

# 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

## **What I love about being a Christian**

I love being a child of the King! Why? First, Christians have a family. God designed the physical family in the paradise of Eden ( Genesis 2:7; 18). Most of us enjoy that blessing from God. In the New Testament, God gave us a second family—relationships with other church members. If our physical family fails us, especially, God has given us the substitute of a family in Christ ( Mark 10:29–30). Christians love to sing of this truth: We're part of the family, that's been born again, Part of the family, whose love knows no end, For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own, Now we're part of the family that's on its way home! Second, Christians have a function. Our foremost purpose in life is to bring glory to our Father ( Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12). Therefore, our aim is to do "in word or deed" all we do by the authority of Jesus Christ ( Colossians 3:17; Acts 4:7–10). Our speech (Colossians 4:6), attitudes (Philippians 2:1–5), clothing (1 Timothy 2:9–10; 1 Peter 3:3–4), and daily work (Colossians 3:22) should reflect Jesus (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6). Third, Christians have a future. Those in Christ have a wonderful future no matter what their situation today. God's Book affirms that the Christian's future is bright (Luke 10:20; 1 Peter 1:1–9; Romans 6:22). Truly, I know not what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow! A family, function, and future—all free. Jesus is still taking followers! —

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September 4, 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 September:

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Isabella and Herminio Gutierrez

## Men Leading Services for September 4th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Richard Bullough

SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Vernon Garretson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORDS TABLE: LEAD: Craig Case

Brandon Hodgson, Gary Rice, Mark Lane

SCRIPTURE READING: Taylor Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Frank Baldwin

ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Randy McCord,

Craig Standridge, Gary Curtis

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

## Men to Serve for Wednesday, September 7th:

Songs: Gary Curtis

Speaker: Craig Case

Announcements: Taylor Radcliff

Prayer: Garth Radcliff

## Upcoming Events!

September 9<sup>th</sup>- YBC Ladies Retreat – Hosted by Highland Church of Christ- registration forms are available on the table in the foyer.

September 12<sup>th</sup>: Men's Business Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Valley Christian Home Western BBQ

September 18<sup>th</sup>- Birthday Fellowship

September 25<sup>th</sup>: Bible Class Perfect Attendance Acknowledgment

October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Valley Christian Home Worship.

*This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.*

*Isaiah 48:17 NIV*

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Your participation is needed! Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. We have many topics to discuss and your opinions, ideas and involvement are all very important. Men, please be there and be involved!

**Teacher Needed:** We have an opening to teach our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday morning class during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, October through December. If you are interested in teaching this class, please see Craig Case.

**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.*

**Valley Christian Home Western BBQ!** The Ladies Auxiliary will host it's annual fund-raising event at the home, Friday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup>. This year will be of a different theme than the traditional Luau. It will be a "Western BBQ". Tickets are available for purchase at \$25 per person. Please see one of the ladies from the auxiliary for details and if you wish to purchase tickets.

**September Birthday Fellowship:** *Sunday Evening, September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries for the month with a potluck style meal and fellowship. The theme will be "The Last Days of Summer". All the makings for Caramel Apples will be supplied and main dishes, side dishes and desserts will be needed. Please see Lynda Martyn or Denise Dean for details.*

## Prayer List

Glen Fraley is recovering very well after having a heart transplant. He and wife Becky, will be staying in an apartment near Stanford, as he continues with his recovery. Anyone wishing to contact the Fraley's, may find their new address on the bulletin board.

Lucile Chamberlain: has been experiencing TIA's recently. She also has had dental work done.

Grady Billington, from Madera, and also a YBC board member, recovering from a coronary valve replacement. He has been transferred to a rehab hospital and is scheduled to go home this week.

Alice Fall has been experiencing back pain and is being treated by a chiropractor.

Gingko Rineheart, a neighbor of Darlene Wilson has been having trouble breathing.

Mark Lane, adjusting to new medication.

Ramona Horta, a former classmate of Mark Lane, as her father passed away. Also, her son, Matt Horta, has been deployed.

Richard Bullough, experiencing muscle spasms in his back.

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

Cindy Fuentes, as she struggles with ongoing back pain.

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

Merlin Welch, a neighbor and friend of the Atkinson's has suffered a stroke.

Evan, grandson of Darlene Wilson, dealing with personal struggles.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas 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.

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

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

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 - ongoing health problems.

Lois Gable, a friend of the Lane family has been diagnosed with cancer. Her health is declining greatly.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She is not doing well.

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

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.

### 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

*You may be weak,*

*But Jesus is Strong!*

*Build your life on the sure foundation of Jesus.*

*For Jesus is*

*the Rock of Faith,*

*the Rock of Hope, and*

*the Rock of Strength*

*that you can depend on!*

*In every situation, look to the Lord,*

*and He will take away your weaknesses,*

*your doubts and your fears.*

*It is in the courage you get from His promises*

*that you will find your strength,*

*that you will find your faith.*

*Then when the storms of life come,*

*you will be standing on the sure foundation of*

*Jesus, the Rock!*

## September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 John-Ryan Ervin	5	6	7	8	9 Wilma Cole	10
					YBC Ladies Retreat	
11 Linda & Lynn Atkinson	12	13	14	15	16 Stonnie Dodd Griselda Gutierrez	17
	Men's Business Meeting (6:00 p.m.)				VCH Western BBQ	
18 Bree Radcliff	19	20 Mary Ann Chamberlain	21	22	23 Joanne Ervin	24 Samantha Holthausen Garth Radcliff
Birthday Fellowship	Ladies Luncheon - Sizzler, Hanford					
25 Betty Edwards	26 Richard Bullough	27	28 Alissa Radcliff	29	30	
Bible Class Perfect Attendance Acknowledgment			Bible Bowl - Galatians 5			

## No Games With God

Human beings play games with each other. I'm not talking about games like baseball or golf. I am thinking instead of those generally called "mind games."

You have either played them, have had them played on you, or (most likely) a little of both. We leave an impression designed to work to our advantage. Perhaps use an outright lie. Promises are made with no intention of keeping them. These are games by which we sometimes try to get through difficult situations without facing them forthrightly. Games like this, when they are the modus operandi of interpersonal relationships, will ultimately cause the dissolution of those relationships. Arenas within which these games are played include romance, politics, friendship, the workplace, and sports.

As important as it is to avoid such games, it is vastly more important that we never attempt to finesse God in this (or any other) fashion. One might say, "No one could be so foolish as to try that!" Read this excerpt from Ecclesiastes 5: "Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore, let your words be few." When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it, for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed "better not to vow than to vow and not pay" (Ecclesiastes 5:2, Ecclesiastes 5:4). The idea here is that if you say to God that you will do something (the sense in which "vow" is used) you had better do it (the sense in which "pay") is used.

**How does this apply to the New Testament Christian? Let's start with a simple thing.**

Attending services is a duty for every child of God. We all know that there are times when we have to work, deal with illness, or attend to very pressing matters, and these things preclude our worship and class attendance. The biblical warrant for attendance is easy to establish. The Lord's church met on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2) and so must we. To do so is to be in accord with the pattern revealed in Scripture. We ought not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). Periods of Bible study have been established under the leadership of the elders ordained to oversee our spiritual development (Hebrews 13:17), and we ought to attend and take part in these study opportunities also. We know these things. At some point in our spiritual development we decided to come to all the services we could. We said we would. If we don't are we playing games with God?

What about personal Bible study and prayer? We know we should be faithful in these things and have told God that we would be so. Now, if we don't do what we've said we would do, are we playing games with God? What about faithfulness in other matters, such as the way we speak, or the way we conduct our daily lives? We make promises to God and we must do our best to keep them.

An understandable objection is that we mean the promises when we make them, but things happen and we can't always hold up our end. And the response is just as understandable: God knows our frailties and will provide help in dealing with temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13) and forgiveness of sins when we repent. This He does continually for the faithful child of God (1 John 1:5-10). I cannot reach sinless perfection, but I can reach faithfulness. As an example of this principle, read Philippians 3:12-16 in which those who are mature (the meaning of "perfect") are encouraged to be like Paul and press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. It is an example of playing games with God to set out on a course of faithfulness and then sin with a mind either to enjoy the sin for a while and repent later or to plead that "I am just weak" when we knew all along exactly what we were doing.

God is too good to us to be the object of mind games. We should make our promise of faithfulness to Him and do our best to keep it. What we are really talking about is honesty in a relationship of the most private kind, that between the Christian and God. When we falter, don't try to make excuses-this is playing games. Just repent and go forward to faithfulness.-