

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 p.m

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, who lived from 1674 to 1749 continues to influence Christians worship over 250 years after his death. During his lifetime he wrote approximately 600 hymns, many of which are still used in worship today. In 1707, he wrote "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The words to the second verse are: "Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my Lord. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood." This thought is surely based on the apostle Paul's affirmation in Galatians 6:14, "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. "When we reflect on (survey) the cross, we should truly be amazed and humbled. When we survey the cross we see the reality of sin, for if it were not for mankind's sin, the death of Jesus would not have been necessary. We also see the high cost of redemption. To redeem us required the death of the Son of God! The cost of redemption reminds us of how serious sin truly is. When we survey the cross we are reminded that the price for our redemption has been paid. Because of the cross we have been spared from condemnation. When we survey the cross we are told in no uncertain terms that God loves us. As unbelievable as it may seem, He really loves us. May we, like Paul, determine to glory only in the cross of Jesus.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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September 15, 2019

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Services:

Today: 9:30 Bible Classes
10:30 Morning Worship
5:00 Evening Worship

Wed. 7:00 Bible classes

Servants for September:

Greeters Herminio and Isabel Gutierrez

Men Leading Services today:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Randy McCord

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Prayer List: Garth Radcliff

Lord's Table: LEAD: Craig Case
Jordan Willis
Rich Rhoads
Brandon Hodgson

Scripture Reading: Davis Sander

Announcements/Ci. Prayer: Gary Rice

Alternates: Clofas Case, Matt Rhoads, Herminio Gutierrez, Gary Cole

P.M. Song Leader:

Wednesday Night: Sept. 18

Songs: Gary Cole

Speaker: Garrett Sander

Announcements/Ci. Prayer: Gary Curtis



Upcoming Events:

Sept 21 West Visalia Ladies Day
Sept. 22 Birthday Fellowship
Oct. 4 Men's YBC Meeting
Oct. 4-6 Ladies Retreat at YBC
Oct. 7 Men's Meeting
Oct. 11-15 Youth forum at West Visalia
Oct. 25 Area Wide Singing – Lemoore hosts
Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat
Nov. 2 FYBC meeting – Fresno



Ladies Retreat

Today is the deadline for the early bird price for Ladies Retreat. Forms are in the foyer and there is a flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Prayer List:

Lynda Sander had her second infusion

Gary Cole recovering from knee surgery

Paula Beene recovering from heart attack.

Chris Downs, brother of Tiffany Radcliff, experiencing life trials. Prayers are requested that he can get the medical help he needs.

Taylor Radcliff has graduated boot camp in Texas.

The family of Bob Martin. Bob passed away and there is no word regarding services at this time

The family of Dick Coxsey. Dick passed away last Monday– We have not heard any news regarding services.

Marjory and Mark Cooper Mark is doing well at this time.

Bill Butts has been given medication for eye infection and pain following his surgery.

Bob Martin recovering from a fall

Tito Cano's, husband of Angie His next scheduled chemotherapy is for 10/7.

Janice McCord

Jordan Willis for strength

Lora Virden had a procedure last Monday.

Don and Shirley Blackwell

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer

Cindy Fuentes

Ron and Kris Cole Ron's Myeloma has returned. Infusions have not been effective at this time.

Becky and Glen Fraley, Glen is on the SF transplant list.

Hal Crain experiencing pain following a leg amputation.

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

Casey Case, Jr., ongoing Oncology treatment.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing cancer treatment.

Our Mission Work:

*First Responders

*Our Preachers in Nicaragua

*Agape Village

*Crossover Ministry

*City of Children

*Manuelito Children's Home

*church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund

*World Christian Broadcasting



Upcoming Singing Opportunities

The area Wide Singing will be held Here in Lemoore on October 25th. Refreshments will be needed following the singing.



YBC News

The men will be meeting regarding YBC on Oc. 4th. The next FYBC meeting has been changed to Nov. 2nd at 1:00. It will be held at the Northwest church of Christ in Fresno.



Breakfast Ministry: Coffee Social

Plan on joining us each week at the Coffee Social in the Fellowship Hall from 8-9:15. Come enjoy a time of visiting, hosted by Jordan Willis, as we prepare to worship the Lord.



Thank you

To all who helped make the Grief seminar such a powerful day. Special thanks to Michael Whitworth for leading us all in this important study. Thanks to Lynda Sander for organizing all the wonderful food served during the day.



Youth Forum

The West Visalia congregation will have their annual youth forum on Oct 11 -13. The theme is WONDER: We Serve an Amazing God. Please the foyer bulletin board for more information.

Good Spiritual Vision

In spite of all our advancements, we have never come close to duplicating the marvels found in the human body. Consider the eye. It has the ability to distinguish colors and various shades of life. It has the ability to focus on objects close at hand or far away. It automatically adjusts for light, either reducing the glare or adjusting low-light conditions. The psalmist was correct when he said that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps. 139:14).

The eye also possesses tremendous spiritual significance. Jesus said, "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is

bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" (Mt. 6:22).

Christians must maintain good spiritual vision. Without it, hope vanishes and we will abide in darkness. But Jesus came as "the Sunrise from on high...to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Lk. 1:78-79).

The first requirement for good spiritual vision is the acknowledgement that there is a truth to be understood. "The lamp of the body is the eye..." (Mt. 6:22). The eye is the receptacle through which light enters the body. When the eye functions properly, we are able to avoid needless injury.

But, Jesus had more in mind than physical vision. He often used eyesight as an analogy for perception and understanding. He commended His disciples, saying, "blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear" (Mt. 13:16). Jesus had just explained that His reason for speaking in parables was because some could see but not see and hear but not understand (vs. 13). The eye, then, represents our capacity to understand and receive guidance.

In preaching the truth, we seek to open eyes to the glory of Christ (cf. Acts 26:18). Obeying the gospel is an "eye-opening" experience. In fact, early Christians were sometimes referred to as those who had been enlightened (Hb. 6:4). The opening chapter of the gospel of John describes Jesus as "the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man" (Jn. 1:9). We, too, seek to be a light to the world, glorifying God in the things we do (Mt. 5:14, 16). In this way, we may open another's eyes to the glory of God.

Via – Greenbriar church of Christ

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have being."

Revelation 4:11

Security

We live in a world that is both obsessed with security and at the same time frustrated by the realization that true security is becoming increasingly elusive. Security cameras are everywhere. New, high-tech, super sophisticated weapons systems are continually being incorporated into the defensive systems of nations all around the world in an effort to insure their security from outside attack. But as soon as a new weapons system is deployed, it is already virtually out of date. A newer, more sophisticated, better system designed to defeat the first is either in the developmental process or, in many cases, ready to come on line.

One of the most critical areas of security for any nation is its economic system. Nations operate on economics. When a nation develops economic problems of one sort or another, it usually has an effect on the citizens of that country. Unemployment rates can rise significantly, which further impacts that nation's economy. If a nation's economy is perceived to be insecure by other nations with which it does business, then that nation is automatically weakened globally. Thus, governments go to great lengths to insure the security of their economy.

Hundreds of billions of dollars are spent on software designed to make computers secure against would-be hackers. But any security system that can be designed can be beaten by other designers. In a world that is so tied together by computers, nothing is hack proof. The evidence of this truth is reported in the news with alarming regularity. Identity theft is just one aspect of this much larger problem.

People look to the wrong sources for real security. Simply put, this world is not a secure place. Nations rise, and nations fall. Economies rise and crumble. Companies that offered security for their employees for decades suddenly get bought out, downsized, relocated or go bankrupt. People work for forty years, make seemingly wise investment decisions only to lose huge portions of their savings due to economic upheaval. It happens on a regular basis.

As trite as it may sound to some, real security can only be found in a right relationship with God. Ultimate security simply cannot be found in what this world has to offer. Scripture speaks of "*an anchor of the soul.*" That anchor is the "*hope*" of eternal life with God in Heaven (Hebrews 6:19). That hope is not just a desire; it is also an expectation. Those whose lives are anchored in that hope experience the "*peace of God, which...will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:7).

God is described as "*the God of hope*" (Rom. 15:13). He has provided His word to guide us as to how the "*hope*" of eternal life can become reality for each one of us (Romans 15:4). "*In Christ*" is where salvation is found (Romans 8:1). By being "*baptized into Christ*" (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27), we enter into a security that only God can provide.

Are you ready to come to your Lord and Savior and find the ultimate security of eternal life? The choice is yours...