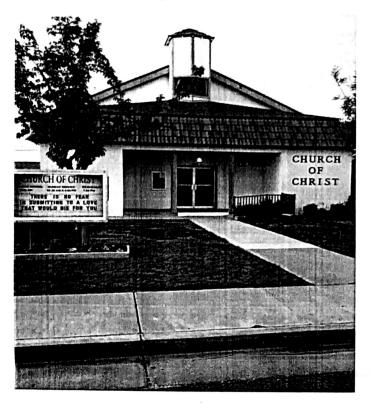
# The Lemoore Caller

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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

## Peace

I don't know very much Hebrew, but one word that has always intrigued me in the Hebrew language is the word "Shalom", which means peace. This word is used over 400 times within the Old Testament and was used in a variety of ways. The Bible spoke of peace between individuals, nations, and ultimately between humanity and God. This peace was the desired status in any relationship or life. Isaiah tells us in chapter 9 that Jesus, the coming Messiah, would be the Prince of Peace and would offer us a way to a life of peace. Later in the New Testament the "peace of God" is a common theme that is prayed for by Paul often. Sadly, there are also many verses about people trying to spread a false peace that isn't rooted in God. The point of this is to see how central the message of peace has been for God and His people. As Christians, peace isn't a side note that we try to obtain from time to time. Instead, there should be a deep and intense yearning in our souls for peace between man and with God. Nobody should want peace more than we do. Where in your life could you provide some much needed peace of God?

## Philippians 4:6-7

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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September 9, 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

Gutierrez

Men Leading Services for Sept. 9th:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Randy McCord

**Song Leader**: Garth Radcliff **Opening Prayer**: Larry Gamble

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Craig Case

Herminio Gutierrez

Gary Rice

Brandon Hodgson

Scripture Reading: Gary Rice

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Frank Baldwin Alternates: Clofas Case, Rich Rhoads, Richard

Bullough, Gary Curtis

P.M. Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

### Wednesday Evening Sept. 12:

Songs: Garth Radcliff Speaker: Craig Case

Announcement/Prayer: Gary Rice

### **Upcoming Events!**

Sept 10 - Men's Meeting

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

Sept. 16 – Collection day for Jordan & Taylor

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

**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, following evening services. Our hostess will be Shirley Garretson.

"Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow." – Psalm 25:4

#### Welcome to the Lemoore Family:

We welcome Garrett and Linda Sander and their children, David and Grace, to our family here in Lemoore. We look forward to this time of introduction and learning more of God's word together.

#### **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.

#### **Monthly Birthday luncheon resumes:**

The monthly birthday luncheon resumes this Tuesday, September 11th. Wilma Cole has more information.

#### **Collection Boxes for Jordan and Taylor:**

Next Sunday – Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> will our monthly collection of items to send to Jordan and Taylor. Please bring your items and place in the plastic boxes in the foyer.

"Worship of God requires concentration of mind and effort, if the soul really communes with the Father Spirit. No auto ride or walk in the country, no lounging around the house can give this atmosphere of worship; can keep the mind fixed on God and his goodness. Knowing the blessings of church worship on the Lord's Day and realizing absence of the blessing when you let a Sunday pass without church worship. In the interest of your immortal souls, resolve not to neglect assembling yourselves together on the Lord's Day."

--Theodore Roosevelt

#### Writing the Gospel

You are writing the gospel,
A chapter each day,
By the things that you do,
And the words that you say,
And the world read what you write,
Whether faulty or true,
Say, what is the gospel according to you?

-- Sel.

KERRI HODGEN TOOK JOHDY TO HOSPITAL This AM. Kiddley

**Prayer List** 

Jamie Smith, granddaughter of Jack Otto, Blood infection

★ Darlene Wilson seeing Dr. for leg issues - TESTS Charles Fall Blood clot behind knee concerns of DVT at this time.

Trace Pierce has been in the hospital. Dwayne Herrington Gary Rice's uncle, hospice due to end stage COPD

Sarah Dewey, granddaughter/niece of the Case families, has suffered with heart problems and was recently diagnosed with cloqued arteries.

Becky Fraley is recovering from shoulder surgery following a fall.

Evan Autry, relative of Darlene Wilson, family problems

**Betty Standridge** 

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.

Mark Cooper skin cancer has returned and the Dr. in S.F. will be removing soon.

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, 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** seeing a specialist. He is currently on oxygen all the time and his condition has worsened. WILL BE IN S.F. Thurs 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.

\* MARTIN STARTS IN FRESHO, SEPT 17

Doug Standridge- continuing with dialysis. He will be consulting a specialist with the next week or so.

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

#### **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. 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. More details of this information are posted on the bulletin board for your reference.

#### Faith is the Substance.

I do not ask that I shall see, The path that lies ahead of me. For this is all I need to know, His love will guard me where I go. When days are sad and nights are long, I know his love will keep me strong. I need not prove by rule or sign, That God exists, that he is mine. So much I cannot understand, But this I know – He holds my hand. --Unknown

"For with God, nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37

#### What a Friend We Have

Knowing the influence that friends have on each other, the Lord advises that "the righteous should choose his friends carefully" (Prov. 12:26). Friends, even as the Bible uses the word, are not mere acquaintances. True friends build a relationship which can surpass even that which they experienced in their own home. Solomon stated that "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother," and "a friend loves at all times" (Prov. 18:24; 17:17). (This is why husbands and wives need to be best friends.)

Moses spoke of a friend "who is as your own soul" (Deut. 13:6). That's the kind of friends that David and Jonathan were to each other. First Samuel 18 says, "The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul...Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul" (18:1, 3).

Do you have a friend that you would trust and value "as your own soul"? Many of us can identify that person(s) in our lives and we cannot imagine trying to exist without their close and constant companionship. Can I remind you of another friend whom you cannot live without?

The following passages paint a portrait of God that I think we need to have refreshed in our hearts. "So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (Ex.33:11). Meditate on that for a minute. Moses and the Lord were very close friends.

James tells us that Abraham "was called the friend of God" (2:23). In the Old Testament, Abraham truly was called God's friend. In 2 Chronicles 20:7, King Jehoshaphat appealed to God and referred to "Abraham Your friend forever." But, it was not just others calling Abraham a friend of God. In Isaiah 41:8, the Lord Himself said, "Abraham My friend." Meditate on that for a minute. God proclaimed, "Abraham is My friend."

We have a friend who sticks closer than a brother (Heb. 13:5-6). We have a friend who loves at all times (Rom. 8:35-39). We have a friend who loves us as His own soul (Eph. 5:2; Isa. 53:10-12; Heb. 4:15).

Now, go and read John 15:12-15. He loved His friends and laid down His life for His friends. But, we are only His friends if we do as He has commanded us.

Would the Lord call you His friend? Is He your close, constant companion? Is your soul knit to Him?

#### Ecclesiastes 4:9-11

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone?