

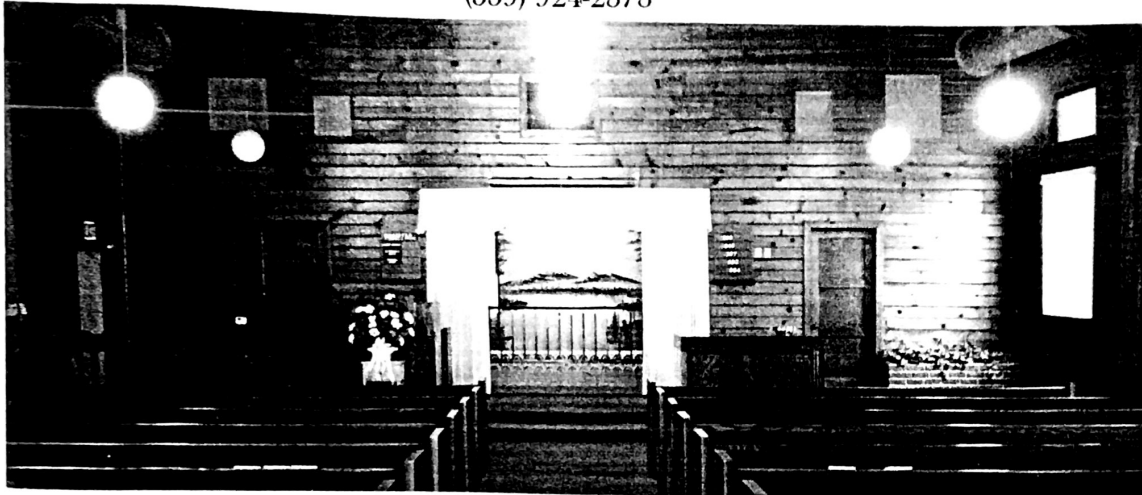
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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....	9:30
Sunday A.M. Assembly.....	10:30
Sunday P.M. Assembly.....	5:00
Wednesday Evening Classes/Devotional.....	7:00

Authority in Religion

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father” (Col 3:17). In times of ritualism, sacraments and idolatry, one great lesson Paul reminds the Colossians of is the authority of God’s word. Many in the religious world today are doing things that are not found or authorized in the Bible. The Bible very clearly teaches that all that we do in worship and life must be authorized by the word of God. Paul told the Corinthians “not to go beyond what is written...” (1 Cor. 4:6). By inspiration John pronounces divine curse upon anyone who adds to or takes away from the commands written in God’s Book (Rev. 22:18-19). The Apostle John would say this is such a serious matter that if we don’t have the proper teaching of Christ we don’t even have God as our father (2 Jn. 9). Let us then consider the application of authority in worship to God.

Authority for Singing. Since the New Testament is our law today, we must look to it for authority regarding singing (Eph. 2:14ff, Col. 2:14ff, Jn. 12:48). One thing is evident from a study of singing in the New Testament—**there is no mention of using a mechanical instrument!** In Ephesians 5:19 Christians are to “speak one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.” In this context we are told that singing must be a teaching event where we exhort each other through hymns and songs, vocally singing to God. Nowhere in this passage or any other passage in the New Testament will a person find authority for an instrument. Let us remember what the writer of Proverbs said, “Do not add to His Word lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar” (Prov. 30:6).

Authority in Leadership. In many denominations today women are placed in authority roles where they preach, teach and exercise authority over Christian men. However, the Bible says God is not pleased with this. For example, Paul said, “Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence” (1 Tim 2:11-12). In another context Paul said, “Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says” (1 Cor. 14:34). Paul was not a woman-hater or mad at women in this context. He simply recognized God’s standard of authority from creation (1 Cor. 11:3). If we are going to please God we must recognize the principle of authority in the church.

May God help us to realize that all authority belongs to Jesus, and we must find the authority of the Bible before we do anything in life or worship (Matt. 28:18, Col. 3:17). Remember “not to go beyond what is written...” (1 Cor. 4:6).

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October 25, 2015

Sunday: 9:30 am Bible Classes

10:30 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Classes

Members scheduled to serve for October:

Communion Lead: Gary Rice

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Craig & Donna Case

Men Leading Services on October 25th:

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead: Gary Rice

Herminio Gutierrez, Stetson Schmitt, Gary Curtis

Scripture Reading: Garth Radcliff

Announcements: Jeff Mason

Closing Prayer: Vernon Garretson

Alternates: Richard Bullough, Taylor Radcliff,

Scott Ervin, Craig Standridge

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

Ladies Retreat "Wrap-Up" meeting. We will have one final meeting regarding Ladies Retreat 2015, to discuss the outcome of the retreat, financial standing, etc. Ladies, please plan to meet up front, directly after services this morning, October 25th.

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 31st at 5:30 p.m. is the time to meet in the parking lot for this "spooky" get together. We are planning a pot-luck style meal, (main dishes and side dishes only, please, dessert will be provided) before heading out for an evening of "Trick-or-Treating" right in our own "Caravan" of decorated trunks. Please join us in full "spirit" to enjoy a fun time of dressing up and visiting and "lots of candy". Please remember to bring individually wrapped candy for the trick or treaters, as neighborhood children will likely be passing through our "Trunk or Treat" as well as our own children.

Happy Reunions! We are planning a party to honor Vernon and Shirley, as we appreciate all their many years of service and dedication in Lemoore. We will meet in the fellowship hall on Saturday, November 7th at 2:00 p.m. for a casual afternoon of visiting and enjoying a variety of appetizers and desserts. We hope to see everyone there!

Super Saturday: Another Great Day of sharing the word and learning is scheduled for November 21st. More details will be available as time is getting near.

Day Light Savings Time: It is almost that time of year again! Please remember to set your clocks "back" one hour before you go to bed on Saturday Night, October 31st, as Day Light Savings Time ends on November 1, 2015.

Wasted Hours

So many hours are spent in
Pursuing our earthly desires
Without asking what God's plans are
Or what, from us, He requires

We struggle so hard to fill
The emptiness and the boredom,
We look unto earthly pleasures
To fill the void within

But so much time is wasted
In things that have no worth,
Things that seem to take the place
Of what we know should be first

Like our relationship with God
And our faith in Jesus Christ,
For He's the only one to fulfil
The emptiness we have inside

Our hope of eternal glory
With Jesus Christ, our Lord,
This should be our only focus,
For nothing in life is worth more.

Prayer List

The Family of Rexine Rembleski, as she passed away last week. The Rembleski family attended in Lemoore years ago.

The Family of Cory Privett, a friend of Frank Baldwin, as he passed away, after having battled brain cancer.

The Lane Family, in the loss of Donna's Aunt Eunice.

Kaye Dodge, hospitalized for Pneumonia and low blood pressure.

Durward Dodd, taken to the hospital by ambulance. He will likely stay for a few days, while doctors diagnose his state of health.

Devin Johnson, grandson of Darlene Wilson, was involved in a motorcycle accident and is in the hospital with a fractured skull.

Becky Bullough, medical testing to determine the source of pain she has been experiencing.

Johnny Goodson, a cousin of Mark Lane is recovering from open heart surgery.

Wes Cole, Gary Cole's brother, as he has been very ill with various health concerns. He is now in a rehab hospital for recovery.

Carolyn Campbell, Debbie Parrent's mother is currently in the hospital due to pneumonia. She also suffers with Alzheimer's.

Angela, a cousin of Elizabeth Puckett, extended hospital stay.

Nichole Walsh, Scott Ervin's boss – ongoing health issues

John Cobb, Jack Otto's brother-in-law, recovering from stomach surgery and doing much better.

Richard Bullough waiting for results of an MRI.

Bill and Mozell Curtis, Gary Curtis' parents, both home and doing better, after both having surgery.

Rodney Montgomery, brother of Jeanne Case has been diagnosed with cancer and will have surgery soon.

Rachel Bodine, a cousin of Mark Lane is going through medical testing.

Shae McNeeley has been experiencing health problems. She received a successful heart and lung transplant a few months ago.

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.

Tammy Scott, wife of Ray Scott, who attended in Lemoore years ago, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has begun treatment.

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.

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

Zackery Hankel – great-nephew of Dixie Blair has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. He has spent several weeks in the hospital, but is home now, awaiting a bone marrow transplant.

Doug Standridge – in need of a kidney transplant and waiting for the call with a suitable match.

Dorma Atkinson has been experiencing a series of mini strokes and needs constant care.

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

Gloria Rife sister-in-law of Jack Otto, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is also recovering from hip replacement surgery and suffered a stroke during the process.

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

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

The Hurricane in Mexico: This devastating disaster has affected hundreds of people, including friends and family members of many people we know.

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

Please contact Donna Case if you have any new information or updates for the bulletin.

Our Conviction And Commitment To The Lord

We must first be convicted to God and Christ and Their word before we will be committed to Them. To be convicted is to be persuaded and convinced of the truth of God's word. Our conviction comes from a study and belief of God's word. To be committed is to trust God with total confidence. If we are not convicted there will be no commitment. Our conviction and commitment are not "what is the least we can do to get by?" We can never do too much for the Lord, but we can certainly do too little.

Jesus says, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). Jesus also says, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37-38). Does the life we are living show we are worthy of Christ? Do we love other people or things more than we love Jesus? Had we rather be with someone else at a ballgame or some other entertainment than to assemble to worship God? Where are our priorities? If we offer Christ second place in our lives, we offer Him nothing, because He will not accept second place. He must always come first in our lives. If we are committed to Christ we will always give him our very best and not our leftovers. Christ must be the total Lord and Master of our lives.

In our conviction and commitment to the Lord, we must always do all He says, only what He says, and for the reason He says. We must "keep oneself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27) and "live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12). We must "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). We are to "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2). And we are to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33) if we are really committed to the Lord. Only if we are totally convicted and committed to the Lord can we go to Heaven.