

# 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 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month after worship
Elder's Meeting.....	last Tuesday of the month
Business Meeting.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

## *~Shopping and not having enough~*

You're at SaveMart shopping for Thanksgiving. The clerk has rung up the total.....you know there was a twenty in your wallet but you can't find it. You're short \$7.35 and a kindly person behind you offers to pay the difference between what you have and what you need. Your only answer is, "Oh no, I've got this, I can take care of it." Only you can't we are independent, we don't need help, we can do it by ourselves!

In the scriptures there is a little word, "atonement." And it refers to the payment made by another. In our case, sin (Hebrews 9:22). On the cross, His blood (Jesus) served as the ultimate, perfect, and final payment (sacrifice) for the sin of ME and all others (Hebrews 10:10-12).

- Hebrews 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."
- Hebrews 10:10-12 "By the which will we who are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for the sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God."

There are times that we can't "pay our own bill" and we need that kindly person to Step in and pay for us. Sometimes physically, always spiritually!

*V. Garretson - The Lemoore Caller*

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November 22, 2015

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 Lead: Vernon Garretson

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Randy and Janice McCord

Men Leading Services on November 22nd:

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead - Vernon Garretson

Herminio Gutierrez, Taylor Radcliff, Gary Curtiss

Scripture Reading: Gary Rice

Announcements: Jeff Mason

Closing Prayer: Mark Lane

Alternates: Richard Bullough, Randy McCord,

Scott Ervin, Craig Standridge

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

Valley Christian Home Worship: Lemoore will host the service on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Gary Curtis will be the speaker. Please plan to attend, as we all are an encouragement to the residents and testimony of God's love.

FYBC Roofing Work Day: Materials have been delivered and volunteers are needed to reroof and/or mend several of the roofs at the camp. Dates to work will be determined accordingly, as volunteers are available. If you are available to lend a hand, please see Denise Dean.

Birthday Fellowship: we have postponed November and December Birthday Fellowship due to additional events on the calendar for those months. We will resume in January, at which time, we will celebrate November, December and January birthdays and anniversaries.

Wednesday Evening Devotional - November 25: We will meet for an evening of scripture readings, songs to sing and a short lesson. Bible Bowl has been postponed.

## Valley Christian Home Christmas Gifts:

Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to share a gift with the residents of the home. A list of gifts requested is on the bulletin board and your kind donations are greatly appreciated. Please bring your unwrapped gifts with you to church, and they will be delivered to VCH.

FYBC Holiday Boutique and Breakfast: On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Yosemite Falls Café, Fresno, (Ashlan & 99). This annual event will feature an "all you can eat" breakfast buffet, along with a dessert auction, (family size cakes, pies, brownies, etc. are needed) and boutique items that can be purchased. All proceeds go to benefit Yosemite Bible Camp. Tickets are \$20 and more information is on the bulletin board.

Also, Lemoore will again be putting together two "gift baskets" for auction; one football season cooler and one coffee basket. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board. Items are needed by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

A craft day will be on November 29<sup>th</sup> after morning service to assemble items to sale at the boutique.

Christmas Party: The location of the party has been changed; Garth and Tiffany Radcliff will host the party at their home on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All adults are invited for a potluck style dinner and a gift exchange. Please see Garth or Tiffany for details.

Teens to Wrap Christmas Gifts: Gift wrapping will be offered on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> after morning service. Bring your gifts to morning worship, leave them with our young people and you can pick them up just before evening worship, after they have been beautifully wrapped. Donations will kindly be accepted.

## Thanksgiving In The USA

Near the end of November in the USA  
Is our national Thanksgiving Day.  
We close stores, schools, and banks  
And give to God our special thanks.

It is a time for us to celebrate  
From coast to coast and state to state.  
We think of when the Pilgrims came  
To these shores in freedom's name.

The first Thanksgiving was long ago.  
This bit of history we all know.  
A time for thanking their God above  
Was set aside to show their love.

When blessings came, they had a feast.  
They were not sorry in the least  
For coming to this vast, barren land.  
For freedom to worship, they did stand.

From that first Thanksgiving Day  
Until the present one we can say,  
"Thank you, God, for blessings great!

by Margaret Cagle

It is that time of year again, when people are rushing around getting ready for the "holidays". We have so much to do to get ready for that big meal on Thanksgiving. Whether we are hosting a dinner, going out to dinner, or traveling "home" for the big feast, it seems society has become desensitized as to what Thanksgiving is all about. Let's stop to remember what we really have to be thankful for; whether it be good fortune in the past year, or our health, or any of the blessings we have enjoyed, let's not forget why we are able to enjoy those blessings and who is responsible for so graciously granting us those

blessings. All too often in the fast pace of this modern world, we do not stop to reflect on why we are able to celebrate all the blessings or even acknowledge all the blessings or who to give thanks to for the blessings. Sometimes we are just relieved by the end of the day that we 'got through' it all, and survived the hustle and bustle, just to rest up for the Christmas rush. Rush; is that all we have time for anymore? Do we not have the time to slow down, clear our minds of worldly matters, and just give "thanksgiving" to God? Without God, there would be nothing to give thanks for.

[Thanksgiving] I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—

1 Corinthians 1:4-5 NIV

**Let's remember everyone that will be traveling this week.** The roads are so busy this time of year and sometimes the weather may compromise the safety of the roads and other means of travel. Let's keep all those that are traveling in our thoughts and our prayers that they may all have a safe and enjoyable journey.

Happy Thanksgiving

## Prayer List

The Family of Ted Johnstone, a co-worker and friend of Jeff Mason, as he passed away last week after a lengthy illness.

Brittany Rocha, an acquaintance of Emily Standridge, as her baby boy was born early, at 26 weeks. His complications were too extensive to overcome and he passed away last week.

Van Bass will be visiting the doctor to determine if he will need knee surgery.

Dixie Blair will be having a medical test on Monday for her breathing problem.

Charlotte Mendes, Dixie Blair's sister has had a stroke. She is home now, but in a wheelchair.

Marjory Cooper, recovering from eye surgery.

Whitney Broaddus traveled to Stanford on Friday for a cardiac procedure. She is recuperating at home.

Abrina Gutierrez – suffered a fractured elbow.

Jasmine Gutierrez has been diagnosed with mononucleosis and will undergo further medical testing.

Jeff Mason will be having shoulder surgery.

Suzanne Mason – medical tests.

Hershel Hill – traveling to Sacramento for a biopsy and also to have laser treatment on vocal cords.

Johnny Mac Wilson, a cousin of Gary Curtis who lives in Texas, has suffered a stroke.

Colton Banuelos, a friend of Griselda Gutierrez, as he suffers with seizures and has been diagnosed with a cyst on his brain.

Devin Johnson, grandson of Darlene Wilson, home from the hospital and improving, after being injured in a motorcycle accident.

Richard Bullough will be having surgery in the coming weeks to remove a kidney. He has been preparing with medical tests and will require more tests before surgery.

Johnny Goodson, a cousin of Mark Lane is doing well while recovering from open heart surgery.

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

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

Rachel Bodine, a cousin of Mark Lane is going through medical testing.

Shae McNeeley 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 Lemoore years ago, has been diagnosed with 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.

Francis Aguirre as she deals with pain, as a result of health conditions.

Zackery Hankel – great-nephew of Dixie Blair has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. He has spent several weeks in the hospital, but is home now, awaiting a bone marrow transplant.

Doug Standridge – in need of a kidney transplant and traveling to UC Davis for evaluation.

Dorma Atkinson is not able to leave her home and needs constant care.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

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

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

### 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.

## Do you need a good Lawyer?

In writing to Christians in 1 John, the apostle John urges them not to sin, but if they should sin through weakness or ignorance, they have an "advocate" who stands in their behalf before the Father. In 1 John 2:1 the word "advocate" refers to an attorney who speaks for an accused person to gain the sympathy of a judge. Others words with the same meaning are "intercessor" or "mediator" (so, the word lawyer is not quite correct). In legal terms, it means one who is a counsel for the defense.

As Christians, we can take courage in the fact that we have a great advocate in Jesus Christ our Lord, who is at God's right hand interceding for us (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24). Not only does our Lord plead our case before God, He serves as the propitiation or satisfaction (payment) for our sins (1 John 2:2; Romans 3:23-26; 1 John 4:10).

The blood of Christ is the ransom for our sins (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:5-6). Thus His pleadings are heard because of the payment He made at Calvary (Hebrews 9:11-12; Ephesians 1:7).

However, we need to remember and be aware that Christ's blood does not purge our sins if we are not trying to live right. We are encourages/commanded to "walk in the light as He is in the light" (1 John 1:7) and we do that when we obey Him by keeping His commandments (1 John 2:3-5), and by following the example of our Lord (1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21-25).

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