

The Lemoore Caller

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study9:30 a.m.

Sunday A.M. Worship10:30 a.m.

Sunday P.M. Worship5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Classes7:00 pm

Jesus is Life

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which [is] from the law, but that which [is] through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; (Phil 3:7-9) There's a world of difference between living for something and merely living. And there is yet a greater difference between living for something and living for something worthwhile. Ty Cobb, one of baseball's all-time greats, made a revealing admission, "For years, I ate baseball, I slept baseball, I talked baseball, I thought baseball, I lived baseball." He paused, and then added, "When you get beyond those years of playing professional baseball, you can't live on baseball. "It's easy to invest ourselves in things that are fun. It's also easy to spend our time, energy, and resources on things that are simply urgent. It's not so easy to turn aside from all of that to focus on things that are higher and nobler. Knowing Christ, experiencing Christ, fellowship with Christ— there is nothing so important. Jesus is life. Always for His Glory.

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December 23, 2018

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: Gary & Wilma Cole

Men Leading Services for December 23rd:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Craig Case

Song Leader: Taylor Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Lynn Atkinson

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: LEAD: Randy McCord
David Sander
Gary Curtis
Herminio Gutierrez

Scripture Reading: Garth Radcliff

Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Gary Rice

Alternates: Clofas Case, Rich Rhoads, Frank Baldwin, Larry Gamble

P.M. Song Leader: Taylor Radcliff

Wednesday Evening December 26th:

Bible Bowl on 1 John

Upcoming Events!

Dec. 23 – Gingerbread decorating

Jan. 12 – Baby Shower for Baby Rhoads

Jan. 13 – Collection Day for Jordan

Jan. 14 – Men's Meeting

Jan. 15 – Ladies Birthday Luncheon

Jan. 20 – Birthday Fellowship

Jan. 26 – Ladies Day in S.F.

Jan. 30 – 5th Wednesday singing

Feb. 3 – Services at VCH

Feb. 9 – Possible Senior breakfast

Mar. 9 – Lemoore Ladies Day

Gingerbread Decorating:

Gingerbread decorating is today! Please meet in the fellowship hall following morning services. Lunch will be provided followed by a time of decorating gingerbread houses.

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.

Valley Christian Home:

Lemoore is scheduled to conduct services at Valley Christian Home on February 3rd. More information to follow.

5th Wednesday Singing:

The next Wednesday evening singing will be on January 30th. The Caruthers congregation will be hosting.

Senior Breakfast:

The tentative date for the Senior Breakfast is Saturday February 9th. More information to follow.

Lemoore Ladies Day:

March 9th is the date for the annual Lemoore Ladies Day. Lynda Sander will be the speaker. The men will provide breakfast. Please see Becky Bullough to help or for more information.

Ladies Day in San Francisco:

Kathleen Ferrell will be the featured speaker at the Ladies Day hosted by the Airport Church of Christ on January 26th. Registration begins at 8:45 and the program begins at 10.

Ladies Birthday Luncheon:

The ladies' birthday luncheon will resume on Tuesday, January 15th. The place and time will be announced at a later time.

Prayer List

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

The Armona Elementary staff/students as they had a shooting this past week involving students and families.

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 has been in the hospital. The family requests no visitors at this time.

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 has had radiation treatments.

Christy McCord had a successful back surgery but had a reaction to medication.

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 stroke she had in May.

Ron Cole, Gary Cole's son, recovering from back surgery.

Casey Case, Jr., ongoing Oncology treatment.

Hannah Detlefsen, daughter of friends of Lisa Butts,

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**

Christmas Bells

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then from each black accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*Gracious words are like honey, sweet to the
soul and healthy for the body. Proverbs
16:24*

The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.