Please bring your donations by this evening and we will make sure they get into the mail this week.

## Welcome:

We welcome Larry Gamble to our family here in Lemoore. Larry will be worshipping with us for awhile in the near future.

## Prayer for Strength

Dear God,

Please give me the strength to face the day and to see the many blessings that it contains.

Give me the courage to walk on, no matter how long the path or how many turns the road holds.

Guide my thought so that I walk in love, and peace and with gratitude stamped on my heart.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7

I said...I CAN'T GO ON...but Jesus said I WILL CARRY YOU.

I said...I AM TOO TIRED...but Jesus said I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

I said...IMPOSSIBLE...but Jesus said ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

I said...I AM STARVING...but Jesus said I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.

I said...I AM DEHYDRATED...but Jesus said I AM LIVING WATER.

I said...I AM GOING TO DIE...but Jesus said I WILL RAISE YOU UP.

## **Prayer List**

**Dwayne Herrington** Gary Rice's uncle,  
hospice due to end stage COPD

**The Rodgers/Lane Families** at the passing  
of Donna's father. Services are pending at this  
time.

**Becky Fraley** is recovering from shoulder  
surgery following a fall.

**Dorma Atkinson** passed away Tuesday  
morning. A private family service will be held  
at a later date.

**Leon and Lois Collins**, Wilma Cole's brother  
and family, for strength with daily issues.

**Martin Gutierrez** will be meeting with a  
cardiologist regarding something showed up  
during a recent routine physical.

**Marjory Cooper** still suffering from infection

**Nancy Evans**, friend of the Cole's, had a  
diagnostic bone marrow biopsy.

**Christy McCord** having therapy for a  
neck/back injury

**Lavita Hardison**, Donna Case's sister, will  
continue therapy at home following stroke and  
hospital stay

**David Ryal** Minister from Morro Bay, had a  
liver/kidney transplant at Stanford.

**Jason Burlson** stomach cancer

**Mike Virden** Ongoing medical treatment

**Richard Bullough** – medical issues

**Pat Souza**, Debbie Souza's sister-in-law is  
undergoing treatment for cancer.

**Ron Cole**, Gary Cole's son, home following  
bone marrow transplant. His counts are up.

**Alexa Martinez**, friend of Baldwin's, return of  
cancer

**Jordan Willis** deployment for the Navy

**Hannah Detlefsen**, baby daughter of friends  
of Lisa Butts, major birth defects.

**Doug Standridge**- continuing with dialysis.

**Dennis Thomas**, nephew of Jeanne and  
Cofas Case, undergoing radiation for a  
recurrence of cancer.

**Casey Case, Jr.**, undergoing Chemotherapy.

**Alana Pfeiffer**, Jack Otto's great  
granddaughter, as she struggles with issues of  
domestic violence.

**First Responders**

**Military and their families**

**Those traveling**

**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**

## **Eternal Peace**

We do not need to live in worry,  
Nor to anxiously fret,  
Because we know God's in control  
And He can handle it

He knows what things worry us  
And cause us to greatly fear  
What we feel may threaten us,  
May or may not be there

For much of what we worry about  
Are things we do not know,  
Things that may or may not happen,  
Bringing fear of the unknown

The word of God gives us power  
To have faith to overcome,  
To rely upon God's Holy Spirit  
And trust in His risen Son

So next time when you find that you  
Are unsure of what might be,  
Look to God and know that you  
Can have His eternal peace.

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## The Retrospective View and Patience

In today's "modern" culture, we find people wanting to do things **very quickly**. Where our ancestors took many months — even years to cross this country, we can now drive across it in just a few days, and fly across in just a few hours. Foods that once required hours to prepare, can now be cooked in just a few minutes, thanks to the inventor of the microwave oven.

Sometimes, we hear members of the church being critical of its leaders for being slow in instituting change or taking action. However, when it comes to decisions regarding the spiritual direction of the church, **slowness is not such a bad thing**.

From our perspective, God moves pretty slowly on important matters. For example, He waited thousands of years to send Jesus into the world, doing so only "when the fullness of the time had come" Gal. 4:4.

To some folks, God seems slow about bringing the world to an end, but there is a reason and purpose for His apparent slowness, and mankind benefits from it 2 Peter 3:8-9 Romans 2:1-4, 1 Timothy 2:1-4.

God ordained elders to lead and guide each local congregation Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:5

With age and experience, we generally learn to be slower in drawing conclusions, waiting until we have all the evidence. In contrast, when we are younger, we are usually impatient and in a hurry — so much so, that we don't always "think" before we act or speak. The results being, jumping to conclusions, and sometimes, jumping to "contusions", bruising someone's character and integrity.

We need to remember the hasty decision made by young King Rehoboam, to reject the wise advice of his older counselors for that of his young companions, which resulted in a **divided kingdom** 2 Chronicles 10.

The wise man, Solomon, reminds us in Proverbs 29:20:

**"Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him."**

Although the wheels of progress may seem to turn slowly at times in the sphere of church leadership and congregational change, the retrospective view will almost always be found to have been a **blessing rather than a curse**, Luke 17:32; Genesis 19:26; Luke 9:62.

Among other virtues, there's great value in the virtue called "patience", 2 Peter 1:5-11 KJV