

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

Who Needs the Church Anyway?

Why the church? What's the purpose of it? Do we really need it?

When we believe and obey the gospel of Christ, God forgives us of our sins and adds us to his church. Over one hundred biblical metaphors such as "the bride of Christ," "the body of Christ" and "the family of God" describe the importance and role of the church. Faithful followers of Christ unite in local church bodies to worship and serve God together. Here they sing praises to God, pray, share communion in the Lord's Supper, receive spiritual teaching from the Word of God, give offerings to support the work of the church and encourage and support one another as "brothers and sisters" in Christ.

In their weekly worship services the church celebrates God. God focused worship praises God and renews and revitalizes our lives. We experience the greatest joy, purpose, peace, love and unity that's possible on this earth. We develop friendships and enjoy fellowship that transcends anything this side of heaven. We participate in the work of the kingdom of God on earth. The church's love and fellowship will continue into the heavenly world when all of God's people are gathered together to worship and serve him forever. Do you desire a deeper, more intimate relationship with God? Do you want to show God that you love him? Do you yearn for more meaningful, lasting friendships? Do you need strength for life's journey?

Do you want to be a part of the greatest work on earth that time cannot take away and death cannot destroy?

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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October 28, 2018

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

Greeter for **October:** Eula Rhoads
Communion for **October:** Garth & Tiffany
Radcliff

November: Randy and Janice McCord

Men Leading Services for October

28th:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Craig Case

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Richard Bullough

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Gary Rice
David Sander
Randy McCord
Herminio Gutierrez

Scripture Reading: David Sander

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Garth
Radcliff

Alternates: Clofas Case, Rich Rhoads,
Frank Baldwin, Brandon Hodgson

P.M. Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Wednesday Evening October 31st:

5:00 Bible Bowl Devotional

Upcoming Events!

Oct. 31st – Special services then trunk or
treat

Nov. 12th – Nov. Men's Meeting

Nov. 18th – Services at VCH
Birthday Fellowship
Collection Day for
Jordan/Taylor

Nov. 21-24 – Thanksgiving at YBC

Thanksgiving at YBC:

We have reserved camp from Wednesday
to Saturday Nov 21-24. The cost will be
\$15.00 per day for adults. There will be no
charge for children. More information for
the weekend will be coming later. There
will be a workday in the nurse's cabin on
Friday. See Gary or Denise to sign up.

Family News:

If you have any celebrations in your family
– please let it be known so we may share
with all.

Services for Oct 31st:

Since Halloween happens to be on
Wednesday, our services will change up a
bit. There will be a devotional/bible bowl
at 5:00, dinner at 6:00 and then trunk or
treat activity at 7:00. Please come join us
for a great evening of study and fellowship.
Bring potluck items – but no desserts.
Dessert will be provided.

The Greatest of All

My greatest loss – The loss of my soul.

My greatest object – to glorify God.

My greatest job – win souls for Christ.

My greatest prize – a crown of glory.

My greatest joy – the joy of salvation.

My greatest inheritance – Heaven and it's
glories.

My greatest victory – victory over death
through Christ.

My greatest neglect – to neglect the great
salvation.

My greatest crime – to reject Christ.

My greatest privilege – power to
become a son of God.

My greatest peace – peace that
passes understanding.

Prayer List

Darlene Wilson will be having more x-rays.

Larry Gamble still having pain related to his heart surgery.

Nick Harp had hip replacement surgery.

Jack Otto's daughter, Robin, will be seeing a specialist regarding back surgery.

Mozelle Curtis has become immobile at home due to left leg pain.

Grant Martyn kidney stones as well as ongoing back issues.

Taylor Radcliff was in an accident and has suffered a whiplash.

Michael Hagerty struggling with personal and family issues at this time.

The family of Dwayne Herrington who passed away last weekend. Let us remember Edna, Cindy, Gary and other family members during this time.

Hal Crain had 2 surgeries for an infection in his leg. He is now home

Sarah Dewey, granddaughter/niece of the Case families, had 2 tests which came back negative. More testing will be done.

Don and Shirley Easter as they continue to work on the job/home life merge. A change has been made that will require more traveling but allow more time together in Idaho.

Melissa Jackson, friend of Caitlyn Harp, Awaiting medical test results.

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

Mark Cooper will be undergoing radiation treatment in SF for 6 weeks.

Nancy Evans, friend of the Cole's, waiting for final test to determine the type of chronic leukemia

Christy McCord waiting for an appt. for a possible spinal injection

Rita, a friend and coworker of Chelsea Stafford, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Lavita Hardison, Donna Case's sister, is currently in the Rehab Center. They are looking for a new placement for Lavita.

David Ryal Minister from Morro Bay, is home and able to attend church now. He is doing well at this time.

Ron Cole, Gary Cole's son, home following bone marrow transplant. His counts are up.

Alexa Martinez, friend of Baldwin's, return of cancer

Casey Case, Jr., ongoing Oncology treatment.

Hannah Detlefsen, daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, has returned home.

Mike Virden Had the 3-day testing procedures and will return for heart tests in November. The recommendation to be placed on the transplant list will be discussed after these tests.

Jordan Willis deployment for the Navy

Doug Standridge- continuing with dialysis. Betty and Doug were SF this past week for consult regarding kidney transplant.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing treatment

Alana Pfeiffer, Jack Otto's great granddaughter, as she struggles with issues of domestic violence.

First Responders

Military and their families

Those traveling

Our Mission Work:

***Our Preachers in Nicaragua**

***Agape Village**

***Crossover Ministry**

***City of Children**

***Manuelito Children's Home**

***church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund**

***World Christian Broadcasting**

His Perfect Patience

In writing about his own conversion to Christ, the apostle Paul spoke of "the perfect patience" of Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 1:16). Perfect patience is a uniquely divine quality. The patience of God, however, must not be abused or His patience will give way to His wrath.

Many of the warnings of the Bible were directed toward those who had come dangerously close to incurring such wrath. For example, the people of Noah's time reached the point where "every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). Peter describes those days as the time "when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water" (1 Pet. 3:20). Because the people did not repent at the preaching of Noah, God brought the Flood upon the world of the ungodly. Was God patient? He certainly was patient. For 120 years, He kept waiting.

Another example of God's patience is seen in Jonah, who was sent to preach to the inhabitants of Nineveh. His message was that Nineveh had 40 days before she would be destroyed. The time of God's wrath had come upon this wicked city. As you know, the people repented and God relented of the calamity He had planned to bring upon Nineveh. Jonah was disgusted at God's change of heart. He explains his reason for trying to escape God's commission in the first place, saying, "I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity" (Jn. 4:2). Was God patient with the Ninevites? Yes. When they repented, His patience accomplished its purpose.

Will there come a day when God will destroy the world? Peter says that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:1). The fact that God is patient does not mean that He has forgotten his promise. In verse 9, Peter says, "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." What should be our response? Look at verses 10 and 11: "Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and elements will melt with intense heat!"

God's nature is balanced between perfect patience and perfect holiness. God desires that all be saved, but all will not be saved. And, God will not wait forever for those who have rejected Him. As it is, "God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man who He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). Know for certain that the "patience of God is meant to lead you to repentance." God is patient and slow to anger. But, do not forget that the patience of God is meant to lead you to repentance (Rom. 2:4). We must change our hearts and change our lives today.