

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

The Power of Prayer

Someone has said, "The church cannot rise to its feet until it falls to its knees." Prayer is a neglected essential in church growth. We cannot overlook our total dependency upon God for guidance and strength in carrying out His mission. Our infatuation with the world's approval and marketplace strategies can leave us empty and powerless to influence the world in a way that finds God's approval. Too often, we appear to be shaping the church after our desires rather than conforming to the standards of the One who is head over His body (Col. 1:18). Seeking the growth of the church without seeking the One "who causes the growth" (1 Cor. 3:7), is like trying to drive an automobile without any gas in the tank. We might look good sitting there behind the wheel, but we are not going anywhere God wants to take us. Christ has given us His manual for church growth in His word. We must have the faith to execute His plan. But, in executing His plan, we must ask for His help.

The story is told of a little boy who was playing out in his backyard, trying to move a rock which seemed to be in the way of what he was doing. Try as he might, he simply could not budge the stone. Observing his frustration from a distance, his father walked over to his son and asked, "Son, have you done all that you can do to move that rock?" The boy angrily responded in the affirmative. "No," his father replied, "You haven't done everything...you haven't asked me to help you." Like that little boy, sometimes we feel like giving up. We feel powerless. It is then that the Father says, "You do not have because you do not ask" (Jas. 4:2). A church without prayer is a church without power. According to the apostle Paul, our God "is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us..." (Eph. 3:20). Let us tune in to His will for the church and plug into His power to glorify His name.

Lemoore Church of Christ

October 20, 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: Randy McCord

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Gary Rice
Rich Rhoads
Brandon Hodgson
Craig Case

Scripture Reading: David Sander

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Gary Curtis

Alternates: Clofas Case, Taylor Radcliff, Jordan Willis, Herminio Gutierrez

P.M. Song Leader: David Sander

Wednesday Night: Oct. 16

Bible Bowl



Upcoming Events:

Oct. 20 Birthday Fellowship
Oct. 25 Area Wide Singing – We host
Oct. 30 5th 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
Dec. 7 Fresno FYBC Breakfast & Boutique
Dec. 14 Fresno FYBC Breakfast & Boutique



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

Join 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 25th. We will also host the 5th Wednesday singing on Oct. 30. Finger foods will be needed following both singing evenings.



Trunk or Treat Come with your decorated car trunk ready for Trunk or Treat on Thursday Oct. 31st beginning at 6:00. We will have dinner inside and then begin our trunk or treating in the parking lot. Dinner will be Spaghetti. Please bring a side dish to accompany the spaghetti theme. No need to bring desserts - they will be provided. This has become a time of outreach, as many area families come by.



Nov. 3rd 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! Garrett Sander will be speaking that day.

Prayer List:

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, in ICU in Arizona

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

Chris Downs, brother of Tiffany Radcliff, Prayers that he can get the needed medical help

Bill Butts recovering from a 2nd eye surgery.

Priscilla Banks Russell, Lorie Witt's sister, recovering from double by-pass surgery

The family of Betty South, grandmother of Alex Hubble, passed away last Sunday

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 is going through a series of radiation treatments.

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 has been in the hospital suffering from blackouts. Beginning dialysis

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. 8th 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 7th will be the breakfast/boutique at the Applebee's on Shaw in Fresno. December 14th 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! Santa will be available for pictures. Due to the event being opened to the public, we are in need of boutique items and homemade treats. Applebee's will be providing staff to help us – we will only need 6 people for serving

Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God

Study and Practice

There are very few areas of expertise achieved by men apart from diligent study and practice.

Olympic athletes and other individuals considered to be at the peak of physical human ability are not born that way. They have a regime they have followed, and most of them practice, and practice, and practice, devoting hours a day to improving themselves. Our physicians and surgeons are not considered competent to take us apart and put us back together again without first undergoing years of study and training. There are many more examples that could be given.

A life of godliness doesn't occur through osmosis.

There are not many activities where constant practice does not improve ability. And there are few activities where, with enough practice, most people can not achieve some competence. Generally, when an individual says, "I could never do that," what they really mean is that they don't want to spend the time and energy to learn how to do a thing. Sometimes such thinking is borne out of fear, but if we were to be honest with ourselves, frequently it's just laziness or a lack of proper motivation on our part.

Why should we think that it is any different in matters of spiritual achievement?

The Bible reminds us concerning spiritual ability, maturity, and our ability to understand the Bible: "For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:13-14; NKJV)."

Let us first notice that it is possible to be "unskilled" in God's word; implying that it is fully possible to be "skilled." This skill is achieved, not through the passage of time, but through, "reason of use," and, "exercising" the senses to discern good and evil. In other words, spiritual ability and spiritual talents get better with practice and exercise, just like any other skill.

Have you considered the fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, made like us in every way, and partaking of the full human experience, had to study to get better with God's word? We find Him engaged in a Bible study at the age of 12, and when found doing so, He identified the study as His Father's will (cf. Luke 2:46-49). Thereafter we read that Jesus, "increased in Wisdom and Stature (Luke 2:52)." Jesus grew to be a wise man, because, from a very young age, He applied Himself to obtaining that wisdom. He became good at doing the right thing because he practiced constantly doing the right thing, so that He could say of His relationship with God, "I always do those things that please Him." (John 8:29)

But someone will say, "Well Jesus was God in the flesh, I could never be like Him." As in so many other things, however, such a statement is more of an excuse not to try than it is a valid argument.

God wants us to try to be more like Jesus. The term "Christian" means, "Christ-like." The Scriptures encourage us, telling us that we should look to the example of Jesus as our model for love, forgiveness and many other things (cf. Ephesians 5:2; 1 Peter 2:21; etc.) In fact, God very clearly tells us in His word that the goal is to grow spiritually, to reach the measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). You might want to declare that you can't grow spiritually, but God says you can, and that you should, even if such an endeavor is going to take effort on your part.

Sure, chances are pretty good that if you begin the process of spiritual growth, at some point you are going to falter. But it is only when we stop practicing that we stop improving. Don't sell yourself short. God sees great potential in you. Don't let laziness, fear, or indifference prevent you from achieving that potential. It takes practice, but the more you practice, the easier it gets.