

# 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 Evening Bible Classes/Devotional.....	7:00 p.m.

**Elders:** Craig Case, Vernon Garretson

Your doctor probably runs routine lab work when he sees you for your annual physical. He's interested in things like your weight and your blood pressure to assess your general well-being. Physical health has certain benchmarks. If your blood sugar is too high or too low, there's a problem. If your tests reveal results that are outside of normal tolerances, your doctor will consult with you to figure out how to deal with the problem. Sometimes I wish our spiritual health could be quantified and charted. We could examine our holiness and see if it is trending up or down. We could be given a printout that shows that we have tested positive for anxiety, greed, pride, or any number of spiritual maladies that often go unnoticed. Scripture has all sorts of descriptions of things that happen to Christians who are dying: they fall from grace ([Galatians 5:1-4](#)), they are led away by error ([2 Peter 3:17](#)), they become weak ([1 Corinthians 8:11](#)), they move away from hope ([Colossians 1:21-23](#)), they deny the Lord ([2 Peter 2:1](#)), and even depart from God ([Hebrews 3:12](#)). Unfortunately, many of those who fall victim to these spiritual sicknesses never realize it until it is too late. The devil never brings it to our attention when we are heading down his road. A wise person takes inventory of his or her spiritual health and well-being. How is yours?



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November 13, 2016

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 November:

Communion Prep. & Greeters:

Randy and Janice McCord

## Men Leading Services for November 13th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Vernon Garretson

SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Frank Baldwin

Taylor Radcliff, Herminio Gutierrez, Gary Rice

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Mark Lane

ALTERNATES: Craig Standridge, Craig Case,

Richard Bullough, Randy McCord

P.M. SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

## Men To Serve For Wednesday, November 16th:

Songs: Garth Radcliff

Speaker: Frank Baldwin

Announcements/Prayer: Gary Curtis

## Upcoming Events!

November 15th – Ladies Luncheon

November 18th – Singing in Woodlake

November 20th – Birthday Fellowship

November 23rd – Bible Bowl, Ephesians 1

November 24th – Thanksgiving!

November 30th – Riverdale to host 5th Wednesday singing

**Wednesday Night Adult Class:** Please remember to submit any questions to the elders that you would like to add to the list for study on Wednesday nights, as we continue our "question and answer" style of class.

Despite the disagreement and fear of who may be our elected officials on Earth, may it be that the people come to realize who our King is!

**November Ladies Luncheon** is being planned for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. We will meet at Senor Panchos in Lemoore to fellowship and celebrate birthdays for November. All ladies are invited, please let Wilma Cole know if you are planning to attend so the restaurant can be notified of how many to plan for.

**Monthly Singing for November** will be held in Woodlake. It is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The building is located at 138 South Palm Street. It is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday this month to avoid any conflict with Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**November Birthday Fellowship** will be on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> after evening service. Everyone is invited to attend to celebrate the birthdays that are in November and enjoy the delicious meal and warm fellowship. The theme this month is "Pot Luck". Hope to see you there!

**5th Wednesday Singing** - Riverdale will host this time of worship and fellowship at 7:00 p.m., November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we travel to Riverdale to sing songs of worship and to fellowship with our brothers and sisters from Riverdale and Caruthers. Refreshments will be served after singing. If you would like to car pool to Riverdale, please meet in our parking lot at 6:15 that evening. Or if you need a ride, please call Craig or Donna Case.

**Christmas Caroling!** It is nearly that time of year again! We are planning on an evening of caroling and refreshments on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the building at 6:00 p.m. and then car pool to make several stops and sing traditional Christmas songs at people's homes. Refreshments will then be enjoyed at Denise and Sarah Dean's home in Armona, following the caroling. This will be a fun and joyous evening that everyone is invited to be a part of. More information will follow, as time gets closer to the date.

*For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.*

1 Peter 2:15-16 KJV



## **Prayer List**

Doug Standridge, waiting for a kidney transplant – he is at the top of the list.

Van Bass has come home from the hospital and is recovering after having a heart attack.

Lucile Chamberlain has moved to Fig Garden Retirement Village in Fresno. Her new address is on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to send cards or letters.

Griselda Gutierrez – medical tests.

Kristen Hill Menezes, a friend of Emily Standridge, has been diagnosed with Stage 2 Breast Cancer. She has been receiving chemo therapy and is scheduled for a double mastectomy in February.

Johnny Goodson, Mark Lane's cousin has been diagnosed with COPD.

Taelynn Hernandez, granddaughter of Hodgson's, has continued treatment for an infection since January, but has developed a resistance to the medication.

Alice Fall is scheduled for hernia repair surgery November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Joyce Curtis will be having hand surgery.

Donna Boyd – Friends of Yosemite Bible Camp Member- is going through cancer treatment.

Emily Carpenter, a young student where Bree Radcliff attends school; cancer has returned.

Alyssa Radcliff will require further medical tests regarding pulmonary issues.

Bethany Dial will go in for medical testing regarding intestinal issues.

Mike Souza will have a hip replacement surgery.

Dixie Blair – recovering well from cataract surgery and will have a second surgery in December.

Gary Trigueiro – kidney transplant

Roy McCormick, Sherry Vidauri's dad has cancer and his health is greatly declining.

Danette Curtis, scheduled for hip replacement surgery November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Alfredo Gonzalez, Rosa Gutierrez' father, has been moved to a rehab hospital, to recover from West Nile Virus.

Emmitt Walker, Aguirre's great –grandson, who is only 3 months old, is battling Cystic Fibrosis. He has already had 6 surgeries and may require more during his treatment.

Glen Fraley continues to improve after having a heart transplant. He will continue under doctor's care for checkups and medical tests for several months.

Marge Tassler, grandmother of Nick and Caitlyn Harp will be meeting with doctors soon regarding cancer treatment.

Richard Bullough – kidney surgery has been postponed till December 2.

Merlin Welch, a neighbor of the Atkinsons, as he recovers from a stroke.

Casey Case, Jr., grandson of Clofas and Jeanne Case, going through treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and an additional blood disorder. He is responding well to treatment.

Lois Gable, a friend of the Lane family, has been diagnosed with cancer. Her health is declining greatly.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She is not doing well.

Members of the Armed Forces: those on deployment and those closer to home. Please remember them all in your prayers, as we pray they are safe and we thank them for their service.

First Responders in all fields: Please keep those in mind who work diligently in keeping up with emergencies and providing medical care, fire protection and security from danger for all our citizens.

### Our Mission Work

\*Our Preachers in Nicaragua

\*Agape Village

\*Crossover Ministry

\*City of Children

\*Manuelito Children's Home

\*church of Christ in Branson, MO

\*church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund

### ***Matthew 4:23***

*And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*



## Water: An Amazing Substance

Water is truly an amazing substance, yet it is so common, so abundant that we take it for granted. Its chemical composition is the bonding of two gasses, hydrogen and oxygen, and it is identified in a chemist's notation as H<sub>2</sub>O. We are familiar with its various forms from the gaseous, steam; to the liquid; to the solid, ice and snow. We drink it, bathe in it, swim in it, float over it, generate electricity with it, soak the grass with it, buy special clothes for it when it falls from the sky and on and on we could go about all the uses we make of the common and remarkable substance called water, given to us by God. God has given us water not simply as an element of our physical life, but also as an object lesson to teach us spiritual truths. Water is so much a part of our lives and covers so much of this planet that it can be said that it "day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge". There is no speech nor language where its voice is not heard. Its line has gone out through all the earth and its words to the end of the world" (Psalms 19:2-4). Listen and learn the lessons water can teach us.

**(It Refreshes)** Out in the hot sun all day working hard, your throat begins to dry out and your tongue feels parched. You try to lick your lips and only end up feeling like you ran sandpaper across them. As the sweat drips from your brow, a picture comes to your mind of a tall, clear, glass of ice water, the ice cubes tinkling invitingly against the inside of the glass and beadlets of water sparkling on the outside of the glass. You almost tumble over your own feet in your rush inside for a drink of water to refresh your throat, body and mind from the thirst the heat and work has whipped into you. How refreshing water can be. David on one occasion desired to be refreshed with water from a certain well and said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate" (2 Sam. 23:15). Three mighty men broke into the camp of the Philistines just to obtain the water that would refresh David. Jesus praised those who refreshed little ones with, "Only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple" (Matt. 10:42). Jesus knew how precious it was to have a refreshing drink of water, as in His agony on the cross He cried out, "I thirst" (John 19:28). The apostles of Jesus later explained how thirsty souls might be refreshed by God's living water. One must repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins, "so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 2:38; 3:19). Souls that are as eager as David to be refreshed in the presence of God will humbly submit to the command of baptism in water and they will indeed receive the forgiveness of their sins and the refreshing living water of God.

**(It Cleanses)** After a hard day of backbreaking work, nothing feels quite as good as a long, hot shower or bath. To soak up the water and scrub off the sweat and grime not just cleans the body, but makes one feel like a new person. We use gallons of water every day to clean our bodies, our clothes, our dishes, our cars, our pets. Under the New Testament, the Lord kept his promise and sent his son, Jesus Christ, to open up the way to the fountain whereby those who love God might be washed, cleansed, purified and purged of their sins. God has ordained that for one to be cleansed of his sins he must in faith submit to baptism in water, "the washing of regeneration" (Titus 3:5). Saul was commanded by God through Ananias, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). One must be baptized not to remove the filth of the flesh, but in order to give the answer of a good conscience toward God (1 Pet. 3:21). Only those who have had their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and their "bodies washed with pure water" can "draw near (to God) with a true heart and in full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:22).

**(It Is Essential To Life)** Just as God requires water for our physical life and as he used water as a means to save those under the Patriarchal and Mosaical dispensations, God now requires water as an essential element for salvation under the dispensation of his dear Son. Jesus laid down the need of water for spiritual life to Nicodemus, "Most assuredly, I say unto you, 'Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God'" (John 3:5). Before Jesus ascended into Heaven he told his apostles, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). Because of God's requirement of baptism in water and its essentiality to our spiritual life, Peter wrote, that as Noah and his family were saved through water, "There is an antitype which now saves us, namely baptism" (1 Peter 3:21).