

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.

Living For God

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps. We know from reading the Bible that the church has ears (Acts 11:22) and that Christians who announce the good news of the Gospel have beautiful feet in the eyes of God (Romans 10:15). Scriptures like 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and Romans 12:1 teach us our bodies belong to God and are to be presented to Him as living sacrifices. The world preaches and practices that the body is an ornament to be decorated. But the Bible teaches that the body is an instrument to be dedicated to God and His service.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

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November 26th, 2017

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 December:

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Gary & Wilma Cole

Men Leading Services for November 26th:

WELCOME /CALL TO WORSHIP: Randy McCord

SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Richard Bullough

Herminio Gutierrez, Brandon Hodgson, Jordan Willis

SCRIPTURE READING: Taylor Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Rice

ALTERNATES: Rich Rhoads, Craig Case, Frank Baldwin,

Gary Curtis

P.M. SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

Upcoming Events!

Nov. 26th – Last day to bring Valley Christian Home gifts to our building.

Nov. 29th – 5th Wednesday Singing at Caruthers

Dec. 2nd: FYBC Breakfast and Christmas Boutique

Dec. 4th – Men's Business Meeting

5th Wednesday Singing at Caruthers: Please join us Nov. 29th, as we travel to Caruthers for an evening of worship with our brothers and sisters of Caruthers church of Christ. The time is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and if you would like to carpool, please meet in our parking lot at 6:15.

Friends Of Yosemite Bible Camp Annual Breakfast and Christmas Boutique

will be held On December 2nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's in Fresno, 3604 W. Shaw Ave. (near Marty Ave.) An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be featured, followed by a boutique with hand crafted items for sale. Proceeds from the boutique will go to Yosemite Bible Camp. Please join us, as this is a very worthwhile fundraising event. A flier is on the board with more information.

Christmas Gift List for Valley Christian Home:

Please notice the list on the bulletin board. If you can contribute, please have the items to our building by November 26th or to the home by December 1st. Each Christmas, the activity director has been so thoughtful in arranging a Christmas party with a gift for each resident. This is such a loving opportunity to share with the residents. Many of the folks who live there may not have anyone that lives nearby to spend Christmas with. It is certainly a joy to see the smiles on their faces when they feel God's love through your generosity.

Winter Camp at YBC: Dec 27th – 30th is the time set aside for "Expedition Winter Camp". West Visalia Church of Christ is hosting this enriching event. A flier is on the bulletin board if you plan to attend or need additional information.

The Empty Chair

A man's daughter had asked the local pastor to come and pray with her father. When the pastor arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows and an empty chair beside his bed. The pastor assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I guess you were expecting me," he said.

"No, who are you?"

"I'm the new associate at your local church," the pastor replied.

"When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the pastor shut the door.

"I've never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man.

"But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it always went right over my head.."continued on next page

Prayer List

The Family of Scelene Walton, friend of Lora Virden, as she passed away October 30th.

Raquel Gutierrez, has spent time in the hospital with concerns of a cardiac condition. She has been referred to Stanford University.

Taylor Radcliff – spent a week in the hospital due to severe abdominal pain. After exploratory surgery, appendix removal and additional tests, he is still experiencing the pain. He will undergo more tests in the days ahead.

Dianne Worrell – recovering from knee surgery.

Vern Davis, from Riverdale, is in the hospital while undergoing medical tests and procedures.

Alexis Raygoza, Gutierrez's nephew, as he is in the hospital down South. He is suffering a heart infection and also a blood clot has caused 2 strokes.

John Downs, Tiffany Radcliff's uncle is recovering from double bypass.

Doye Willis, Jordan Willis' dad has undergone medical tests, as he struggles with memory problems.

Dixie Blair is scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery on Nov. 29th

Lora Virden's niece, JeanAnne Emmins, as she has been diagnosed with cancer. She has gone to Arizona for treatment.

John Whited, brother-in-law of Whitney Broaddus, has spent time intermittently in the hospital, rehab hospital and home with medical care.

Waylon Wittry, great nephew of Wilma Cole – return of brain cancer. He is undergoing an experimental treatment program, but is suffering with adverse effects.

Glen Fraley - He continues to do well regarding his heart transplant and will continue ongoing checkups with doctors.

Doug Standridge- doing well, continuing with dialysis.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile is living at Somerford Place of Fresno.

Hannah Detlefsen, baby daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, is suffering the effects of major birth defects, including blindness.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

Dorma Atkinson- under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's and struggles with blood pressure issues.

Casey Case, Jr., under ongoing care of oncologists.

Alana Pfeiffer, Jack Otto's granddaughter – Please pray that she will make better choices in life.

First Responders

Military and their families

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

*World Christian Broadcasting

.....The Empty Chair - Continued

"I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here's what I suggest. Sit down on a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful, though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The pastor was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the pastor that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he seem to die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house around two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me one of his corny jokes, and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange, in fact, beyond strange-kind of weird.

Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on a chair beside the bed."

-Author Unknown

Jim's Old Pickup Truck

The old pickup truck was white—sorta. It had been sprayed entirely with cans of paint long ago. I couldn't tell anymore if it was gloss paint or not. But at least it ran—sorta. I was given a complicated starting procedure and the sweet spot for depressing the clutch. Finding the gear pattern was somewhat of a game of hide and seek, and there was no third gear. I discovered for myself that the parking brake didn't work when it rolled into the street off of my driveway even though I left it in gear. And the handling? I'll just say it was like driving a sumo wrestler and leave it at that. But I loved that truck! I borrowed it occasionally for dirty jobs. It was a dirty-job truck. You couldn't hurt it. But I loved it even more for its service. It was in its worn condition from use, not from abuse. It could have been in perfect condition, but that would have required that it not be used, that it not live for what it had been made. It would not have served the purpose of its existence. I loved it because it could be used without reluctance—as a truck.

Jesus said, "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings" (Lk. 16:9). I understand this to mean that someday material things will all be useless and gone; therefore, we are to use our physical "stuff" in life in such a way that it will impact our eternal future.

What if we truly looked at everything we have as something to be used in view of our eternal destination? This means more than just not obtaining sinful things by sinful ways. It means thinking of our cars as tools to help people, our houses as a means to be hospitable, our video games as a way of getting good young people connected, our food as a way of helping someone in need, our phones as a way to encourage the discouraged, social media as a way to spiritually connect and invite, our jobs as a means of connecting and making money to serve others, etc.

What if you pick up something within arm's reach of you now and say to yourself, "God gave me this. How can I use it in service to Him and others?" We have to start thinking differently about stuff.

"Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of an ox" (Prov. 14:4). The only way to keep a completely clean barn is to keep the oxen out, but that defeats the purpose of the barn, and there will be no harvest without an ox. Serving means that our houses and cars will show wear. Sometimes our clothing will get dirty, the screens on our phones will get cracked, and our game controllers will get worn out. Our budgets will be strained and our pantries will be a little more empty because we are using them. Because that is why God gave them to us—not to be saved and preserved in pristine condition, but to be thoughtfully and prayerfully used and used up in view of eternity.

I fear that some of us will learn too late that trying to preserve what we have been given makes us the one-talent man of Matthew 25:4 who thought it was enough to return what he was entrusted with in good condition. "You wicked and lazy servant," was the master's response. Then Jesus warned, "For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 25:29-30).

I hope my truck looks like Jim's truck someday—and for the same reason.

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Genesis Gutierrez	2 FYBC Breakfast & Christmas Boutique
3	4 Men's Business Meeting	5	6	7	8	9 Doug Standridge
10 Stephanie Tischmacher	11	12	13	14	15 Isabel & Herminio Gutierrez Alex Hubble	16
17	18	19	20 Danielle & Seth Bellwood	21 Marjorie & Red Cooper	22	23
24 Katherine Standridge	25 Christmas	26	27 Debbie Souza	28	29	30
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