

# 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

## Make the Most of the Opportunity

America has long been known as the “land of opportunity.” Opportunity has great potential as a motivational force in our lives. In the business realm, when “opportunity knocks”, the successful entrepreneur makes the most of it. However, it is commonly admitted that, in the spiritual realm, many opportunities come and go without notice. While human weakness is largely to blame, much of our unused potential can be attributed to a growing complacency toward our God-given mission of seeking and saving the lost. Here are some suggestions to help us make greater use of our spiritual opportunities: 1. Pray for opportunities. God answers prayer. As we use the opportunities God provides, He will grant us even greater opportunities (Mt. 25:29). 2. Look for opportunities. While God gives the opportunity, we must recognize it. He is not going to speak directly from heaven, saying, “This is it! This the one you’ve been waiting for!” When searching for employment, one cannot expect to get a job without looking for one. Similarly, we must prayerfully search for opportunities. As a general rule, they will not simply drop into our laps. 3. Use the opportunity. Once the opportunity presents itself, be ready to use it. Be prepared for the Master’s service. In all things, “Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity” (Col. 4:5). Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

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August 26, 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

## Members scheduled to serve for September:

Communion/Greeters: Herminio & Isabella Gutierrez

## Men Leading Services for August 26<sup>th</sup>:

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Gary Curtis

**Song Leader:** Garth Radcliff

**Opening Prayer:** Richard Bullough

**Prayer List:** Gary Cole

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

Craig Case

Randy McCord

Brandon Hodgson

**Scripture Reading:** Craig Case

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

**Alternates:** Clofas Case, Rich Rhoads, Herminio Gutierrez

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

## Wednesday Evening August 29:

**Singing in Caruthers**

## Upcoming Events!

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

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

**Sept 10** – Men's Meeting

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

**Sept. 16** – Birthday Fellowship

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

## Celebration:

Leon and Lois Collins will celebrate 75 years of marriage on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Due to poor health, no party will be held. If anyone knows Leon and Lois and would like to send a card, their address is: 450 Kern Ave. Morro Bay 93442

## Welcome:

Today we welcome Garrett Sanders here to Lemoore. He will be speaking to us this morning and evening. Please take a minute following service to get to know Garrett and his family.

## Ladies Retreat:

**The Lord is my Rock** from Psalm 18:1-6, is the theme for this year's Ladies Retreat at YBC. It is to be held on Sept. 7-9. The guest speakers is Peggy Coulter and Isabella Gutierrez. Registration fee is 95.00 for the weekend. Saturday only fee is 30.00. If you choose to participate in the craft class – please include an additional 5.00. Registration forms are on the table in the foyer. Should you have any questions, please contact Ruth Mapes at 786-3748

## West Visalia Ladies Day:

The West Visalia Ladies Day will be held on Sat. September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-1. Continental breakfast will begin at 9 and lunch will be served at noon. The theme for this year is "Run the Race: Winning the race together." The guest speaker will be Brenda Johnson.

## Support for Taylor:

There are two ways to give support to Taylor while he is at Bear Valley. One is to send a check directly to the school. If you choose to do this – please write Taylor's name on a sticky note not on the check itself. The address for this is: Bear Valley Bible Institute (BVBI) 2707 S. Lamar St. Denver CO 80227. The other way to support Taylor is make a check out to the Lemoore church of Christ anytime during the first 3 weeks of the month. In the memo line you can write Taylor or scholarship fund. The church will then send a check out during the last week of the month to Bear Valley. This information will be posted on the bulletin board for your reference.

## Bible Bowl Results:

Congratulations to Alice Fall, Shirley Garretson and Beck Bullough for their 100% score on the subject of Women in the Bible.

## Prayer List

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

**Kaila Williams**, Granddaughter of John and Patsy Calhoun of Caruthers, suffered stroke-like symptoms and will be seeing a neurologist soon as she did not have a stroke. She is 28 and serves in the US Air Force.

**Sarah Dewey**, granddaughter/niece of the case families, has suffered with heart problems for a year. She was recently diagnosed with clogged arteries. She is 30 years old and her mother is advocating that she receives surgery sooner than the end of September.

**Aubree Bettencourt**, friend of the Cases, was in the hospital last Sunday for an emergency C-Section. Mother and daughter are home and doing well at his time.

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

**Ed Autry**, relative of Darlene Wilson, family problems

**Betty Standridge** will have an angiogram on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Melissa Jackson, friend of Caitlyn Harp**, Awaiting medical test results.

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

**Marjory Cooper** still suffering from infection

**Nancy Evans**, friend of the Cole's, chronic leukemia

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

**Lavita Hardison**, Donna Case's sister, s currently back in the hospital in Hanford

**David Ryal** Minister from Morro Bay, is home now but has a long road of recovery ahead of him. He is able to attend church now.

**Mike Virden** had an echocardiogram and CT scan. He is currently on oxygen al the time and his condition is worsening.

**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, currently at Stanford.

**Doug Standridge**- continuing with dialysis.

**Dennis Thomas**, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing treatment

**Casey Case, Jr.**, ongoing Oncology treatment.

**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**

## It Shows in Your Face

You don't have to tell how you live each day,  
Whether you are fair in your work or play,  
I tried, true barometer serves in its place,  
However you live, it will show on your face.

The faults, the deceit you bear in your heart,  
Will not stay inside where it first got its start,  
For sinew and blood are thin veils of lace,  
What you wear in your heart, you wear on your face.

You don't have to tell when you can't sleep at night,  
You don't have to tell when you're ready to fight,  
If you've been going at a pretty fast pace,  
You don't have to tell, it shows on your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,  
For not what you get, but how much you can give,  
If you live close to God in His infinite grace,  
You don't have to tell, it shows on your face.

If the Master of life you meet on the way,  
And He turns your night into glorious day,  
You don't have to tell that you've won the last race,  
His victory is yours, and it shows on your face.  
-from an old masterpiece

## Lead, Follow, Get Out of the Way

Lee Iacocca used the above words many years ago in a T.V. commercial about Chrysler products. He said that in the car business one had to lead, follow or get out of the way. Many picked up on that phrase and it has been used in training for organizational leaders ever since. In many ways the statement is true. I, however, would like to put a different twist on it. As Christians it is not either do one or the other. We must, in some respect, do all three.

### Lead

Christians must lead. They must lead through example. Jesus instructs us to be salt and light (Matt. 5:14-16). He states that a city set on a hill cannot be hid. Our lights must shine so that others may see Christ in us and be drawn to Him. It is true that for one to come to Christ, he must be taught. The seed of the Word of God must be sown in his heart, but much work can be done on the soil through a good Christian example.

Christians must also lead through active teaching. We have been given a ministry and a Word of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:17-21). If you are one of the "us" that has been reconciled, then you are also one of the "us" that has been given a Word and ministry of reconciliation.

### Follow

Christians must also follow. First, we must be followers of God (Eph. 5:1-2). One follows God by following His teaching revealed in the Bible. Many claim to be following God, yet rarely open His Book to learn God's will. We must also follow Christ's teaching and example. Jesus said "I have given you an example that you should do as I have done..." (John 13:14-15). He said this in connection with showing humility. Have we become "foot washers" for Jesus? Have we humbled ourselves in service to others, thereby following his example? We also need to be followers of the apostle's teaching and example. Paul said "be followers of me as I also am of Christ." (1 Cor 1:11).

### Get Out of the Way

Finally, one must get out of the way. We must get out of the way of the Gospel. There are those who are trying to save others by anything but that one thing which has the power to save... the Gospel (Rom. 1:16, 1 Cor. 1:17-24). People are saved when they hear, believe, and obey the Word of God. Fellowship and friendliness are good and necessary, but they, by themselves, save no one. We must do the hard work of teaching.

We must also get out of the way of those who are trying to do God's work. Some will hinder others because their zeal and enthusiasm makes their own decades of laziness look bad. Many good works have never gotten off the ground or seen the light of day because it's possible or likely success intimidates those who are content with the lethargic status-quo.

Often, for the Christian, we don't choose one of the three, but rather we must lead AND follow AND get out of the way.