

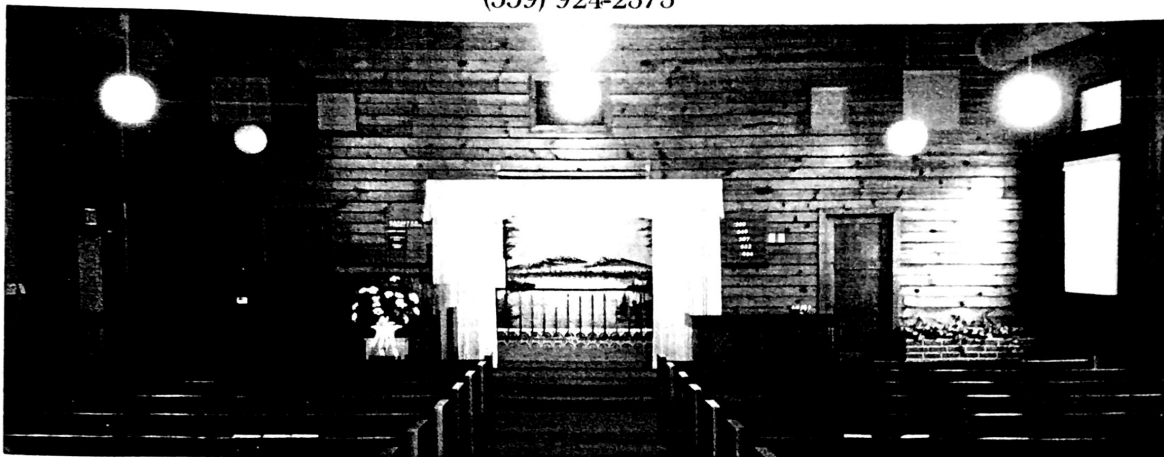
The Lemoore Caller

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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 rd Sunday of month after worship
Elder's Meeting.....	last Tuesday of the month
Business Meeting.....	1 st Monday of the month

~CLONING~

Over the years there have been arguments about the right/wrong of cloning. In a Newsweek article, one line caught the attention of many readers. It was, "Today the sheep - tomorrow the shepherd." How do you feel about human cloning?

Clone the shepherd? That's interesting for us to consider. Most people want **DRESS** like everybody else, **LOOK** like everybody else, **Spend** like everybody else, and **Be** like everybody else. When others change, so do we. We try to keep up with the Smith's and Jones'.

It's time for us to clone the shepherd. Remember two of the Apostles? When told to stop preaching/talking about Jesus they said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." We need to be more like that. Paul showed us that he was cloned, Gal. 1:10 "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." At one time Paul was a clone of men (IF I STILL pleased men). In Acts 9 though, we see the cloning of Paul....and now he says to us, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."

Let's be like Paul, a clone of the shepherd!

V. Garretson - *The Lemoore Caller*

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December 20, 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 December:

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Wilma and Gary Cole

Men Leading Services on December 20th:

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Craig Case

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead – Vernon Garretson

Scott Ervin, Randy McCord, Excell Green

Scripture Reading: Judson Ervin

Announcements: Richard Bullough

Closing Prayer: Craig Standridge

Alternates: Mark Lane, Frank Baldwin,

Herminio Gutierrez, Judson Ervin

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

Christmas Gift for Abdiel: Thank you for your contributions for Abdiel's gifts. The items have been purchased with the cash donations and they will be mailed to him in time for Christmas. Thank you again; you all are an encouragement to this young soul.

Teens to Wrap Christmas Gifts: Gift wrapping will be offered today, Dec. 20th after morning service. Bring your gifts to morning worship, leave them with our young people and they will be transported to Denise Dean's house where the teens will have lunch and wrap the gifts. You can then pick up your beautifully wrapped gifts before evening worship back at the building. Donations will kindly be accepted.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Party:

Sunday, December 20th, immediately following morning worship, we will be having a gingerbread decorating party for kids 10 and under. Lunch will be served prior to decorating and Santa will be visiting for pictures. If you have any questions, check with Donna Lane. Hope to see you all there!

Teachers Needed: A workshop will be offered in January to share ideas and offer training to potential teachers for classes of all age groups. Plans are being made to restructure the teaching staff and add more teachers and substitutes so that teachers will teach a class for three months at a time. If you will consider teaching, we need you. Please talk to Jeff Mason if you would like more information.

Thank You Miss Shirley! After over 40 years in our Sunday School classrooms, lovingly teaching our young people, Shirley Garretson has decided to retire. Miss Shirley has been a loving inspiration to many children over the years and will be dearly missed in the classroom. We have been blessed in Lemoore to have such a loving and caring teacher/sister with us to share God's word. Thank you again, Miss Shirley!

Events Coming Soon!

February 25th - 28th; make plans to attend the Porterville Youth Rally

March 15th - 18th; The Recharge Conference will be in Anaheim, CA and hosted by Ripon Church of Christ.

For more information on both events, please check with Brandon Greene.

Prayer List

Don Chamberlain is in the hospital and has been diagnosed with several arterial blockages. He is scheduled for open heart surgery Monday morning.

Glen Fraley, Lora Virden's son-in-law is in the hospital in critical condition after suffering a heart attack.

Jaxen Harp, as he was treated in the emergency room on Friday for a cut lip. He received 6 stitches in his lower lip.

Herminio Gutierrez received 2 injections in his back last week, as treatment for pain.

Alice Fall, as she has been dealing with a knee problem.

Leon Collins, Wilma Cole's brother, doing well recovering from surgery.

Lora Virden – has an appointment with a surgeon on Dec. 30th to determine if back surgery is needed.

Bev Peterson, a friend of the Dodge and Hodgson families, has been battling cancer for more than 2 years. She has been in great pain and very ill. She has decided it is best to stop treatment, as it is not stopping the cancer. Doctors have advised that she does not have long to live.

Frank Baldwin as he has been diagnosed with Bell's palsy.

Van Bass received injections in his knee and the doctor determined he is not a candidate for knee surgery.

Doug Standridge scheduled for an angiogram December 21st.

Pablo De Gracia's father – medical tests.

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

Whitney Broaddus doing well, recovering from a cardiac procedure.

Abrina Gutierrez – suffered a fractured elbow.

Jasmine Gutierrez has been diagnosed with mononucleosis and will undergo further medical testing. She also has injured her knee.

Hershel Hill – traveling to Santa Clara for laser treatment on vocal cords.

Johnny Mac Wilson, a cousin of Gary Curtis who lives in Texas, has suffered a stroke. He has been admitted to Baylor Rehab Hospital.

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

Richard Bullough will be having additional medical tests in anticipation of kidney surgery.

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

Nichole Walsh, Scott Ervin's boss – ongoing health issues that have interrupted her ability to go to work.

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.

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.

So many people have been suffering with aches and pains and illness due to the cold and flu season. We pray that they have a speedy recovery and are able to return to services.

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.

Profiles in Courage

In 1955 a young Senator named John F. Kennedy wrote a book about several historical people who had acted with integrity and courage in politics. The book, which later won the Pulitzer Prize, was entitled, "Profiles in Courage." Perhaps we also would do well to examine some Bible characters who acted courageously.

Caleb and Joshua — When twelve spies were sent to the land of promise, ten came back with a negative report (Num. 13:27-30). Caleb and Joshua showed remarkable courage in standing for their convictions: "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it" (Num. 13:30). This faithful and optimistic stand nearly cost them their lives (Num. 14:10).

Esther — Whoever appeared before the Persian king uninvited faced almost certain death (Esther 4:11). When God's people encountered a terrible plot against them, Queen Esther found herself in a position to save her countrymen. She risked her life by going to see the king: "So I will go to the king, which is against the law, and if I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16).

Nehemiah — Has there ever been, save for the Lord Himself, a wiser leader than Nehemiah? His focus on the task of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem was remarkable, to say the least. Nehemiah was invited by his enemies to come meet them for a "summit meeting." His reply: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down" (Neh. 6:3). Do we view the Lord's work as a great one?

Jeremiah — One of the most courageous preachers in the Bible refused to compromise truth for anybody — even the king himself! When Zedekiah pulled Jeremiah out of a dungeon and asked him, "Is there any word from the Lord?" (Jer. 37:17), Jeremiah's bold response was, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon!" Where are the Christians who will speak the truth so courageously today?

Jesus Christ — The life of Jesus is itself a profile in courage and integrity, but one particular incident stands out in this writer's mind. Jesus had nearly been stoned for preaching God's word (John 10:31), and when Lazarus died, He determined to go right back to where His life had been at risk. Thomas, one of the twelve, bleakly declared: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (John 11:16).

Steven — Steven was accused of blasphemy and called before the Jewish authorities in the temple (Acts 6:12-14). He then proceeded to preach exactly the sermon that the Jews needed to hear on that occasion — a sermon about rebellion against God Himself! At the conclusion, his audience responded by killing him (Acts 7:54-60).

Barnabas — Barnabas was an encourager, but in order to encourage, one must first have courage! Barnabas is the disciple who took the newly converted Saul of Tarsus and introduced him as a brother in Christ (Acts 9:26-27). Barnabas staked his very reputation on the power of the Gospel to convert a man like Saul! What faith he displayed!

Antipas — In Revelation 2:13 we read of a saint named Antipas who was, "killed among you, where Satan dwells." Though this is all we know about Antipas, his courage must have been something to behold. Oh, how it should strengthen our faith to know that Christians believed in the Lord so strongly that they were willing to be faithful until death!

~Wisdom in just a line of words~

Of all created comforts, God is the lender; you are the borrower, not the owner!

We don't go to church, we are the church!

People are known by the way they talk, walk, and balk!

Never let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you!

Always do right. It will gratify some and astonish others!

Christ didn't die for the persons he felt comfortable with.

Men are not saved by the sacrifices they make, but by the sacrifices God made for them.

The Bible doesn't need to be rewritten, just reread.

Swallow your pride occasionally...it's non-fattening.

The tongue should never be allowed to outrun the mind!

Deal with the faults of others as gently as you would your own!

All television is educational. The question is — what is it teaching?

(Some good "tid-bits" of wisdom as we look toward 2016)