

# 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 p.m.

## Taking Flight

How do eagles soar so effortlessly to such amazing heights? Without so much as a flap of the wing, they glide on and on in wide circles across the sky. Through God's creative design, they are specially equipped to take advantage of updrafts or thermal currents created by differences in air temperature between the surface and higher elevations. Their ability to use these invisible forces enables them to cross over even the highest of mountains. For, as they draw near, the upward force grows stronger and stronger until the mountain is no longer an obstacle, but an adventure.

We need greater awareness of the unseen forces which can work within us. Too often, we grow tired because we have not garnered the power of God's presence in our lives. Other times, we have chosen, instead, to ride the downdraft of negative thinking so eagerly provided by the world. Direction is a spiritual mindset. God says, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Col. 3:2). With practice, we can learn to adjust the tilt of our wings and lean into the power of God "who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us..." (Eph. 3:20). The power to rise above even the highest obstacle is available if we are willing to trust and set our course in His direction.

God "gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary" (Isaiah 40:29-31).

# Lemoore Church of Christ

August 18, 2019

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## Services:

Today: 9:30 Bible Classes  
10:30 Morning Worship  
5:00 Evening Worship  
Wed. 7:00 Bible classes

## Servants for August:

**Greeters for August:** Frank & Theresa Baldwin

**Communion Prep:** Whitney Broadus

## Men Leading Services today:

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Garrett Sander

**Song Leader:** Garth Radcliff

**Opening Prayer:** Craig Case

**Prayer List:** Gary Cole

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

Jordan Willis

Rich Rhoads

Brandon Hodgson

**Scripture Reading:** Randy McCord

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

**Alternates:** Clofas Case, Matt Rhoads, Herminio Gutierrez, David Sander

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

## Wednesday Night: August 21

**Songs:** Garth Radcliff

**Speaker:** Richard Bullough

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Taylor Radcliff



## Upcoming Events:

**Aug. 18** Birthday Fellowship

**Aug. 25** Continental Breakfast

**Aug. 29-Sept. 2:** Antelope Campout

**August 30** Area wide singing at West Visalia

**Sept. 1** Services at Valley Christian Home

**Sept. 6** First Friday Fun

**Sept. 14** Grief Seminar w/ Mike Whitworth

**Sept 21** West Visalia Ladies Day

**Sept. 22** Birthday Fellowship

**Oct. 4-6** Ladies Retreat at YBC

**Oct. 11-15** Youth forum at West Visalia



## Birthday Fellowship:

The Birthday Fellowship will be held tonight in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. It will be a potluck event! Garth and Tiffany Radcliff will be hosting.



## West Visalia Summer Series:

The summer series on Thursdays at 7:00pm only has two more weeks to go. "Learning from the Past While Focusing on the Future" (Great and Not-So-Great Characters in Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther and Job).

- August 22 - Haman - Chris Roberts
- August 29 - Haggai - Nick Westberg



## Breakfast Ministry: Coffee Social

Beginning on August 25<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Willis will be hosting Coffee Social in the Fellowship Hall from 8-9. Come enjoy a time of fellowship Sunday morning as we prepare to worship the Lord.



## Antelope Campout

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual campout held in Antelope Valley will be held on Aug. 29-Sept. 2. Nick Westberg will be the featured speaker. This is a family campout weekend. The cost is 6.00 per person per day; children 12 and under are free. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with contact information.



## Upcoming Singing Opportunities

The area Wide Singing will be held at West Visalia on August 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Valley Christian Home

We have services at Valley Christian Home again on Sept. 1. We will begin at 1:30 by visiting with the residents and then services will begin at 2:30. All are invited to join us. Frank Baldwin will be the speaker.



### First Friday Fun Night

We will be having a "First Friday" Fun Night. It will be held on Sept. 6 at 7:30 in the fellowship hall. Hosting will be Garrett and Lynda Sander



### Grief Seminar

Michael Whitworth will be here Sept. 14 for a free day long grief seminar. There will be 2 classes in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. A continental breakfast will be held at 9:00 in the morning and a baked potato bar will be available for lunch. There is an event flyer posted on the church's Facebook page: please share it to your personal page to get the word out! There are also flyers on the table in the foyer.



### Ladies Retreat

Registration forms are in the foyer for Ladies Retreat. It will be held at YBC Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>. Early bird registration is 90.00 prior to Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday only fee is 30.00. This year's retreat is being hosted by Madera.

### The Family Tree of Success

The Father of success in work  
The Mother of success is ambition  
The oldest son is common sense,  
Some of the boys are: perseverance, honesty, thoroughness, foresight, enthusiasm, and cooperation.  
The oldest daughter is character.  
Some of the sisters are: cheerfulness, loyalty, courtesy, economy, sincerity, and harmony.  
The baby is opportunity.  
Get acquainted with the Old Man and you will be able to get along pretty well with the rest of this fine family.

*"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Ephesians 1:7*

### Prayer List:

**Dick Coxsey** is still in rehab while his home is being prepared for wheelchair access.  
**Marjory and Mark Cooper** will be traveling to SF this week. Mark will be having a diagnostic procedure on Aug. 22  
**Patrick, Tosha and family**, we helped them when their car overheated, as they travel home.  
**Bill Butts** returned to the eye institute due to bleeding in his eye. He is now home but will not be able to see with that eye until the blood drains out. The pain has lessened.  
**Lee Dial** was taken from services last week to the hospital with stroke like symptoms.  
**Victor Manna, service man for our air conditioner**, Valley Fever  
**Bob Martin** recovering from a fall  
**Tito Cano's, husband of Angie**, has been diagnosed with lymphoma and will begin chemo soon.  
**Janice McCord** will be having surgery soon.  
**Ginko Reinhardt** has stage 4 cancer  
**Jordan Willis** for strength  
**Lora Virden** will have a procedure on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Lean Grillioni**, Food poisoning  
**Don and Shirley Blackwell**  
**Bart Massey**, friend of Dixie Blair, diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer  
**Cindy Fuentes**  
**Ron and Kris Cole** Ron's Myeloma has returned. Infusions have not been effective at this time.  
**Sherry Smith**, friend of Kerri Hodgson, is now off the ventilator.  
**Becky and Glen Fraley**, Glen is on the SF transplant list.  
**Hal Crain** experiencing pain following a leg amputation.  
**Leon and Lois Collins**, Wilma Cole's brother and family, for strength with daily issues.  
**Casey Case, Jr.**, ongoing Oncology treatment.  
**Dennis Thomas**, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing cancer treatment.  
**Our Mission Work:**  
\*First Responders  
\*Our Preachers in Nicaragua  
\*Agape Village  
\*Crossover Ministry  
\*City of Children  
\*Manuelito Children's Home  
\*church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund  
\*World Christian Broadcasting

## Walking in Hope

There are many ways to describe what it takes to be a devout Christian, but perhaps one of the most succinct answers is supplied by the apostle Paul, who wrote, "Now there remains faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13). While Paul reminds us that the greatest of the three characteristics is Love, he does so to stress the importance of Love, not to downplay the importance of either faith and hope. When we consider that without faith it is not just difficult, but downright impossible to be pleasing to God, we may begin to understand just how grand love must truly be (Hebrew 11:6). However, while Faith certainly gets a lot of favorable press, and Love is most certainly admired, it is frequently true that we tend to hear less spoken concerning the vital part Hope has to play in the Christian scheme of things. The goal of the Scriptures, we are told, is to point the world to Hope. "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4; NKJV). This Hope spoken of by God in His word is not some nebulous, unspecified aspiration or dream. Rather, it is quite a specific Hope, so that we read that there is "one Hope of our calling" (Ephesians 4:4). When the Bible talks about a Christian's Hope, it is referring to concrete ideas and specific promises, which God, who cannot lie, promised to His children (Titus 1:2). Chief among these promises God has made is the promise of eternal life through Christ Jesus His Son, and the closely related promise concerning the resurrection of the dead. This is the Hope which anchors the Christian soul, an anchor sure and steadfast (Hebrews 6:18-19). Just as Jesus was risen from the dead, so too those who have put on Christ in baptism, dying to their old self, have the concrete Hope that they too will share in the resurrection of the righteous (Romans 6:3-5). True Hope, likewise, is not without concrete consequences. Just as true Faith demands that a person act in accordance with their Faith, if that faith is to have value (James 2:14-26), and just as true love demands that a person act in accordance with their professed love, with kindness (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6), so too does true, scriptural Hope make certain demands upon a person. Christian Hope precludes worldly sorrow and worry (Matthew 6:32-33; 1 Thessalonians 4:13). If we truly believe in the promises of God, we continue forward doggedly in our faith, certain that God will work things to our good, confident that the "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18; NKJV). It is this Hope that gives Christians the confidence which knows that in all things, even peril and distress, they are more than conquerors in Christ (2 Corinthians 3:12). With worry precluded, we do not fear what man might do to us when we speak (Matthew 10:27-28). Likewise, because of the awesome nature of the message, we are stirred to boldness. We have the gift of eternal life, and it is promised to any and all who will obey the Gospel of Christ! If we are eager to share good news about such mundane matters as births, weddings, and sport-related-victories, should we not be much more excited to talk about the fact that we can be raised from the dead. Christian Hope encourages faithfulness and self-sacrifice. Understanding what is offered, we are willing to "count all things loss for Christ, so that we might know Him, if by any means we might obtain to the resurrection of the dead" (Philippians 3:7-11). When the going gets tough, it is Hope that keeps us going, steadfastly putting one spiritual foot in front of the other, in our service to the Lord Christians are to walk in faith, living loving lives... but those lives should also be lives full of Hope. Lives of joyful optimism, trusting unwaveringly in the promises of God. Lives which fail to contain this Hope are lives which are failing to truly follow the road Christ walked. Let us rejoice in Faith. Let us rejoice in Love. But let us also, always, rejoice in Hope