

The Lemoore Caller

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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
Birthday Fellowship.....	3 rd Sunday of month after worship
Elder's Meeting.....	last Tuesday of the month
Business Meeting.....	1 st Monday of the month

If I Be Lifted Up

Years ago in Northern India, a preacher was preaching to a group of natives to that country. All were seated on the ground. He told how Christ who loved the whole world and who came to serve others was abused by men. He told how Jesus was mocked and spat upon. He told of his being taken before Pilate and condemned to death at Calvary. He described the suffering of Jesus on the way to the cross. He told how his friends and followers deserted him. Finally, he told how Jesus, in the middle of his agony, cried out: "*Father forgive them, for they know not what they do!*"

When the preacher reached that point in his sermon, an old Hindu priest could stand it no longer. He rushed forward, threw himself at the preacher's feet and said, over and over again: "We want you to leave India, We want you to leave India." The preachers asked why? "Because we have no story like this," he replied. "We have no Savior who lived a sinless life, who died for his enemies and prayed for forgiveness of those who took his life. If you keep telling this story to our people, they will forsake our temples and follow your savior."

Jesus predicted: "*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.*" The apostle John adds: "*He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die*" (John 12:32-33). In Christianity the shedding of blood is done by God the Son for the sake of mankind. This is unique in all the religions of the world. It is such a foolish notion by the world's standards, that it must be true (I Cor. 1:18-3:23). Let us forever keep the cross of Christ at the center of our proclamation and preaching (I Cor. 2:1-2).

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October 4, 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 4th:

Song Leader: Stetson Schmitt

Opening Prayer: Mark Lane

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead: Gary Rice

Taylor Radcliff, Excell Green, Craig Standridge

Scripture Reading: Vernon Garretson

Announcements: Gary Curtis

Closing Prayer: Craig Case

Alternates: Judson Ervin, Jeff Mason, Scott Ervin,

Garth Radcliff

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

Wednesday Devotional and Bible Bowl:

Congratulations! There were many who earned a 100% on the quiz: Lisa Butts, Hannah Hubble, Donna Lane, Brandon Greene, Betty Standridge, Garth Radcliff, Taylor Radcliff, Gary Curtis, Eula Rhoads, Shirley Garretson, Isabella Gutierrez, Linda Atkinson, Suzanne Mason, Becky Bullough, Alice Fall, Gary Cole, Wilma Cole, Frank Baldwin and Whitney Broadbush. Good Work!!

Valley Christian Home: We will have the opportunity to lead worship for the residents on October 4th at 2:30 p.m. Vernon Garretson will be preaching and everyone is encouraged to attend. It is a blessing that God has given us to share his word and spend time with the folks at the home. Hope to see you there.

Mark Your Calendar:

Men's Business Meeting - Oct 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Birthday Fellowship - Oct 18

Friday Night Singing - Oct 30 in Exeter

Happy Retirement! 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!

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".

Baptism Blessings: Welcome to our new sister in Christ, Kylie McCord. Kylie was baptized into Christ last Sunday after evening service. We celebrate another glorious day, as Kylie has made this decision to become a Christian. What a wonderful blessing to witness this joyous event!

Valley Christian Home Yard Sale: It is time for the Ladies Auxiliary to hold their bi-annual yard sale at the home. The date has been set for October 16th and 17th. If you have any donations for the yard sale, please let Alice Fall know as soon as possible. This is one of the Auxiliary's main fund raisers and all proceeds go toward the home and the residents.

In Memory of Jennifer Dew Harris: Jennifer requested that in lieu of flowers being sent in her memory, the money go towards a college fund that has been set up for her son Joshua. Your donations may be sent to: Joshua Harris College Fund, Account 4976 at First Security Bank, (877) 611-3118
Thank you

Prayer List

The Family of Jennifer Dew Harris, as she lost her long battle with cancer last Sunday morning.

Wes Cole, Gary Cole's brother, as he has been very ill with various health concerns.

Pat Coppinger, Becky Bullough's sister, suffered a TIA, while she was traveling on vacation.

Dixie Blair has been diagnosed with Anemia and is going through a series of "iron infusions". The process should take 5 weeks.

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

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

Linda Otto – Waiting for the results of a biopsy.

Becky Fraley, waiting for results of biopsy.

John Cobb, Linda Otto's brother, recovering from stomach surgery and doing much better.

Rosa Adams, co-worker of Suzanne Mason, experiencing premature labor while pregnant with twins. She will spend the remainder of her pregnancy in the hospital.

Richard Bullough will be having an MRI soon.

Phyllis Greene, to Stanford for medical testing.

Whitney Broadbudd will be going through medical tests at Stanford.

Eula Rhoads – Recovering from surgery, doing well; and also waiting for test results from her consultation at Stanford.

Bill Curtis, Gary Curtis' father, is in Hanford Nursing and Rehab, while recovering after leg surgery.

Mozell Curtis, Gary Curtis' mother is recovering after surgery.

Ian Stafford, Grandmother of Chelsea and Alex Stafford, recovering after a cardiac procedure at Stanford.

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 McNealey 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 Lemore years ago, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of 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 several medical issues.

Zackery Hankel – great-nephew of Dixie Blair has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. He is home awaiting a bone marrow transplant, and is not in isolation at this time.

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.

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

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

Members Traveling: several people are traveling this week and some all month. We pray all are safe.

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.

Advantages of Putting Christ in First Place

Every Christian would do well to evaluate whether he or she is distracted from Christ or dedicated to Christ. Of the things that force Jesus out of first place, four popular alternatives will be examined in light of how they may be removed as distractions and turned into advantages.

Fame

The dedicated Christian labors secure in the confidence that his name is written in heaven. In the book of Hebrews Christians are come "to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect" (Heb. 12:23). This truth is a source of rejoicing. Jesus once told his disciples, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Lk. 10:20). Christians are seeking not the praise of men but of God, "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" (Rom. 2:28-29). No place exists in the universe where a person wants to be better known than before the throne of God.

Fortune

The riches of this world pale into insignificance when compared with the rewards of being a child of God. Paul wrote, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8:17). A few chapters later he exclaimed, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33). The greatest fortune of the universe is with God, "For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for

as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:1-3).

Fun

No joy on earth equals that of serving the Lord Jesus Christ. It is available even during the deepest trials of earth. Consider the joy of Christ, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2).

Family

Jesus is not ashamed to call Christians his brethren (Heb. 2:11). God is not ashamed to have Christians call him their God (Heb. 11:16). The reason is because when they obeyed the gospel the Lord added them to his church, which is his family (Acts 2:47; Eph. 3:15). What a great blessing to be a member of the family of God! Paul wrote about it in II Corinthians 6:16-18, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Conclusion

The Christian life contains unfathomable riches in eternity and the abundant life here (Jn. 10:10; 14:1-3). Let's not be distracted from things divine but ever increase our dedication to Christ.