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 pm

Refreshing Others

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed (Proverbs 11:25). There's no question that God wants to bless us; the Bible is full of such promises. But, first, God wants us to learn to give. That's the key to the Law of the Harvest: you give first, receive later. Let us think for a moment how this may apply to our finances and think about how it applies to other areas of life. There is so much you can give to others. For example, you can give your family an uplifting start to each new day. Even if you wake up in a rotten mood, you can speak words of encouragement and thoughtfulness (or at least put a lid on your complaints), so that everyone else in the house has the chance to begin the day pleasantly. The same goes for your employees, staff and everyone else that crosses your path. To improve your attitude, see Philippians 4:8.

Let us practice grace and generosity. Regardless of the kind of day you're having, freely give a good day to everyone else. Offer encouragement. Share a compliment. Say what you have to say with gentleness and kindness. Give them hope. It won't just change the direction of your day; it will change the direction of your life. A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings himself harm (Proverbs 11:17).

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December 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes Sunday:

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/Greeters: Gary & Wilma Cole

Men Leading Services for December 16th:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Richard Bullough

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Randy McCord

Rich Rhoads Larry Gamble Brandon Hodgson

Scripture Reading: Gary Rice

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Taylor Radcliff Alternates: Clofas Case, Garth Radcliff, Craig

Case, Lynn Atkinson

P.M. Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Wednesday Evening December 19th:

Songs: Gary Curtis

Speaker: Frank Baldwin

Announcements/Prayer: David Sander

Upcoming Events!

Dec. 16 – Collection Day for Jordan **Dec. 23** – Gingerbread decorating

Jan. 12 – Baby Shower for Baby Rhoads

Jan. 13 - Men's Meeting

Collection Day for Jordan

Jan. 20 – Birthday Fellowship

West Visalia Winter Camp:

The Winter Camp hosted by West Visalia will be held during the week between Christmas and New Year's. All teens are encouraged to attend. There is more information on the bulletin board or you may speak with Garrett or Lynda Sander for more information.

Gingerbread Decorating:

Ginger Bread decorating has been moved to Sunday, December 23rd. Lunch will be provided followed by a time of decorating gingerbread houses. Please see Isabella Gutierrez for more information or to help with this activity.

Church Directory:

We are in the process of updating our church directory. If you have any changes that need to be made in your address, phone, new babies, new members etc., or if you have any questions - please see Wilma Cole.

Baby Shower:

There will be a baby shower to honor Baby Girl Rhoads and parents Matt and Jennifer Rhoads. The shower will be held on Saturday January 12th at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. Finger foods will be served. Jennifer and Matt are registered at Target. Please see Isabella Gutierrez or Eula Rhoads if you have any questions.

Sacrilege

I threw away a sunset, I trod upon a star, That glimmered from a greasy slough, A hundred dawns I slumbered through, And once I lost the far wild cry of geese, Whose ship like V ploughed through the foaming skies,

By gossiping across the fence with a neighbor I despise,

The white if a pear tree waxed and waned, Nor could postpone its bloom, For one who lingered in the house, To sweep a stuffy room. O God, who poured these cups of joy, That I have left untasted, Forgive me in the judgement day, For beauty I have wasted.

Rowena Bennett

"May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Prayer List

Regina Gamble – Larry's sister – having medical issues at this time.

Jack Otto's daughter, Robin, will be seeing a specialist regarding back surgery.

Bill and Mozelle Curtis -Mozelle is still dealing with leg issues and Bill took a fall last weekend.

Becky and Glen Fraley, as Glen goes through the process of being placed on the kidney transplant list.

Paula Lewis is currently having rehab. **Michael Hagerty** struggling with personal and family issues at this time.

Hal Crain still not doing great
Sarah Dewey, granddaughter/niece of the
Case families, will continue to have medical
tests.

Don and Shirley Easter as they continue to work on the job/home life merge.

Leon and Lois Collins, Wilma Cole's brother and family, for strength with daily issues and Leon is undergoing immunotherapy.

Mark Cooper will be undergoing radiation treatment in SF for 6 weeks.

Christy McCord had a successful back surgery last Wednesday and is recovering. Darlene Wilson will be seeing a specialist regarding high sodium levels and leg cramps. Rita, a friend and coworker of Chelsea Stafford, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Lavita Hardison, Donna Case's sister, is in a nursing home due to a stoke she had in May. Ron Cole, Gary Cole's son, still having back pain and will see s Dr. at UCLA on Dec, 13th The family of Alexa Martinez, friend of

Casey Case, Jr., ongoing Oncology treatment. Hannah Detlefsen, daughter of friends of Lisa Butts, has returned home.

Baldwin's, Passed away this week.

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, undergoing treatment Jordan Willis deployment for the Navy Mike Virden Will have a specialized echocardiogram and with that result he will learn where on the lung transplant list he will be placed.

Doug Standridge- continuing with dialysis. Doug is also waiting on approval for the transplant list.

First Responders
Military and their families
Those traveling
Our Mission Work:

- *Our Preachers in Nicaragua
- *Agape Village
- *Crossover Ministry
- *City of Children
- *Manuelito Children's Home
- *church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund
- *World Christian Broadcasting

Get Somebody Else!

The Lord had a job for me, But I had so much to do,

I said "You get somebody else or wait till I get through."

I don't know how the Lord came out, no doubt he got along,

But I felt kinda sneakin, - like I'd done God wrong!

One day I needed the Lord, Needed Him right away,

But He never answered me at all, and I could hear him say, down in my accusing heart,

"Child, I've got too much to do, you run along, get somebody else or wait till I get through."

Now, when the Lord has a job for me, I never try to shirk,

I drop whatever I have on hand and do the Lord's good work,

And my affairs can run along, or wait till I get through,

For nobody else can dot he work that God has marked for you!

The hairs on Your Head

Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Matthew 10:27–31

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He hath made known, Nor why unworthy Christ in love redeemed me for His own. I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin, Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in Him. I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me, Of weary ways or golden days before His face I see. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair, Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, or "meet Him in the air."

The refrain of this hymn is taken from Paul's second letter to Timothy and explains how the apostle was able to bear under so much of what he suffered in his service to Christ: "But 'I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day'" (cf. 2 Timothy 1:12). Paul penned these words while in the custody of Nero Caesar in Rome. His fate had probably not yet been determined, but Paul rested firmly on the knowledge that the Lord would be with him through whatever might come, just as He always had been (4:17–18).

There are a number of things that are not given man to know. We might wonder why we must suffer as we sometimes do; God knows. There are times we must suffer to gain needed patience (James 5:10–11) or to see our need to repent of some wrong (Hebrews 12:9–11). It is not given to man to know the day of his death (Genesis 27:2) or of the Lord's return (1 Thessalonians 5:1–3). The important thing is that He knows both (Job 14:5) and has assured us that Christ will come again (2 Peter 3:10; Hebrews 10:37). It is not in our power to judge the condition of the souls of men (1 Timothy 5:24–25), but God knows the heart of every man (1 Samuel 16:7; John 2:24–25). Before His all-seeing eye "all things are naked and open" (Hebrews 4:13).

Furthermore it is not given to us to know what we will face in the days to come. Saul of Tarsus could never have suspected the things that awaited him, but God did. God told Ananias, "He is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake" (Acts 9:15–16). As Paul told Timothy, the Lord often strengthened Him in times of adversity (2 Timothy 4:17). When Paul arrived in the wicked city of Corinth after so much persecution on his second missionary journey, "the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, 'Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city'" (Acts 18:9–10). While he was bound in Jerusalem, "the Lord stood by him and said, 'Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome'" (Acts 23:11). After two weeks lost at sea, God renewed his hope when an angel assured him that he would stand before Caesar (Acts 27:23–24). This hope sustained him even in his cell as he awaited his imminent departure (2 Timothy 4:6).

We may not know what this life has in store for us, but we may find great hope in the fact that God *does* and that even the number of the hairs on our head is no secret to Him who knows all!