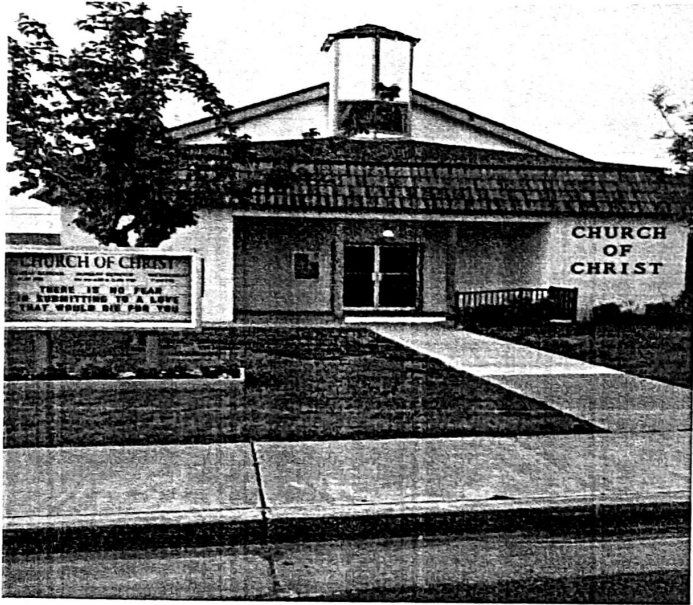


# *The Lemoore Caller*

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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

## **Walking in Hope**

There are many ways to describe what it takes to be a devout Christian, but perhaps one of the most succinct answers is supplied by the apostle Paul, who wrote, "Now there remains faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). While Paul reminds us that the greatest of the three characteristics is Love, he does so to stress the importance of Love, not to downplay the importance of either faith and hope. When we consider that without faith it is not just difficult, but downright impossible to be pleasing to God, we may begin to understand just how grand love must truly be ( Hebrew 11:6). However, while Faith certainly gets a lot of favorable press, and Love is most certainly admired, it is frequently true that we tend to hear less spoken concerning the vital part Hope has to play in the Christian scheme of things. The goal of the Scriptures, we are told, is to point the world to Hope. "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4; ). This Hope spoken of by God in His word is not some nebulous, unspecified aspiration or dream. Rather, it is quite a specific Hope, so that we read that there is "one Hope of our calling" (Ephesians 4:4). When the Bible talks about a Christian's Hope, it is referring to concrete ideas and specific promises, which God, who cannot lie, promised to His children (Titus 1:2). Chief among these promises God has made is the promise of eternal life through Christ Jesus His Son, and the closely related promise concerning the resurrection of the dead. This is the Hope which anchors the Christian soul.

# Lemoore Church of Christ

October 13, 2019

## Services:

Today: 9:30 Bible Classes  
10:30 Morning Worship  
5:00 Evening Worship  
Wed. 7:00 Bible classes

## Servants October:

**Communion/Greeters:** Randy & Janice McCord

Men Leading Services today:

**Welcome/Call to Worship:** Craig Case

**Song Leader:** Gary Curtis

**Opening Prayer:** Randy McCord

**Prayer List:** Garth Radcliff

**Lord's Table: LEAD:** Gary Rice  
Matt Rhoads  
Brandon Hodgson  
David Sander

**Scripture Reading:** Jordan Willis

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Frank Baldwin

**Alternates:** Rich Rhoads, Taylor Radcliff,  
Richard Bullough, Gary Cole

**P.M. Song Leader:** David Sander

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Frank Baldwin

Wednesday Night: Oct. 16

**Songs:** David Sander

**Speaker:** Frank Baldwin

**Announcements/Cl. Prayer:** Craig Case

## Upcoming Events:

**Oct. 20** Birthday Fellowship  
**Oct. 25** Area Wide Singing – We host  
**Oct. 30** 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday singing – we host  
**Oct. 31** Trunk or Treat  
**Nov. 1** First Friday Game Night  
**Nov. 3** Services at Valley Christian Home  
**Nov. 8** FYBC meeting 7:15  
**Nov. 23** Craft Day for YBC  
**Nov 27-30** Thanksgiving at YBC

Thank You:

*thank you* Gary Cole wishes to thank everyone who called, phoned, sent cards, brought food and remembered him in prayers. He is on the mend!



## 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.



## First Friday Game Night

Joi us on Friday Night Nov. 1 for our monthly First Friday Game Night.

Bring your games, munchies and comfy clothes for an evening of laughter and fellowship.



## Birthday Fellowship

The next birthday fellowship will be Oct. 20. The theme is Harvest Festival. Finish up your summer harvest with tempting dishes and bring on fall with gusto. Hostesses are Lynda Martyn and Denise Dean



## Upcoming Singing Opportunities

The area Wide Singing will be held here in Lemoore on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We will also host the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday singing on Oct. 30. Finger foods will be needed following both singing evenings.



Come with your decorated car trunk ready for Trunk or Treat on Thursday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

beginning at 6:00. We will have dinner inside and then begin our trunk or treating in the parking lot. The dinner menu is being finalized and we will announce what needs to be brought. No need to bring dessert - they will be provided. This has become a time of outreach, as many area families come by.



Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> is our next Sunday for Services at VCH. We will begin with a meet and greet at 1:30 followed by services at 2:30. Please plan to join us!

Prayer List:

**Gary Radcliff, Garth's father**, had surgery for a pancreatic melanoma last Wednesday.

**Lynda Sander's Grandparents, Wally and Phyllis**, Wally had a severe seizure.

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

**Bill Butts** recovering from a 2<sup>nd</sup> eye surgery last Wednesday.

**Priscilla Banks Russell, Lorie Witt's sister**, had triple by-pass surgery on Friday

**Betty South, grandmother of Alex Hubble**, has been placed on hospice care.

**Angie and Tito Cano**, Tito is battling cancer

**Alexis Raygoza** is home and being cared for by his mother, Esther. He is making progress after having a stroke and other severe health issues.

**Andres, co-worker of Chelsea Stafford**, was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and has a tumor blocking his liver. He and his wife have 3 young daughters.

**Jackie Neal-Carpenter, niece of Donna Case**, has Grave's Disease and doctors are deciding the best form of treatment.

**Doug Brewer, brother of Dixie Blair**, had knee surgery for a severe infection. He will require a lengthy recovery.

**Don and Sheri Blackwell**

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

**Ron and Kris Cole** Ron's Myeloma has returned.

**Becky and Glen Fraley**, Glen had a port placed will start dialysis at home soon.

**Hal Crain** is back in the hospital with pneumonia.

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

**Casey Case, Jr.**, ongoing Oncology 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



**YBC News:**

Several events for or at camp over the next 2 months:

- There will a FYBC meeting on Friday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 at Woodward Park. We will discuss the upcoming Breakfast/boutique events and hold annual elections at that time.
- On Nov. 23 there will be a craft day here in the fellowship hall from 10-noon. Lunch will be provided for those attending. Please see Lynda or Denise so we can make plans for lunch.
- Nov. 27 – 30 will be the dates for Thanksgiving at YBC this year. Please plan to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship. Gary Rice will be taking reservations for the weekend. See Denise to choose your cabin. A menu is forthcoming. Last year we completed odd jobs around camp and there was no cost for the weekend. The camp caretaker says there is painting to do and if we help – there will be no cost this year for our days at camp.
- Save the dates: December 7<sup>th</sup> will be the breakfast/boutique at the Applebee's on Shaw in Fresno. December 14<sup>th</sup> will be the breakfast/boutique at the Hanford Applebee's. We have been informed that Santa will be paying a visit in Hanford on this day! More information coming later.

*Faith, it does not make  
things easy, it makes them  
possible.*

*Luke 1:37*

## **Slow Down! Don't Read Too Fast!**

Sometimes we read the Bible too fast and then form conclusions which hinder our ability to fully see the message of God. Read the passage below to see if you may have overlooked what others have overlooked and thus reached wrong conclusions.

Read with purpose and with care or you will miss the important things which are there.

On Paul's second missionary journey he received the Macedonian call and went to Philippi. After the conversion of the households of Lydia and the jailor, persecution arose, and he left Philippi and traveled to Thessalonica and then to Berea. Luke described the reception of the apostle's preaching in Berea.

### **The Beginning of the Church in Berea**

"These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were true" (Acts 17:11). They were honest and fair-minded and respected the Bible. What does this imply about the church in Thessalonica? As we read these words, we may *wrongly* conclude that the church in Berea was more fair-minded and more spiritual than the one in Thessalonica. Such was not the case.

### **The Preaching in Thessalonica As the Church Began**

Paul relates the experience he had as he preached in Thessalonica. In the second chapter of his first epistle to that church, he uses several phrases to describe what happened. First, he said that the word was boldly preached (v. 2). It involved exhortation (v. 3). It was based on a realization that he had been entrusted with the gospel, and he preached it exactly as he had received it (v. 4). It was not designed to please men but God (v. 4). It was imparted to the church (v. 8). It involved exhortation, comfort and a charge from God (v. 11). There is no doubt that this was also the kind of preaching he did in Berea.

### **The Reception of the Gospel in Thessalonica**

How did the church react to this preaching? Look at all that is said about this. (1) They received the word. (2) They welcomed the word as they heard it. (3) They had a clear understanding that it was not the words of men. (4) They honored it as truth. (5) They realized the message was truly from God. (6) They allowed it to effectively work in them. It was truly a great church which respected the Bible.

How do we reconcile what Luke seems to imply about the church in Thessalonica not being as noble and fair-minded as the one in Berea? Read it slowly and carefully and notice that Luke is not describing the church in Thessalonica, but the people in that city. We may have failed to see great truths because we sometimes read too fast and jump to conclusions.