

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.

Elders: Craig Case, Vernon Garretson

FIRST BOOK TAKEN LAST BOOK LEFT

It is said that when the famous missionary, Dr. David Livingstone, started his trek across Africa, he had 73 books in three packs, weighing 180 pounds. After the party had gone 300 miles, Livingstone was obliged to throw away some of the books because of the fatigue of those carrying his baggage. As he continued on his journey his library grew less and less, until he had but one book left—his Bible. Truly, the Bible is the one book humanity cannot do without. One writer said about the Bible, "This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. "It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character." "I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." Psalm 119:16

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December 18, 2016

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. & Greeters:

Wilma & Gary Cole

Men Leading Services for December 18th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Mark Lane

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Randy McCord

Garth Radcliff, Brandon Hodgson, Taylor Radcliff

SCRIPTURE READING: Lynn Atkinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Richard Bullough

ALTERNATES: Craig Standridge, Frank Baldwin,

Herminio Gutierrez, Gary Rice

P.M. SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

Men Scheduled to Serve Wednesday, Dec. 21st:

SONGS: Vernon Garretson

SPEAKER: Richard Bullough

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER: Mark Lane

Upcoming Events!

December 18th- Teen Gift Wrapping Day

December 25th - A.M. Worship as usual - Evening
Worship cancelled.

Wednesday Night Adult Class: Please remember to submit any questions to the elders that you would like to add to the list for study on Wednesday nights, as we continue our "question and answer" style of class on Wednesday, December 14th.

Christmas Day - Lemoore church of Christ will have its regular schedule for Bible class and morning worship. However, no evening service will take place. Thank you and we hope to see everyone the following Wednesday and Sunday as the regular schedule resumes.

Abdiel, Our Sponsored Child from City of Children:

Please notice the thank you card and new school picture on the bulletin board, from Abdiel. He is grateful for all of his 'family' here in Lemoore, as the gifts and words of encouragement help him in his daily life.

Teens Offer Christmas Gift Wrapping:

Today, December 18th, our teenage members will be wrapping gifts this morning, after worship, at the home of Sarah and Denise Dean. If you have brought gifts for wrapping, please let Denise know and then also, plan to pick them up this evening after worship, here at the building. Lunch will also be provided for the teens, while they are busy wrapping. Thank you for your participation, your support is greatly appreciated.

Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

*Why do we celebrate Christmas,
A "Mass" for Christ, each year?
Why do we shop and give out gifts,
Basking in Christmas cheer?*

*Our joy is based in the Gospel,
The amazing "good news" of Christ,
We're grateful for what He gave to us
And all He sacrificed.*

*Priceless gifts He brought,
Eternal life, and more,
A perfect role model for all of us,
He opened heaven's door.*

*At Christmas time let's be
Reverent and devout,
Celebrating a Christmas real and true:
Jesus Christ is what it's about.*

*But while he thought about these things,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to
him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of
David, do not be afraid to take to you
Mary your wife, for that which is
conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And
she will bring forth a Son, and you shall
call His name JESUS, for He will save His
people from their sins."*

Matthew 1:20-21 NKJV

Prayer List

Doug Standridge, waiting for a kidney transplant. He will require more medical tests, including an angiogram to determine if a stent is needed.

Lucile Chamberlain has not been doing well, as she has been experiencing health issues this week.

Edna Rice, recovering after receiving 2 stents, as a result of chest pain that sent her to the hospital.

Glen Fraley, his heart is still doing well, after having a transplant; however, he had to endure surgery for a partial leg amputation. Glen is recovering well at home and continues to follow up with doctors.

Cory, a classmate of Chelsea Stafford, has been given a diagnosis of pre-melanoma, which will require further testing and procedures. He prays to understand God's plan in this.

Bill Butts, as he recovers from a sprained ankle.

Dorma Atkinson - under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's.

Gary Cole will have additional medical tests in anticipation of surgery.

Donna Lane will have minor leg surgery.

Richard Bullough - will follow up with doctors for more medical tests before scheduling kidney surgery.

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

Danette Curtis - recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Vicky Hatfield, friend of Caitlyn and Nick Harp, her cancer has been determined to be terminal. She was released from the hospital to go home. She is under the care of Hospice.

Kristen Hill Menezes, a friend of Emily Standridge, is receiving chemo therapy for breast cancer. She anticipates having surgery in February.

Johnny Goodson, Mark Lane's cousin has been diagnosed with COPD.

Emily Carpenter, a young student where Bree Radcliff attends school; cancer has returned. She is responding well to treatment and is improving.

Mike Souza - hip replacement surgery is scheduled for December 21st.

Alfredo Gonzalez, Rosa Gutierrez' father, has been moved to a rehab hospital, to recover and rehabilitate from the effects of West Nile Virus.

Emmitt Walker, Aguirre's great -grandson, who is only 3 months old, is battling Cystic Fibrosis. He has already had 6 surgeries and may require more during his treatment.

Marge Tassler, grandmother of Nick and Caitlyn Harp will be meeting with doctors soon regarding cancer treatment.

Merlin Welch, a neighbor of the Atkinsons, as he recovers from a stroke.

Casey Case, Jr., grandson of Clofas and Jeanne Case, going through treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and an additional blood disorder. He is responding well to treatment.

Lois Gable, a friend of the Lane family, has been diagnosed with cancer. Her health is declining greatly.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. She is not doing well.

Cold and Flu Season, many people struggle with the effects of these illnesses this time of year.

Holiday Travelers - this is a very busy time of year for traveling. Please pray for all those who may be driving, flying and any other type of travel, that they may have a safe journey.

Members of the Armed Forces: those on deployment and those closer to home. Please remember them all in your prayers, as we pray they are safe and we thank them for their service.

First Responders in all fields: Please keep those in mind who work diligently in keeping up with emergencies and providing medical care, fire protection and security from danger for all our citizens.

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

Matthew 14:14

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Seeing Jesus

What would it have been like to have lived two thousand years ago and to have seen Jesus? One who did see Him was an old man named Simeon. Simeon lived in Jerusalem and had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until "he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). When Joseph and Mary took baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon met them. The historian Luke records the scene: "Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (Luke 2:28–30). One day we too will lay eyes on Him for the first time, and like Simeon it will be the highlight of our lives. There is a sense in which we "see" deity now. We see Christ through His Word and His world (Psalm 19). We speak of seeing God in the face of a child, the flower of the field, the precision of the planetary orbits, and the complexity of DNA. Sir Isaac Newton said that he could take his telescope and look millions of miles into space. "But when I lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, and get down on my knees in earnest prayer, I see more of Heaven and feel closer to the Lord than if I were assisted by all the telescopes on earth" (<http://www.sermoncrafters.org/>). The New Testament holds out the hope for more than this—that we can one day see God (Hebrews 12:14). Moses was once allowed to see the goodness, glory, and back of God (Exodus 33:17–23), but he was warned, "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (33:20). The Bible makes it clear that "no man hath seen God at any time" (John 1:18; cf. Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:27). Job believed he would see God: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25–26). Jesus promised us: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). John confirms that in heaven we will be allowed to see God's face (Revelation 22:4). William M. Dyke became blind at age ten. Nonetheless, he grew into an intelligent, witty, and handsome young man. While attending graduate school in England, he became engaged to an English admiral's daughter. The admiral insisted that William have a new procedure to restore his sight. Hoping against hope, William wanted the gauze removed from his eyes during the wedding, so the first thing he saw would be his bride's face. As she came down the aisle, William's father unwound the bandages—not knowing if the operation was successful. When the last layer came off William looked into his bride's face for the first time. He said: "You are more beautiful than I ever imagined." Like this young groom, we will one day see our Beloved for the first time during a wedding (Revelation 19:9). We shall "look upon his face" (Revelation 22:3–4). When Jesus came the first time He had "no form nor comeliness" and "no beauty that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2). He visited earth from heaven in a form that most did not recognize (John 1:10–14). Yet when He appears the second time, Jesus will be more beautiful than any picture ever painted of Him or any thought ever imagined of Him. It will be worth the years of waiting to one day "see him as he is" (1 John 3:1–2). During the time of William E. Gladstone, many people would travel across the Atlantic Ocean just to look on his face. Can you think of a more thrilling thought than that our eyes will look upon the face of God's Son who redeemed us from our sins?