

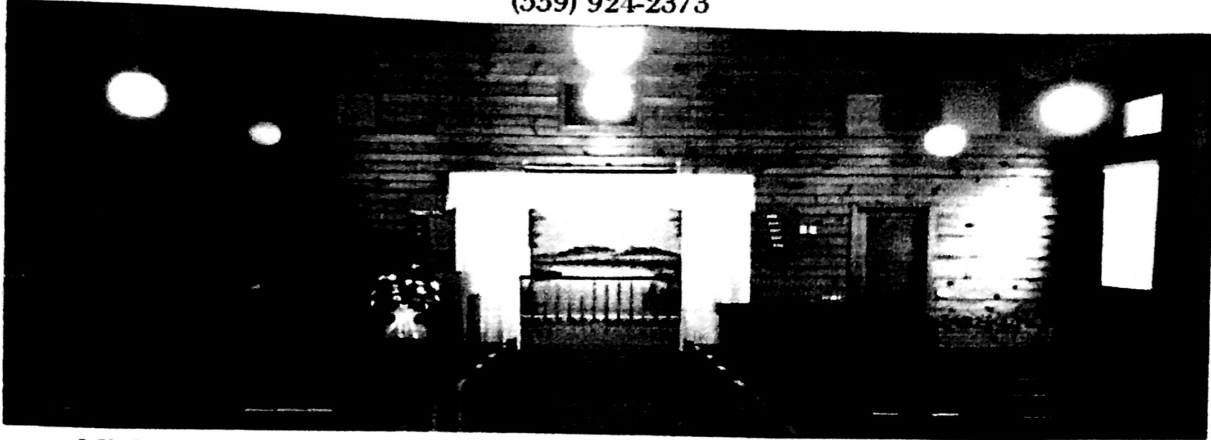
The Lemoore Caller

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....	9:30
Sunday A.M. Assembly.....	10:30
Sunday P.M. Assembly.....	5:00
Wednesday Evening Classes/Devotional.....	7:00
Birthday Fellowship.....	3 rd Sunday of month after worship
Elder's Meeting.....	last Tuesday of the month
Business Meeting.....	1 st Monday of the month

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The average person looks at religion like a university, sports team, club, or military service. If a man enlists in the army, then he has boot camp and four years of "yes, sir/no, sir." If she enrolls in a university, then there are fees, papers, tests, and classes to attend. If he joins a team or club, then he will need to attend practices/meetings, obey the coach/leader, abide by rules/bylaws, and show up for games/events. But if a person chooses not to sign up, enroll, or join, then he or she has no obligations, responsibilities, or consequences.

Is church membership like that?

Religion is different. One cannot opt out of Christianity without eventual consequences. God exists whether or not man believes in Him (Romans 1:22-23, 28; Psalm 14:1). Denying Scripture does not change the Bible's validity or free one from living by God's standards. Jesus will not ignore us just because we ignore Him. Rejecting the Spirit's Word does not alter the reality of a coming judgment. Felix was an unbeliever, but Paul reasoned with him about judgment to come (Acts 24:25).

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January 24, 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 January:

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Mark and Donna Lane

Men Leading Services on January 24th:

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead – Richard Bullough

Herminio Gutierrez, Taylor Radcliff, Craig Case

Scripture Reading: Judson Ervin

Announcements: Jeff Mason

Closing Prayer: Mark Lane

Alternates: Gary Curtis, Randy McCord, Scott Ervin,

Craig Standridge

Please check the list that is posted on the bulletin board for the current month's schedule.

Bible Bowl will be this Wednesday, January 27th. We will cover Matthew 25. Hope to see you there!

Valley Christian Home We will have the opportunity to host worship service with the residents of the home on January 31st at 2:30 p.m. Please join us as Brandon Greene will bring the message. Everyone is invited to attend;

Ladies Retreat Meeting: Ladies, please meet in the front of the auditorium after morning worship today, January 24th. We will have a short meeting to discuss final details involving the Ladies Retreat that we hosted in September.

1 Timothy 1:16

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

Teachers Needed: A workshop will be offered Saturday, January 30th to share ideas and offer training with potential teachers for classes of all age groups. The day will start with registration in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. where coffee and donuts will be served. Later in the day, lunch will be provided. Plans are being made to restructure the teaching staff and add more teachers and substitutes so that teachers will teach a class for three months at a time. If you will consider teaching, we need you. Various congregations in the area have been invited to participate in the workshop and guest speakers have been scheduled as well. A schedule for the day is posted on the bulletin board. Please talk to Jeff Mason if you would like more information.

New Messaging System: Don't forget to "sign up" for our new system "Remind". It is available as a free app for I Phones and also to e-mail addresses. More information is available on a flier you can obtain from Brandon Greene.

Attention Seniors! You are invited to a breakfast on Thursday, February 4th at 8:30 a.m. The menu will be biscuits and gravy and it will be right here in the fellowship hall. Please bring your Bible and also plan to sing songs of worship.

Upcoming Events!

February 25th – 28th; make plans to attend the Porterville Youth Rally

March 19th – Lemoore Ladies Day

June : Morro Bay Church of Christ Family Retreat

July 23rd – 26th: Tahoe Family Encampment

Cole Ranch Campout! March 8th – March 12th. The camp-out will be a great time to share days together. Check your calendars and see if these days fit your schedule. This is a chance to relax, visit, eat good food and share memories around the campfire. We know that there could be rainy weather. If this happens, the camp-out would be postponed until March 22nd – 26th.

Derek Cathey Deployed on 7 Month Cruise with the Navy; Derek has recently left on deployment and will be out to sea for 7 months. Plans are being made to send a "care package". If you would like to send cards or letters to Derek, his address is as follows:
AD3 Cathey, Derek
VFA – 97
Unit 200168 Box 31
FPO AP 96601

Prayer List

Don Chamberlain recovering after a triple by-pass. He is currently in the hospital and dealing with complications of recovery.

Glen Fraley, improving and moved to a rehab hospital.

Doug Standridge – one stent was placed and he is also on medication for A-fib. He may qualify to be on the kidney transplant list again in about 3 months.

Zoe Green was injured at school, which resulted in stitches.

Whitney Broaddus scheduled for a cardiac procedure in the near future.

Lora Virden has consulted with doctors about back surgery. She will need to make a decision between options that were suggested.

Stoney Dodd will have a cardiac procedure February 11th to correct an existing stent.

Richard Bullough received results of medical tests and kidney surgery will be scheduled soon.

Leon Collins, Wilma Cole's brother has begun radiation treatment.

Vivian Cotta- dealing with personal matters; she will hopefully be able to return to worship service soon.

Anna, a niece of Donna Lane, experiencing personal struggles

Paula Ali, a relative of the Standridge and Souza families has been diagnosed with Stage 3 Cervical cancer.

Stacey Ballantyne, Suzanne Mason's sister – cancer has spread and now she is also suffering from lymphedema and cannot eat as well. She is hoping to go for surgery sometime in January at MD Anderson in Texas.

Barbara Fisher, a neighbor of Darlene Wilson was rushed to the hospital while suffering a heart attack.

Rita Frankmore has been very ill as she has struggled with ongoing health problems.

Ginko Rinehart, a neighbor of Darlene Wilson was admitted to the hospital for breathing difficulties.

Johnny Mac Wilson, a cousin of Gary Curtis who lives in Texas, has suffered a stroke. He has been admitted to Baylor Rehab Hospital.

Nichole Walsh, Scott Ervin's boss – ongoing health issues that have interrupted her ability to go to work.

Shae McNeeley – ongoing health issues related to a heart and lung transplant.

Lois Gable, a friend of the Lane family has been diagnosed with cancer.

Cami Cassaday, Suzanne Mason's cousin, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Sheri Salazar, a co-worker of Lisa Butts – has been diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. She is doing very well through all of this and is grateful for all the prayers.

Irene Aguirre, as she suffers with Macular Degeneration that is causing her eyesight to deteriorate.

Francis Aguirre as she deals with pain, as a result of health conditions.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

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

Cathy Carlisle, a cousin of Mark Lane has been diagnosed with cancer.

Those that are traveling

So many people have been suffering with aches and pains and illness due to the cold and flu season. We pray that they have a speedy recovery and are able to return to services.

Our Mission Work

*Our Preachers in Nicaragua

*Agape Village

*Crossover Ministry

*Manuelito Children's Home

*Church of Christ in Branson, MO

*Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund

Colossians 1:11

being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

Can We See God?

We can see God in Christ. Jesus told Philip that if he had seen Him, he had 'seen' the Father (John 14:8-9; Hebrews 1:1-3). A person can see God in this world without ever laying eyes on a physical being. Those who see only with the eye, see very little. There were multitudes who looked upon Jesus and saw nothing but a man. To them He was as a root out of dry ground, without form or comeliness (Isaiah 53:2). They looked upon Him and trudged on their monotonous way without benefit. But there were others who saw Him with different eyes. As they looked into His face they became conscious of God. As they fellowshiped with Him they said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Matthew 16:16). And when He had gone home to heaven they still saw Him, as we can by reading of the life of His Son.

We can see God in nature. If an ordinary man goes out on a starry night, he sees only a bunch of pinpoints in the sky. An astronomer looks at the same sky and calls the stars and planets by their names. From the same sky, a navigator guides his ship safely to its destination. David looked at the same sky and saw the glory of God (Psalm 19:1-6). With the naked eye, we can see two or three thousand stars on a clear night. Our 'North Star,' or Polaris, seems close, but scientists say that the light we see from that star started out from that star 407 years ago in the late 1600s. It had been on its way since about Shakespeare's time! Further, there are many stars we see that are as much as 3,000 light years away. The light we see tonight started out when David wrote Psalm 19. These stars could explode and we wouldn't know it for hundreds or even thousands of years.

Joel Chandler Harris saw in rabbits and foxes and opossums 'Uncle Remus' stories that will live forever. We can look at the same animals and see the design and wisdom of God (cf. Proverbs 30:24-28). We can look at the human body and see God's wonderful wisdom. 'I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works ...' (Psalm 139:14). 'For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse' (Romans 1:20). Truly, 'This is My Father's World.'

We can see God in our blessings. Evidences of God's goodness are all around us. 'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning' (James 1:17; cf. Romans 8:28-39; Hebrews 13:5-6). We can't take a breath, eat a bite, enjoy a smile, or warm by a sunbeam without acknowledging God's wonderful benevolence.

We can see God in the Bible. The Bible shows us God's picture; it tells us His story; it invites us to become His friend. 'He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel ... And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD ...' (Psalm 103:7; Exodus 24:4). Without the Bible, we would be left to guess who the obviously powerful and intelligent being was who set this world in motion.

Further, the Master promised that if we would keep our hearts pure we 'shall see God' in the next world (Job 19:26-27; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Hebrews 12:14). 'It is not yet made manifest' (1 John 3:2) in a complete sense how our eyes will be changed so that we can see a spirit-being, but 'we know that ... we shall see him even as he is.' His 'servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face' (Revelation 22:3-4; cf. Revelation 5:13-14; Revelation 11:16-19; 2 Thessalonians 1:10).

Look for God today. You just may see Him.