

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

True Repentance

Repentance means to change your mind, do an about-face, to change direction. In the context of salvation, it refers to changing one's mind about sinning, turning from sin, and turning to God. It is prompted by a guilty conscience (Acts 2:37-38) and is attainable through the goodness and kindness of God (Rom. 2:4). But for repentance to be accepted by God, it must be genuine and sincere. It is here that I fear Christians sometimes abuse repentance. It is possible, for example, to use repentance as an escape hatch for "planned sinning." That is, a Christian might knowingly commit sin, thinking that they can "always repent later." Or, one can go through the motions of repenting, without understanding or intending to comply with the changed life which it demands. After all, repentance has fruit, John the Baptist said (Mt. 3:8). Peter commanded his hearers to "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out..." (Acts 3:19). And Paul told Agrippa that he "preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds" (Acts 26:20). Any prayer to God for forgiveness which leaves a mental loophole for continued sinning is no repentance at all. Such mental finagling is an attempt to mock God, which Paul says cannot be done (Gal. 6:7). Have you really changed your mind about your sin, or are you trying to have it both ways? Remember, the Lord already knows the answer. . by Jim.King

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October 27, 2019

Services:

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

Servants November:

Communion/Greeters: Randy & Janice McCord

Men Leading Services today:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Garth Radcliff

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Randy McCord

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Gary Rice
Matt Rhoads
David Sander
Herminio Gutierrez

Scripture Reading: Jordan Willis

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Craig Case

Alternates: Brandon Hodgson, Taylor Radcliff,
Rich Rhoads, Richard Bullough

P.M. Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Wednesday Night: Oct. 30

5th Wednesday Singing



Upcoming Events:

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. 4 Men's Meeting
Nov. 8 FYBC meeting 7:15
Nov. 17 Birthday Fellowship
Nov. 23 Craft Day for YBC
Nov 27-30 Thanksgiving at YBC
Dec. 7 Fresno FYBC Breakfast & Boutique
Dec. 14 Fresno FYBC Breakfast & Boutique



Upcoming Singing Opportunities

We will host the 5th Wednesday singing on Oct. 30. Finger foods will be needed following the singing.



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 Nov. 17. The evening will be a potluck. Whitney Broaddus and the Baldwins will be our hosts.



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 Chili Cheese dogs. Please bring a side dish to accompany the 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.

For the Spirit God gave us does
not make us timid, but gives us
power, love and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

Prayer List:

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, is home recovering and will start chemo soon

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

The family of Celia Dias, 18-year friend of Taylor Radcliff, passed away during heart surgery.

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 Ron and Kris Cole Ron took a turn for the worse and passed away Thursday.

Twila Johnson diagnosed with Valley Fever.

Ryan, son of Garret's boss David, has a heart issue and will be having surgery. David's family is out of state as they haven't found a home here.

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.

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

Becky and Glen Fraley, Glen has beginning dialysis

Hal Crain is home taking it day by day.

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 be 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 tentative menu is on the back-bulletin board. We will be helping with the painting and nurse's cabin so 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. **Tickets are now available** for the December 14th 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.

What Are People Looking For In A Church?

At this very moment hundreds of thousands of our fellow-Americans are looking for a church (or, as some express it, "a church home"). They are looking (1) because they have recently moved to a new area, (2) because they had drifted and are now ready for a renewal of religious interest in their lives, or (3) because they have become unhappy with "their old church."

What are they looking for? What do they hope to find? What do they feel they need?

THE ANSWERS 1. Some are looking for a church that is like the former church they were affiliated with, most for no other reason than tradition or custom. They don't want any change from the religion they have become accustomed to.

2. Some are looking for a church (building) that is convenient to where they live, one that is within easy driving distance. They don't want to have to drive very far to get to "the services."

3. Some are looking for a church made up of friendly people who will make them feel welcome and wanted. They don't want one whose members seem cold and formal.

4. Some are looking for a church that will give them a sense of belonging and of importance. They don't want a church whose members just never seem to accept them, who do not give them a sense of self esteem.

5. Some are looking for a big church because they prefer to just blend in with the crowd. They don't want a church that is so small that they can be missed at services and that they have to take some active role.

6. Some are looking for a small church because they want to be able to know all the members and because "smaller churches are usually friendlier and more like a family." They don't want a church that is so big that "you can't tell the members from the visitors."

7. Some are looking for a church that is engaged in doing a lot of "good works." They don't want a church that isn't into solving "world problems" and committed to "social reform" and "community improvement."

8. Some are looking for a church that sponsors a lot of youth activities and family affairs. They aren't interested in a church that doesn't have parties, picnics, dinners, suppers, games, teams, clubs, scout troops, exercise and health programs, classes for hobbies and crafts, etc.

WHAT'S MISSING IN THESE ANSWERS? Now, if you will, look back over that list. There is in it not a word about God, or Christ, or the Bible, or the gospel of Christ, or salvation from sin, or soul, or heaven, or eternal life. People need to open their Bibles, and read the New Testament, and find out why Jesus built His church (Matt. 16:18), and find out what a congregation of God's people is supposed to be, and to teach, and to do. Churches existed in the New Testament for the purpose of ministering to the spiritual needs of men, for the purpose of glorifying God, for the purpose of teaching God's word, for the purpose of saving the lost and edifying the saved (Eph. 3:20-21; 4:11-12; I Tim. 3:15). When a group of Christians constitutes a church, they do not have to wonder what God wants them to do. The lives they are to live individually, the organizational arrangement they are to have, the doctrine they are to teach, the collective worship they are to engage in, the collective work they are to do are all clearly defined in the New Testament.

SOME SUGGESTIONS, Permit me to offer some suggestions:

1. Look for a church that respects the sovereignty of God and the authority of Jesus, the Son of God.

2. Look for a church that respects the Bible as the inspired word of God and the gospel of Christ as the power of God unto salvation.

3. Look for a church that strives to be like the churches you can read about in the New Testament - in designation, in worship, in organization, in teaching, in work.

4. Look for a church that is concerned about lost souls and eternal destinies.

5. Look for a church that ministers to the spiritual needs of men, that is more concerned about giving men what they need than about giving men what they want.