

# 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.

## Satan's Garage Sale

Once upon a time, Satan was having a garage sale. There, standing in little groups were all of his bright, shiny trinkets. Here were tools that make it easy to tear others down for use as stepping stones. And over there were some lenses for magnifying one's own importance, which, if you looked through them the other way, you could also use to belittle others, or even one's self. Against the wall was the usual assortment of gardening implements guaranteed to help your pride grow by leaps and bounds: the rake of scorn, the shovel of jealousy for digging a pit for your neighbor, the tools of gossip and backbiting, of selfishness and apathy. All of these were pleasing to the eye and came complete with fabulous promises and guarantees of prosperity. Prices, of course, were steep; but not to worry! Free credit was extended to one and all. "Take it home, use it, and you won't have to pay until later!" old Satan cried, as he hawked his wares.

The visitor, as he browsed, noticed two well worn, non-descript tools standing in one corner. Not being nearly as tempting as the other items, he found it curious that these two tools had price tags higher than any other. When he asked why, Satan just laughed and said, "Well, that's because I use them so much. If they weren't so plain looking, people might see them for what they were." Satan pointed to the two tools, saying, "You see, that one's Doubt and that one's Discouragement — and those will work when nothing else will."

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October 8, 2017

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 October:

Communion Prep.: Garth & Tiffany Radcliff

Greeter: Eula Rhoads

## Men Leading Services for October 8th:

WELCOME /CALL TO WORSHIP: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Randy McCord

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Gary Rice

Jordan Willis, Frank Baldwin, Taylor Radcliff

SCRIPTURE READING: Brandon Hodgson

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Garth Radcliff

ALTERNATES: Rich Rhoads, Richard Bullough,

Clofas Case, Herminio Gutierrez

P.M. SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

## Men to Lead Devotional Wednesday, Oct. 11th:

Songs: Gary Cole

Speaker: Gary Cole

Announcements/Prayer: Gary Curtis

## Upcoming Events!

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Men's Business Meeting- 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Luncheon- 11:30 a.m.

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> VCH Benefit Yard Sale

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Friendship Evangelism Workshop

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Fellowship – Theme is Italian

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>: YBC Family Outing

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Bible Bowl / Esther, Chapter 1

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Trunk or Treat!

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Day Luncheon at Marjory Cooper's

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Week at YBC

**Men's Business Meeting:** Attention all men, you are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly business meeting which has been scheduled for Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Several important topics for discussion are on the agenda, and your involvement in the decisions that will be made is most appreciated. The evening will begin with dinner in the fellowship hall and the meeting will follow.

**Ladies Luncheon:** All ladies are invited to come celebrate the birthdays for the month of October. We will meet on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 for lunch at Valle Grullense in Hanford, (901 West Lacey Blvd.) Please let Wilma Cole know if you plan to attend.

**Valley Christian Home Benefit Yard Sale:** October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will be The Ladies Auxiliary Semi-Annual yard sale at the home to benefit the residents. Any donations can be dropped off at the home on Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, in back of the home in the Cameron Street parking lot. Or see Gary Cole for other arrangements.

**Family Outing at YBC:** the Lemoore Church of Christ has selected Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to travel to Yosemite Bible Camp to enjoy a family outing and a work session to replace the fence in front of the girl's cabins. The fencing materials will be paid for from the Ladies Retreat fund. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for all those wanting to participate in this outing.

**Friendship Evangelism Workshop** – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 15, Steven Prine – Director of "We Care Ministries - Philippines" will present "How to Talk to Friends and Family About the Gospel". He will also share a presentation of the work done in the Philippines. Please see Gary Rice for more information. You can also go to [wecareministries.com](http://wecareministries.com)  
Lunch will be provided on Saturday, if you are interested in helping with lunch, please see Gary Rice.

**Ladies Day Luncheon:** November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. is the time for the annual Ladies Day at Marjory Cooper's home. All ladies are invited for this lovely day of fellowship; the theme for the day will be "Attitude of Gratitude". Lunch will be provided. Please let Shirley Garretson, Marjory Cooper or Linda Atkinson know if you can attend. And bring a friend!

**Thanksgiving at YBC** – Please join us Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Saturday, Nov. 25, as we plan a Thanksgiving weekend at camp. Cabins and RV sites are available and the whole family is invited to attend. Let Gary Rice know if you are interested in joining us for any part of the weekend. His phone number is in the directory.

*Psalm 100:4*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

## Prayer List

The Family of Dick Marvin, formerly of the Hanford church of Christ, as he passed away last week.

Rhonda Whooten, as she fell and broke her wrist.

Randy McCord, as he has been struggling with neck pain for several weeks.

Bree Radcliff – recovering from having an endoscopy. A change in medication has been prescribed as a result of the test.

Garth Radcliff – recovering from a medical procedure involving kidney stones. He has been experiencing pain and not feeling well.

Evelyn Brewer, sister-in-law of Dixie Blair, home from the hospital and feeling better.

Ray Brewer, nephew of Dixie Blair, has terminal lung cancer and is home, under the care of Hospice.

Tammy Scott, wife of Ray Scott, (he grew up in Lemoore), as she has had a reoccurrence of breast cancer. She underwent surgery.

Marge Tassler, grandmother of Caitlyn and Nick Harp, as she was admitted to the hospital for a procedure. She will consult with doctors at Stanford in the coming days.

Martin Gutierrez – has accepted a transfer with the police department to Santa Ana, CA.

June Evans – surgery.

Lora Virden's niece, Jeanne Emmins, as she has been diagnosed with cancer, but has decided against treatment.

John Whited, brother-in-law of Whitney Broaddus, has spent time intermittently in the hospital, rehab hospital and home with medical care.

Red Cooper, as he has been experiencing considerable back and leg pain. Medical treatment has given him some relief.

Scelene Walton, a longtime friend of Lora Virden has been diagnosed with cancer. She is under the care of Hospice.

Waylon Wittry, great nephew of Wilma Cole – return of brain cancer. He is undergoing an experimental treatment program, but is suffering with adverse effects.

Sarah Dewey, granddaughter of Clofas & Jeanne Case, is under the care of a cardiologist.

Linda Atkinson – Physical Therapy after surgery for a broken wrist/hand.

Glen Fraley broke his foot and will need the use of a wheelchair while recovering. He continues to do well regarding his heart transplant and will continue ongoing checkups with doctors.

Doug Standridge- doing well, continuing with dialysis.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile is living at Somerford Place of Fresno.

Hannah Detlefsen, baby daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, is suffering the effects of major birth defects, including blindness.

Twila Johnson, daughter of Darlene Wilson, as she struggles with difficulties in life, including marital trouble.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

Dorma Atkinson- under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's and struggles with blood pressure issues.

Casey Case, Jr., receiving additional chemo therapy, in an effort to keep cancer under control.

Alana Pfeiffer, Jack Otto's granddaughter – Please pray that she will make better choices in life.

Merlin Welch, a neighbor of the Atkinsons, as he recovers from a stroke.

### First Responders

#### Military and their families

#### 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

### *A God Of Hope*

*I just want to say thank you For this life you gave me,  
For all the wondrous blessings, for setting my spirit free*

*You are such an awesome God, Who only gives the best,  
Giving us a life of hope when we face all kinds of tests*

*For often we face in life, struggles of every kind,  
Little things get us down and peace is far from our minds*

*But you give hope to carry on, no matter what we face,  
When we feel like giving up, unable to finish the race*

*You step in just in time with angels Heaven sent,  
To encourage us to carry on, giving us extra strength*

*So I praise you, Lord, for whom you are  
And for all that I can be,  
For I'd never have a better life  
Apart from your life in me.*

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## OVERCOMING THORNS WITH GRACE

Recently I wrote a paper titled, "Roll Up Your Sleep Number Bed and Walk". It was based on the Gospel of John chapter five verses one through eleven. The story was about a certain man who laid in wait for thirty-eight years to get his turn to enter the pool at Bethesda once the waters where stirred. The only catch was you had to be first to get in or your healing wouldn't happen. The premises of the paper was that we as Christians often settle in to our beds of circumstances and dial up our sleep number of excuses becoming comfortable and willing to live with our circumstances whether it be physical, emotional or financial.

Though we are certain that we believe what the Word of God tells us in the Bible, we are quick to make excuses for our lack of success, our physical and emotional illnesses and overall daily struggles in this life. Yes, we will share in the physical world sickness, set-backs and even death in due time. But what we don't need to do is be willing to accept it or make excuses for why we are in the situation that we are in.

We even go to length to validate our infirmity and situations with scripture. The one I hear most often comes from 2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses seven through ten. Paul speaks that he was given a thorn lest he be exalted above the rest of the Apostles because of his abundance of heavenly revelations. He tells us the thorn came from Satan to buffet him. Paul doesn't clarify what his thorn is other than to say that he is willing to take pleasure in his infirmity after asking three times for the Lord to remove his thorn because he heard the Lord say, "My grace is sufficient". Paul understood that in his weakness he became strong. While God's grace is sufficient to help us endure whatever hardship that we struggle with, it isn't a license to slump back and not complete the race we were created for. Paul, regardless of whatever the thorn was, continued to press on and in for the spreading of the Gospel message. We are called to do no less.

Reflecting on the recent death of my mother, I asked what can I take away from her life to give me better understanding of God's direction for my life? My mother had stage 4 cancer for seven plus years. She truly had a relationship with the Lord that transcended the physical world. Though she had breast cancer, had her breasts removed, she refused to allow the situation given her by the physical world to affect her walk with the Lord or daily life. Looking at her you wouldn't know she was eighty-two years old and had cancer. She was as sharp as a tack and if it wasn't for some arthritis in her knees she could keep up with the best of them. She was a real example of "His grace was sufficient". She didn't let her infirmity get her down or slow her down. For seven years she surprised everyone, laughing and joking about still being here. Up until the final few days did she sound much different from the previous years of conversations we shared. In fact I had spoken to her three or four days prior and she was still sharp though she said she felt a little more tired than usual. I was surprised when I called back a day or two later and my sisters, who lived with her, informed me that she was in her final moments in this world.

The reason for sharing this with you is because I believe it is an example of what Paul was trying to communicate to the people of his time and ours. Paul was saying that no matter what the circumstance is we should press in to the spiritual realm where God's grace is more than sufficient and with that grace we can overcome and continue to be the witness and testimony to others seeking the truth of salvation.

The Word of God says, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us". Not just some things, but all things!

By Rick McGrath, Ph.D.