# 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.

Elders: Richard Bullough, Craig Case, Vernon Garretson

#### Do You Have a Passport?

Most believe that Paul was given a glimpse of heaven (2 Corinthians 12:1–4). If so, he saw and heard things that are reserved for the Christians' reward. We do know that he seemed the most eager of any New Testament character to leave the earth. When he contemplated heaven, he had "a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Philippians 1:23). Do you want to go to heaven? Have you made preparations? You must have a passport signed by Jesus Christ. No other will do. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). The hope of heaven is available only to those who are "in Christ." John wrote, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" (Revelation 14:13). Those who are outside of Christ, i.e., outside His spiritual body, the church (Ephesians 2:12–13; 5:23; cf. Galatians 3:27; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:7; Hebrews 5:9), need to make preparation so they will find a welcome at the gate of the eternal city. Think of how wonderful it will be!

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August 14, 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 14th:**

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff OPENING PRAYER: Randy McCord

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORDS TABLE: LEAD: Jeff Mason

Taylor Radcliff, Herminio Gutierrez, Frank Baldwin

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Rice **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary Curtis** CLOSING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

ALTERNATES: Craig Standridge, Vernon Garretson,

Mark Lane, Richard Bullough P.M. SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

#### Men to Serve for Wednesday, August 17th:

Songs: Vernon Garretson Speaker: Frank Baldwin Announcements: Gary Cole

Prayer: Mark Lane

## **Upcoming Events!**

August 20th - Youth Devotional in Lemoore

<u> August 21st</u> – Birthday Fellowship

August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ladies Luncheon - at Sizzler

August 31st - Lemoore - 5th Wednesday singing

September 9th - YBC Ladies Retreat - Hosted by

Highland Church of Christ-registration

forms are available on the table in the fover.

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.

August Birthday Fellowship: will be on the 21\* after evening worship. The theme will be Mexican food. Hope to see everyone there.

**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.

#### 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.

5th Wednesday Singing in Lemoore: August 31st 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 fover.

Elizabeth Puckett will be separating from the Navy and moving to Carlsbad, CA to go to school. We want to thank Elizabeth for all of her service while serving in the Navy and want to let her know we feel blessed she decided to worship here while at LNAS. This evening after worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall as we say goodbye, (and wish her a Happy Birthday too). We hope everyone will stay after worship and enjoy the cake and fellowship.

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# **Prayer List**

Glen Fraley is recovering very well after having a heart transplant. He will be staying at Stanford for a month, and then be transferred to Santa Clara, before finally being brought back to Fresno, all as part of his recovery.

<u>Lora Virden</u> is recovering from Bacterial Pneumonia.

<u>Cindy Fuentes</u>, as she struggles with ongoing back pain.

<u>Donna Lane</u> – recovering from Pneumonia.

<u>Alana</u>, granddaughter of Jack Otto is needing strength and courage to make the right choices in life.

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. Evan, 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.

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.

<u>Pablo de Gracia's father</u> – medical concerns. <u>Pat Methvin</u> – health issues due to medications needed following liver transplant.

<u>Doug Standridge</u> – is at the top of the kidney transplant list and is in hopes of getting a new kidney 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.

Beverly Rice, 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.

Terrorist Attacks: 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

# **Fooling God**

When two service station attendants in Ionia, Michigan, refused to hand over the cash to an intoxicated robber, the man threatened to call the police. They still refused, so the robber called the police and was arrested.

A pair of Michigan robbers entered a record store, waving their revolvers in the air. One yelled "Nobody moves!" His partner moved, so . . . he shot him. "I was a little nervous," he was quoted as saying.

In Great Britain in 1997, a young man decided to blackmail a well-known supermarket chain by threatening to contaminate the foods on sale there. He sent a note demanding 30,000 pounds to be paid into his bank account and provided—just to make sure that they got the right amount into the right account—his bank account number. Not surprisingly he was soon caught and convicted.

Police in Radnor, Pennsylvania, interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine. The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth. Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.

Trying to keep secrets from God is even more foolish than any of these. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13). No action we ever take is a secret from God. No thought we ever think is unknown to Him. Then the text says For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10). Don't think you are smart enough to pull the wool over God's eyes. Don't believe for one second that you will get away with sin. On the other hand, God loves us and wants to forgive us. When He Forgives He forgets our sins. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Hebrews 8:12). You can't hide from God, but you can take advantage of the opportunity to erase your sins from His memory. If you've never become a Christian, forgiveness is received by faith and submission to God's will. That includes believing in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (John 8:24), repentance—turning away from sinful conduct (Acts 17:30), In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. Confession of your faith (Matthew 10:32), "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven,, and baptism to wash away your sins (Acts 22:16) And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' Such a saved individual must be faithful by walking in the light (1 John 1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If you've become a Christian in the past, but stepped out of the light, then repent of your sins and confess them, and allow your brothers and sisters in Christ to pray with you for your forgiveness (James 5:16), Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Thought for today" And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32