# The Lemoore Caller

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#### **Schedule of Services**

| Sunday Bible Study                         | 9:30 a.m. |
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| Sunday A.M. Worship                        |           |
| Sunday P.M. Worship                        | 5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday Evening Bible Classes/Devotional |           |

Our Caring and Mighty God. God knows and numbers the stars, yet is concerned about you and me, even though we're broken by sin (Romans 3:23). He binds our shattered hearts with sensitivity and kindness, and He brings healing into the depths of our souls. The greatness of God's power is the greatness of His heart. His strength is the measure of His love. He is a caring and mighty God. The Psalmist tells us that God "counts the number of the stars," and even "calls them all by name" (Psalm 147:4). Would He care for the stars that are mere matter and not care for us, who bear His image? (Genesis 1:27), Of course not. He knows about our lonely struggles, and He cares (1 Peter 5:6-7).God, in the form of His Son Jesus, was subject to all our passions (Hebrews 2:18). He understands and does not scold or condemn when we fall short and fail. He listens to our cries for help, and gently corrects us (Hebrews 12:5-11). The stars will fall from the sky someday. They are not God's major concern — we are! He "is able to keep us from stumbling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24). And He will do it! Because God cares about us, we can leave our cares with Him (John 3:16) (1 Peter 5:7)

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December 3, 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 December 3rd:

WELCOME /CALL TO WORSHIP: Garth Radcliff

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Randy McCord Gary Curtis, Herminio Gutierrez, Rich Rhoads

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Curtis

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Frank Baldwin ALTERNATES: Clofas Case, Brandon Hodgson, Gary Rice,

Richard Bullough

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Men To Lead Devotional Wed., Dec. 6th:

Songs: Gary Cole Speaker: Frank Baldwin

Announcements/Prayer: Jordan Willis

#### **Upcoming Events!**

<u>Dec. 4<sup>th</sup></u> – Men's Business Meeting <u>Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></u> – Count Down to 2018

Calling All Men: Tomorrow evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. is the time set aside for our monthly Men's Business Meeting. All men please join us as we discuss business matters, and make plans for operation and improvement of the building and finances. Your participation is greatly needed and appreciated. We will start the evening with dinner in the fellowship hall and continue on with business matters after that. Hope to see you there!

Gift Wrapping: On December 17<sup>th</sup> after morning worship, bring all your gifts that need wrapping to the fellowship hall and our teen group will take care of the details! If you would like to have gifts wrapped, leave them in the morning and plan to pick them up the same day, after evening worship. Lunch will be provided for the teens.

2018 is Just Around The Corner! On December 31, help us ring in the New Year. We will have a devotional at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner, games and fellowship. Details will be available as time gets closer to the "count down".

Village of Hope, Ghana, West Africa: Fred Asare, Executive Director of Village of Hope, joined us last Sunday evening to bring a message of God's faithfulness. We learned of all the great work God is doing through the people that preach, care for, educate and love the orphans and lost "street kids" in the region. Fred wrote a letter explaining what is done with the contributions that are made and it is posted on the bulletin board, along with extra copies you can take. Please read the letter and if you have questions, get in touch with Village of Hope. If it is on your heart to contribute financially, the information of where to mail a check is included. Your prayers are always needed and appreciated. Thank you for your consideration in this very worthwhile organization.

## The Road Of Faith

Shine your light, O Lord, So that I may see, Just where I am heading And what's in front of me

Your word is the light, The lamp unto my feet It may not light far ahead, Nor show me where it's steep

But it gives enough light For each step I take, Just enough to see ahead, Along this road of faith

For this is what it surely is
As we walk with Jesus Christ,
The road that we are travelling on
Is by faith, not by sight

So shine your light, O Lord, So we may see our way, Though you only show in part, It's enough for each new day. © By M.S.Lowndes

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. Psalm 30:4

## **Prayer List**

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

<u>Dianne Worrell</u> – recovering from knee surgery. <u>Vern Davis</u>, from Riverdale, has come home after a week in the hospital and will consult with specialists in the coming weeks.

<u>Paula Ali</u>, Betty Standridge's niece, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in both lungs that is believed metastasized from cervical cancer she had 2 years ago. She will meet with specialists to discuss her treatment options.

<u>Alexis Raygoza</u>, 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.

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

<u>Dixie Blair</u> recovering from carpel tunnel surgery.

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

treatment.

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

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

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

<u>Doug Standridge</u>- doing well, continuing with dialysis. <u>Lucile Chamberlain</u> - Lucile is living at Somerford Place of Fresno.

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

<u>Dennis Thomas</u>, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer. <u>Dorma Atkinson</u>- under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's and struggles with blood pressure issues.

<u>Casey Case, Jr.</u>, under ongoing care of oncologists. <u>Alana Pfeiffer</u>, 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

### Pray In The Battle

I know, Lord, I don't always try And sometimes I don't even care I often let the worries of this world Become a heavy burden to bear

I know at times I do not react
The way that I know I should,
Instead my feelings rule my tongue
And I'm often misunderstood

I get so sick of constantly repeating
The same failures day after day,
I feel so worn down by the constant battle,
Maybe I should give up and 'Pray'

Does this sound at all familiar? Are life's hassles wearing you out? Do you remember to stop and pray So faith can replace your doubt?

God never said that it would be easy But He did say He'd always be there We need to stop battling on our own And give it over in prayer

Prayer is so needful in our lives, Constantly, throughout the day When we are faced with spiritual battles, We should never forget to pray

It's so important to commit each day Into the care of the Lord, So we can walk more victoriously Than how we had walked before

The enemy tries to get a foothold In every little way he can, We must be aware of his evil tactics And refuse to give in to his plans

For we have Christ Jesus in our lives
And the power to overcome
As we keep praying and standing firm,
All our battles shall be won. © By M.S.Lowndes

# I know I am Saved

Although it may sound arrogant for one to say, "I know that I am saved," the Bible teaches that the Christian can know that very thing. John wrote, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13). How can we have such confidence? Both trust and obedience play a part. John wrote, "Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (1 John 2:3). Jesus told Nicodemus that one must be born again of water and of the Spirit in order to enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:3-5). A person is born again of the water and of the Spirit by being baptized into Christ. This person is then saved—and can know it. Thus begins a life-long journey of the "babe in Christ" growing into the mature Christian. We must also trust God to keep His Word. Christians are not perfect, and God does not expect us to be. We still sin, but God forgives those sins as we repent of them and confess them. As God expects a forgiving attitude of Christians, He shows a forgiving attitude as a Father. Salvation does not depend on how few sins or mistakes we make, but upon whether or not we accept God's grace and are obedient to Christ. As we continue to serve Christ, the Lord continues to bless and forgive us. If we walk in the light, following the pathway of Christ, His blood continues to cleanse us of sin (1 John 1:5–7). Many Christians have doubts because they are not maturing as Christians should, but are moving backward. This often happens when a person does not give his whole heart to Christ. Jesus said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it" (Luke 9:24). The person who tries to live as a Christian while not fully surrendering his life to Christ must have doubts, because he cannot walk in the light if he does not give his whole heart to the Lord. As the hymn says, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."