

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

The Greatest Gift of All

A long time ago in Persia, a benevolent ruler named Shah Abbas reigned. To get to know his people better, he wore disguises to mingle among them. One day, he went as a poor man to the public baths, and sat by the fireman tending the furnace. At mealtime, he shared his food, and talked to the poor man as to a friend. Again and again, he visited the fireman until the man grew to love him. Finally, the emperor revealed his identity to the fireman. The emperor expected the fireman to request a gift of him. However, the fireman requested nothing. With love and wonder, the fireman declared, "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to partake of my coarse fare, and to care whether my heart was glad or sad. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself." Of course, we know a ruler far more benevolent than this Persian monarch. We know a ruler who left the ivory palaces of heaven to come and to live among us (Psalm 45:8). We know a ruler who was clothed with flesh and took upon himself the form of a servant (Philippians 2:5-8). We know a ruler who became poor that we might be made rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). We know a ruler who was such a friend to us that He gave His life for us (John 15:12-13). Of course, the King is Jesus Christ.

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August 21, 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 21st:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Vernon Garretson

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Mark Lane

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORDS TABLE: LEAD: Jeff Mason

Randy McCord, Excell Green, Craig Standridge

SCRIPTURE READING: Taylor Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Garth Radcliff

CLOSING PRAYER: Richard Bullough

ALTERNATES: Gary Rice, Craig Case, Lynn Atkinson,
Herminio Gutierrez

P.M. SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

Men to Serve for Wednesday, August 24th:

Songs: Garth Radcliff

Prayer: Vernon Garretson

Announcements: Gary Rice

Prayer: Craig Case

August Birthday Fellowship: A potluck style meal is planned for this evening after worship. Please plan to stay after and join us for the fellowship and good food, while we celebrate with our brothers and sisters who have birthdays and anniversaries in August. The theme will be Mexican food. Hope to see everyone there.

Ladies Luncheon Tomorrow: all ladies are invited to attend lunch at Sizzler in Hanford tomorrow at 11:30 a.m., as August birthdays will be celebrated. Please let Wilma Cole know if you plan to be there.

Upcoming Events!

August 21st – Birthday Fellowship

August 22nd – 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 foyer.

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.

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 foyer.

2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Ecclesiastes 12:12

And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.

Prayer List

Glen Fraley is recovering very well after having a heart transplant, and working through medication adjustments, following the procedure. 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.

Kathy Chamberlain Taylor, as she is very ill with Asthma and breathing difficulties.

Grady Billington, from Madera, and also a YBC board member, has had open heart surgery. He is currently in the hospital while recovering and going through medication adjustments

Mark Lane, as he has had a change of medication.

Ramona Horta, a former classmate of Mark Lane, as her father passed away.

Richard Bullough, as he is home, not feeling well and having muscle spasms in his back.

Ruth, sister of Betty Standridge, has a granddaughter who will be having surgery.

Lora Virden is recovering from Bacterial Pneumonia.

Cindy Fuentes, as she struggles with ongoing back pain.

Donna Lane – recovering from Pneumonia.

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

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.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Ciofas Case is receiving chemo therapy, as his cancer has returned.

Gary Rice and Braxton, as they prepare for court/custody matters.

Edna Rice - health concerns.

Casey Case, Jr. is continuing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and an additional blood disorder. Treatment is showing improvement.

Van Bass recovering from a fall.

Charlotte Mendes, Dixie Blair's sister, has been admitted to Hacienda Healthcare.

Katelyn McCord continuing to consult with doctors regarding a neck injury.

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

Pablo de Gracia's father – medical concerns.

Pat Methvin – health issues due to medications needed following liver transplant.

Doug Standridge – is at the top of the kidney transplant list and is in hopes of getting a new kidney soon.

Rita Frankmore has been very ill as she has struggled with ongoing health problems.

Lois Gable, a friend of the Lane family has been diagnosed with cancer.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Jamie Smith, Jack Otto's granddaughter, has Stage 4 Multiple Sclerosis.

Summer vacation travel, 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.

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

Pray for our congregation in Lemoore, as we make decisions in choosing and hiring a new preacher.

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

Isaiah 40:29 (NIV)

*He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.*

The Seven Wonders

The Seven Wonders of the World is a list the ancients compiled of man-made wonders built between 3000 B.C. and A.D. 476. These include the following:

- The Great Pyramid of Giza — a 13-acre, 481-feet-high royal tomb.
 - The Hanging Gardens of Babylon — “hanging” because they were elevated, perhaps built upon a ziggurat-type tower.
 - The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus — a massive marble temple dedicated to the goddess of fertility, which housed her statue, said to have fallen from heaven.
 - The Statue of Zeus at Olympia — 40 feet high; Zeus’ body was made of ivory and his robe and ornaments of gold.
 - The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus — a huge, white marble tomb for a provincial ruler named Mausolus, so famous that all large tombs are now called mausoleums.
 - The Colossus of Rhodes — a huge, bronze statue to the sun god Helios, about 120 feet high (as high as the Statue of Liberty).
 - The Lighthouse of Alexandria — stood over 400 feet high with a fire burning at the top to give light.
- Interestingly, of the Seven Wonders, only one remains: The Great Pyramid of Giza.

There was another man-made structure that was built early in the first century A.D. Those who built it did not know that it would become the Wonder of Wonders. The structure was the Cross of Christ. What made this particular cross so significant was not the rough wood from which it was made, but the one who was hanged upon it! It was not the wood but the one who was nailed to it that made it the Wonder of Wonders! This one was the Son of God. He was nailed to the cross, not for His own sins, but for the sins of the world—our sins! The cross upon which Jesus died is the Wonder of Wonders because it reveals the great love of God. (Romans 5:8) “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” We are the ones who deserved to die for our sins, but Jesus took our place. Through His atoning sacrifice, we are saved from sin. Jesus’ offer of salvation can be accepted by those who place their faith and trust in Him. (Acts 16:29–31), And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, ³⁰ and after he brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”³¹ They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” turn from their sins in repentance, (Acts 17:30–31), confess Him before men. (Romans 9-10) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation, and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins. (Acts 2:38) Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. The actual cross upon which Jesus was crucified no longer exists, but the one who died for us is very much alive! He rose from the dead, victorious over sin and death, and now offers to us the opportunity to share in His victory and life eternal. Won’t you accept His offer on His terms?