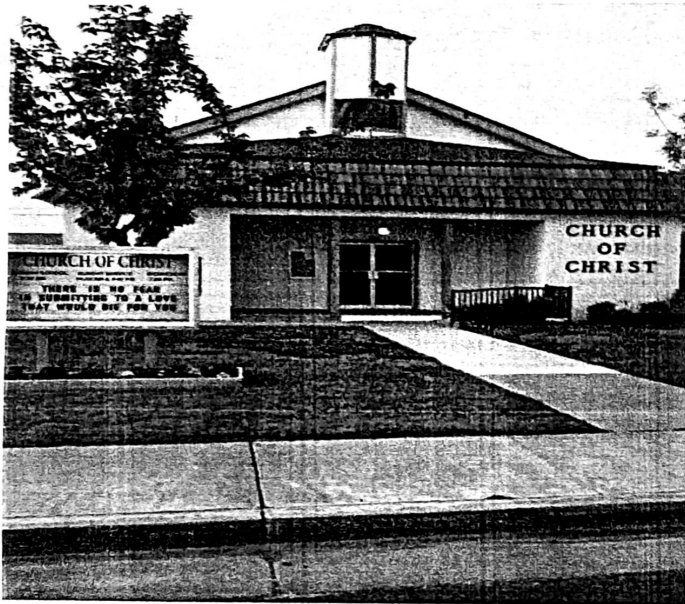


The Lemoore Caller

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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

Why So Restrictive?

Here are some modern examples of unnecessary restrictions and infringements on believers. 1. Who says a congregation cannot select and ordain its own elders/pastors/bishops to oversee and feed the local congregation? (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5). 2. Who says a local congregation cannot do its work without connection to a superstructure organization (headquarters, diocese, or board)? (Philippians 1:1). 3. Who says congregational singing is to become secondary to solos, choirs, instruments, and professional musicians? Why can the whole church not participate in worshipping God? (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). 4. Who says that a preacher has to be "called" and graduate from a seminary to preach God's Word to a church? Is he necessarily better than one who studies diligently himself? (Acts 8:4). 5. Who says the unsaved become saved by prayer? (John 9:31). 6. Who says the priesthood of believers cannot partake of the Lord's Supper except monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually? Why deny members the weekly communion of the early church? (Acts 20:7). 7. Who says modern-day departures from the biblical pattern of the home have improved morality in our nation? (Matthew 19:3-9). 8. Who says we should subject sheep to doctrines of human origin? Why not give them sound doctrine that pleases God and helps them grow? (2 John 1:9; Acts 2:42). Why lead members to worship in vain by corrupting God's pattern? (Matthew 15:9). 9. Who says we should divide members by teaching conflicting doctrines that differ from the New Testament? (1 Corinthians 1:10; John 17:20-21). 10. Who says not everybody can be saved and go to heaven? Who says one is required to have a miraculous religious experience to be saved? (John 14:1-2). Why require more than the Scriptures? Let us all unite in simply obeying God's Word.

Matthew 23:4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

Lemoore Church of Christ

November 17, 2019

Services:

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

Servants for November:

Communion/Greeters: Randy & Janice McCord

Men Leading Services:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Randy McCord
Song Leader: Garth Radcliff
Opening Prayer: Gary Curtis
Prayer List: Gary Cole
Lord's Table: Lead: Frank Baldwin
Craig Case
Rich Rhoads
Brandon Hodgson
Scripture Reading: David Sander
Announce/Closing Prayer: Gary Rice
Alternates: Cofas Case
Jordan Willis
Herminio Gutierrez
Taylor Radcliff
P.M. Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Wednesday Evening:

Songs: Taylor Radcliff
Speaker: Richard Bullough
Announce/Closing Prayer: Randy McCord

Upcoming Events:

Today Birthday Fellowship
Nov. 23 Craft Day for YBC
Nov. 27-30 Thanksgiving at YBC
Dec. 6 First Friday Game Night
Dec. 7 Fresno FYBC breakfast/boutique
Dec. 14 Hanford FYBC breakfast/boutique
Dec. 27-30 Winter Camp at YBC

*Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will
give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4*

Breakfast Social

Please come join us for a time of fellowship prior to Sunday morning classes and services. Jordan Willis is hosting this social from 8-9:15 every Sunday morning in the fellowship hall.

First Friday Game Night:

Join us in the fellowship Hall for our next game night on Dec. 6th. There will be food, laughter, and lots of games beginning at 7 p.m.

Birthday Fellowship

Tonight at 6 p.m. is the next birthday fellowship. The evening theme is potluck. Whitney Broaddus and the Baldwins will be hosting.

YBC News:

Several events for and at camp coming up:

- Please see Lynda or Denise today if you plan to attend the Nov 23 craft day in the fellowship hall. As of today, no one has responded. All supplies will be provided, and lunch will be served for those who wish to stay past noon. We will begin at 10:00
- Nov. 27-30 are the dates for Thanksgiving at YBC. See Gary Rice to reserve your spot and Denise Dean for cabin assignments. Menu is available and sign-ups for food is posted.
- Tickets are now available for the Dec. 14th FYBC Breakfast/Boutique at the Hanford Applebee's. Breakfast will be served from 8-10 with the boutique available during that time as well. There will be a visit by Santa. Applebee's is sharing our event with the public and many boutique items will be needed. If you are willing to make Christmas Treats for the boutique please see Denise, Lisa, or Isabelle.

Winter Camp at YBC

West Visalia will be holding their winter camp at YBC from Dec. 27 – 30th. Register by Dec. 1st and get a free camp sweatshirt. There is more information on the West Visalia website. Registration is also available on the website: wvcoc.org/winter-camp.

Prayer List:

Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin, multiple blood clots in his legs.

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, is home now and will be starting chemo in December.

Wally and Phyllis, Lynda's Sander's grandparents, Wally recovering from a seizure.

Chris Downs, Tiffany Radcliff's brother, that he can get the needed medical help.

Alice Fall has been battling a cough and low-grade fever.

Bill Butts recovering from 2nd eye surgery

Twila Johnson treatment for Valley Fever

Angie and Tito Cano-Tito has started chemo

Alexis Raygoza is home under Esther's care.

He is recovering from a stroke and other health issues,

Andres, co-worker of Chelsea Stafford,

diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and has a tumor blocking his liver.

Jackie Neal-Carpenter, niece of Donna Case,

and is receiving radiation treatments or Grave's Disease

Doug Brewer, Dixie Blair's brother, recovering from knee surgery.

Don and Sheri Blackwell

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, stage 4 stomach cancer

Becky and Glen Fraley Glen has begun dialysis

Hal Crain is back home.

Leon and Lois Collins, Wilma Cole's brother for strength with daily issues

Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

My Words Shall Not Pass Away

By Mike Riley

Over the centuries, many men have tried to destroy the Bible. In A.D 303, the Roman Emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy Christians and their Bibles. The persecution that followed was brutal. Over a burned Bible, he built a monument on which he wrote these words, "Extincto nomine Christianorum" (meaning the name Christian is extinguished). Twenty years later, Diocletian was dead and the new Emperor, Constantine, commissioned forty copies of the Bible to be prepared at government expense.

In 1776, Voltaire, the French philosopher, announced, "One hundred years from my day there will not be a Bible in the earth except that is looked upon by some antique seeker". One hundred years later, Voltaire was dead and his own house and press were being used to print and store Bibles by the Geneva Bible Society. One hundred years from the day of Voltaire's prediction, the first edition of his works sold for eleven cents in Paris, but the British government paid the Czar of Russia half a million dollars for an ancient Bible manuscript.

It is truly distressing to read what men have tried to do to pervert, distort, and destroy God's Word. However, our Lord, knowing the eternal nature of His Word, declared, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). Let us, along with the inspired writer John declare, "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints" (Revelation 15:3; cf. Psalm 92:5; Psalm 111:2).

*Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

Wisdom Will Protect

In these times it seems science trumps spirituality, philosophy over piety, and glamour glitters more than goodness. While that is true, it isn't new to our time. There have always been these sentiments from one generation to the next. There may have been golden eras when things were better than they are now, but Adam and Eve enjoyed the only truly perfect age. So today things aren't great. They don't look like they are going to get any better. How do we prepare the generations to come for the unforeseen horrors that lay before them? What new moral, social and philosophical advances will our children need to be prepared for? The answer is we don't know. However, we can take comfort in these words, "there is nothing new under the sun," "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness," "I [Jesus] have overcome the world" (Eccl. 1:9, 2 Pet. 1:3; John 16:33). How do we prepare the generations to come for the unforeseen horrors that lay before them?

We must keep them grounded in God's wisdom in order to prepare them for what they will encounter. There is a section of scripture that highlights this truth. It begins with, "Discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you" (Prov. 2:11). If we are teaching our children God's wisdom, then it serves to protect them from so many of the evils that are common to men. "To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things; From those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness" (Prov. 2:12-13). We don't need to know every evil that we will encounter in order to be ready for spiritual warfare. We only need to fill ourselves with the word of God, and we will be able to stand against the foe.

This section of proverbs ends with, "So you will walk in the way of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land and the blameless will remain in it" (Prov. 2:20-21). Not only is there a need for us to know the scriptures, but we must walk with others that keep them as well. We must teach our children the importance of their spiritual community—to prefer those of like precious faith. There is strength in numbers. "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor" (Rom. 12:9-10).

The two things that we must instill in our children are God's wisdom and community with the saints. If they know righteousness but try to live with darkness their souls will be vexed. Ask Lot (2 Pet. 2:8). God's word and the church must be two pillars in our families. With these they will be ready.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.