# 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

## Now I get to go to Church

I remember in my pre-Christian days how hard it was for me to get out of bed on a Sunday morning to go to a church assembly. It was a real chore for me because I would rationalize how tired I was and how little sleep I got the night before. However, if the poor night sleep was on a "work day" I would always muster the energy to get out of bed and go to work. Why? Well, work was a priority to me and my boss might find someone else to do my job. The employer says, "Be here!" We say, "Yes." God says, "Be here!" We are tempted to hit the snooze button. After I became a Christian I came to understand the value of being with God's people as much as possible for public worship and study. I still found on some Sunday mornings it to be a challenge to get out of bed, but I did because it became a spiritual priority. I thought, what if the Lord said, "I don't feel like going to the Cross today?" His decision to love me drove Him to the Cross. The secret in my getting out of bed and looking forward going to the worship assemblies boils down to my perspective before going to bed the night before. Do I love the Lord and appreciate what He did for me on the cross? What a blessing to be able to meet together to praise the Lord and lift up God in song and prayer.

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September 16, 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. 16th:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Richard Bullough

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Randy McCord

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Craig Case

Herminio Gutierrez

Rich Rhoads

Brandon Hodgson

Scripture Reading: Brandon Hodgson

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Garth Radcliff Alternates: Clofas Case, Gary Rice, Frank

Baldwin, Larry Gamble

P.M. Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Wednesday Evening Sept. 19th:

Songs: Gary Curtis Speaker: Frank Baldwin

Announcement/Prayer: Gary Cole

**Upcoming Events!** 

Sept. 16 – Collection day for Jordan & Taylor

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

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Birthday Fellowship

**Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> –** Area Wide Singing

Oct. 1 - Men's Meeting

Oct. 21st - Birthday Fellowship

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday singing here in

Lemoore.

Oct. 31 – Special services followed by trunk or

treat

Nov. 21-14 – Thanksgiving at YBC

Area Wide Singing:

The Area Wide Singing is the last Friday of September, the 28<sup>th</sup> at Mid Valley – Tulare.

## **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.

#### Services for Oct 31st:

Since Halloween happens to be on Wednesday, our services will change up a bit. There will be a devotional at 5:00, dinner at 6:00 and then trunk or treat activity at 7:00. Please come join us for a great evening of study and fellowship.

### 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.

#### 5th Wednesday Singing:

Because the 5th Wednesday is on Halloween, they have moved the 5th Wednesday singing to the fourth Wednesday, Oct 24th. Lemoore is hosting, with Caruthers and Riverdale attending. More to come on information about snacks following the singing.

## **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.

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

Today is our monthly collection of items to send to Jordan and Taylor. Please bring your items and place in the plastic boxes in the foyer.

#### **Prayer List**

Jamie Smith, granddaughter of Jack Otto, Blood infection

**Craig Case** spent a night in the hospital. An angiogram was performed showing no stents needed at this time. Craig is now home hopefully resting.

**Darlene Wilson** seeing Dr. for tests for leg issues

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 clogged 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 is being treated by the Dr. in S.F.

**Michael Lopez** has been in the hospital because of kidney stones.

**Marjory Cooper** – still suffering from infection

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

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

**Rita**, a friend and coworker of Chelsea Stafford, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

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

**Martin Gutierrez** has accepted a position with the Fresno Police Department.

**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.

**Pat Souza**, Debbie Souza's sister-in-law is undergoing treatment for cancer.

**Mike Virden** seeing a specialist. He is currently on oxygen all the time and his condition has worsened. He and his support team are headed to San Francisco for evaluation to determine if he is eligible for the lung transplant list. It is a lengthy process.

Richard Bullough – medical issues

Ron Cole, Gary Cole's son, home following
bone marrow transplant. His counts are up.

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**Jordan Willis** deployment for the Navy **Hannah Detlefsen**, baby daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, currently at Stanford.

**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

#### Make Me A Servant

Make me a servant Lord, make me like you For you are a servant, make me one, too. Make me a servant, do what you must do To make me a servant, make me like you.

To love my brother, to serve like you do.
I humble my spirit, I bow before you.
And through my service, I'll be just like you.
So make me a servant, make me like you.

Open my hands Lord and teach me to share Open my heart Lord and teach me to care, For service to others is service to you. Make me a servant, make me like you

## Why Study God's Word

Just as we eat 3 meals a day to sustain our physical bodies, we must also feast on God's word daily to sustain our souls. If we don't we are in danger of losing our souls. God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." People will be lost because they did not care enough to read and study God's instruction book on how to go to Heaven.

Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:10 that people will be lost "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Satan wants to distract us with the cares and deceits of this world. He does not want us to read and study our Bibles every day. He knows that we become weak and vulnerable when we fail to study. Our strongest defense is a shield of faith. How do we obtain that shield of faith to protect us? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the stronger our faith will be. If we want to protect ourselves against Satan we must have a strong faith.

In years past we in the churches of Christ were known as "walking Bibles" because brethren then studied their Bibles. But sad to say, this is no longer true because we have failed to study God's word, as we should. But what happens when we fail to study God's word and become spiritually starved? 2 Peter 3:16 says that those who are "untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures." We cannot understand God's word unless we study it. And because of this Jesus says in Matthew 15:14, "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

To keep from wandering around in spiritual darkness, let's study God's word so that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalms 119:105). Let's not endanger our souls by a lack of study of God's word. Let's take time to study it daily.

#### Acts 17:11

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.