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

Christ Is the Only Way

We tend to be serious and exclusive when dealing with serious matters. When you go to a physician for treatment, the doctor doesn't outline four or five arbitrary therapies, asking you to choose the one which "floats your boat." Rather, a physician seeks the greatest precision in addressing the patient's situation. In the same way, but even more profoundly, Jesus claims to address the central elements of life, putting Himself forward to be the answer to our most profound needs. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden," Jesus invites, "and I will give you rest." This loving call invites us into a new way of life filled with blessings and with responsibilities. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me," is the Savior's commandment and promise, "for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) The power of the gospel is transformational. It moves us from the way of the world into the way of salvation in Christ. Receiving the blessings of Jesus as your Savior entails entering into a relationship with Jesus as your Lord. In contrast to the transforming power of the gospel, much of today's popular religion is accommodating rather than confrontational. Worldly religions reinforce rather than challenge worldly behavior. In contrast to the world's message of indulgence, the church must continually reinforce the Lord's call to repentance.

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September 2, 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 **September:**Communion/Greeters: Herminio & Isabella
Gutierrez

Men Leading Services for Sept. 2nd:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Frank Baldwin

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Richard Bullough

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Herminio Gutierrez

Craig Case Randy McCord Rich Rhoads

Scripture Reading: Randy McCord Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Gary Rice Alternates: Clofas Case, Rich Rhoads, Larry

Gamble, Garth Radcliff

P.M. Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Wednesday Evening August 29:

Songs: Gary Cole

Speaker: Garth Radcliff

Announcement/Prayer: Randy McCord

Upcoming Events!

Sept. 7th - 9th - Ladies Retreat at YBC

Sept 10 - Men's Meeting

Sept. 11 – Monthly Ladies Luncheon resumes

Sept. 16 – Collection day for Jordan & Taylor

Sept. 22nd – West Visalia Ladies Day

Sept. 23rd – Birthday Fellowship

Nov. 21-14 – Thanksgiving at YBC

Birthday Fellowship:

The theme for this month's birthday fellowship will be "potluck". It will be held on Sept 23rd, following evening services. Our hostess will be Shirley Garretson.

Celebration:

Leon and Lois Collins will celebrate 75 years of marriage on September 8th. 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

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 are 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 22nd 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.

	30	23	16 Griselda Gutierrez	9 Wilma Cole	2 Danielle Bellwood	Sun
		24 Garth Radcliff	17	10	3 Gary Cole	Mon
		25	18 Bree Radcliff	11 Linda & Lynn Atkinson	4	S: Tue
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		27	20 Mary Ann Chamberlain	13	6 Russ Burkhart	8 Thu
		28 Alissa Radcliff	21	14	7	1.5
		29	22	15	8	 Sat

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 strokelike 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.

Evan Autry, relative of Darlene Wilson, family problems

Betty Standridge will have an angiogram on August 27th.

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 skin cancer has returned and the Dr. will be removing soon.

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

Christy McCord having therapy for a neck/back injury

Lavita Hardison, Donna Case's sister, is currently in the Rehab Center.

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

Prayer is Power

The place of prayer is anywhere, Beside a bed or bench or chair, Out in the corn fields of ripened corn, Or in the city streets at morn; Washing dished or hauling hay, God will listen if you pray.

The power of prayer is greater than, The understanding of a man; It heals and blesses any one, Who puts his faith in God's only Son; For prayer will really help you win, All fights with Satan, Self and Sin.

The peace of prayer is so complete, If brings in joy and routs defeat. It strengthens patience and renews, That spirit we must never lode. God heals the soul and takes the care, From every heart that breaths prayer.

--Sanaker

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." - Galatians 2:20

The Importance of Brotherly Love

The topic of Christian love, brotherly love, must never become stale or outdated. The love that exists between Christian brothers and sisters is one of the clearest testimonies that we are in fellowship with God. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. (1 John 2:10) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7) One of the best Biblical texts dealing with the importance of brotherly love is 1 John 4:7-21. In this article we'll examine some of what this text has to teach us regarding love.

Love Shows That We Are God's Children First, brotherly love shows us that we are true children of God. Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8) God is the definition of love. He is the source of love. From God we learn that love is not mere sentiment, but involves an act of the will. Love is a verb. God not only told us of His love, but He showed it in His divine act of love (cf. vv. 9-11). Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 John 3:16, cf. John 3:16 & Rom. 5:6-8) For Christians, brotherly love should certainly be spoken, but what is most important is that this love is shown in deeds. Can we say that we are God's children? We can if we love one another and if that love is shown in deeds.

Fellowship With God Secondly, love brings us into fellowship with God (vv. 12-16). Of course, we cannot fellowship God as we do each other for God is not visible to us (v. 12, cf. John 1:18). However, when brotherly love abides within our hearts, then God abides in us through His Holy Spirit. It is impossible for one to say he has fellowship with God when he does not love his brothers and sisters in Christ. It is just as likely for an unloving person to be a child of God as it is for a fig tree to bear olives (cf. James 3:9-12). Just as Jesus said that the world would know that we are His disciples by the love we have for one another (John 13:34-35), so the world will know that we are not only disciples but also God's children through our brotherly love.

Love Is NOT Optional

Brotherly love is NOT optional. Some live in self-deception. John gives a stern warning. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. (1 John 4:20-21) Hate is a strong word. What is hate? It is no more, nor any less than the absence of Love. For the true Christian, love is not optional. It is not something about which he can have a "take it or leave it" attitude.

Let us love one another! Love is of God. He is the source, definition and supreme example of love. With brotherly love I leave "church going" behind and live as a true and authentic Christian and have bold confidence in my standing before God. Without love, my "church going" and sacramental observances are nothing more than a hypocritical sham. LOVE!