

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.

Trust in The Lord

Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment. Trust in your friends, and they may leave you. Trust in your money, and it may be taken from you. Trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it. Trust in God, and you will never be confounded.

PROVERBS 3:5

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding"

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December 24, 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 January:

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Taylor and Bailey Radcliff

Men Leading Services for December 24th:

WELCOME /CALL TO WORSHIP: Gary Curtis

SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Randy McCord

Hermínio Gutierrez, Brandon Hodgson, Jordan Willis

SCRIPTURE READING: Jordan Willis

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Craig Case

ALTERNATES: Rich Rhoads, Garth Radcliff,

Frank Baldwin, Richard Bullough

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Wednesday, Dec. 27th: Bible Bowl

Upcoming Events!

Dec. 27th - Bible Bowl - Esther 3&4

Dec. 31st - Count Down to 2018

Jan. 8th - Men's Business Meeting

Jan. 17th - Birthday Fellowship

Visitor's Lunch - A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to participate in this program. For any details about the plan, please talk to Gary Cole.

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".

Men's Business Meeting - All Men, please plan to attend the next business meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be provided and the meeting will include several very important topics to discuss. Thank you for your participation.

The Lord's Light Within

*Lord, we reflect with thankful hearts
On the wonder of your birth
The love you expressed when you left
Your glory to come to earth*

*For your life was like a beacon, Lord
Shining brightly in the night
Filling the world with the radiance of
The Father's glorious light*

*And we, too, long to have inside
Your light for others to see
The beautiful reflection of your grace
And the wonder of your majesty*

*For as your life indwells our hearts,
We can shine wherever we are
And arise to take hold of each new day
With your light ablaze in our hearts*

*So rekindle the flame within us, Lord
So it will not flicker nor dim
Ignite us with the light of your love,
So you will shine brightly within*

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So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:16-20 NTV

Prayer List

Paul Keithly from Hanford has been in the hospital for several days in serious condition.

Lynn Atkinson, recovering from surgery and waiting for biopsy results.

Mike Virden will have a consultation with a specialist at UCSF January 12th, to determine when he will qualify to be on the lung transplant list. He has been approved for an experimental medication currently.

Ginko Reinhart, a friend of Darlene Wilson has been seriously ill due to a lung infection.

Terry Pugsley's father, a friend of Calvin Ye, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer.

Raquel Gutierrez was diagnosed with a problem involving her pituitary gland. She has been prescribed medication and will be under doctor's care.

Gutierrez Family, as several members have been recovering from strep throat.

Dianne Worrell – recovering from knee surgery.

Vern Davis, from Riverdale, has been in the hospital due to pneumonia, a blood clot, and a cancer diagnosis.

Paula Ali, 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.

Alexis Raygoza, 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. He is recovering and expected to stay in the hospital for an undetermined amount of time.

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

Lora Virden's niece, JeanAnne Emmins, as she has been diagnosed with cancer.

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

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

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

Doug Standridge- doing well, continuing with dialysis.

Lucile Chamberlain - Lucile is living at Somerford Place of Fresno.

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

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Clofas Case, as he continues treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

Dorma Atkinson- under the care of medical specialists, after experiencing numerous TIA's and struggles with blood pressure issues.

Casey Case, Jr., under ongoing care of oncologists.

Alana Pfeiffer, Jack Otto's granddaughter, as she struggles with issues of domestic violence.

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

A Different Kind of Christmas

Sometimes Christmas is just overwhelming, it seems,

As we rush around buying up stuff.

We spend without end, and we rack up those bills,

But it feels like it's never enough.

So this Christmas, let's all take a different approach:

Let's try to be more in accord

With God's Christmas gift, the best one of all--

Our sweet Jesus, our Savior, our Lord.

We'll be gentle and patient, and loving and kind,

And we'll keep our priorities straight;

The gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of the heart

Are the ones that we'll all celebrate.

And our stress will decrease, and we'll feel more at peace,

As we decorate, package, and trim;

Our new Christmas will be a pure joy and delight,

As we try to be much more like Him.

Authentic Christianity is Not to Be Found in the Buffet

Many Americans think they love Chinese food. If you were to ask them, "Do you like Chinese food?" they would likely reply, "You bet! I eat at the Chinese buffet all the time. "Christianity and buffets should not resemble one another. Said buffets are to be found across the breadth and length of this country, and they are all surprisingly alike, with some variation on the quality and selection offered. These fine eating establishments offer a variety of culinary delights, most of which is anathema to sound dietary practices, but all of which is consumed with eager relish. From the popular General Tso's Chicken, to the egg rolls, to the sushi and hibachi grill, to the pizza for the kids, to the crab rangoons... it seems like there's always something for everyone. However, the curious thing about most of the food found in Chinese Buffets is how little of it is actually Chinese. Some of it, one supposes, might be better described as being inspired by Chinese cooking, perhaps in a fashion similar to how some movies claim they are inspired by real life events... meaning they maybe kept the names. As we start analyzing the various dishes, we will of course observe that there are, in most buffets things that are obviously not Chinese: the sushi (inspired by the Japanese), the pizza and the alfredo noodles (from the Italian), the salad bar, the multi-colored jello offerings. But even the dishes most might think are Chinese, aren't. While there was a General Tso in China, its most likely he never consumed anything resembling the dish that now bears his name. The Chow Mein noodles? Invented in San Francisco. Egg rolls? They seemed to have been invented in New York City. The Mongolian Beef? Not really a Mongolian dish. Even the ubiquitous fortune cookies are an American invention. But, the buffet does delight. And there is something for everyone. It's just not authentically Chinese. Many Americans likewise love Christianity. If you were to ask them, "Are you a Christian," they would reply, "You bet! I go to worship at such and such a church all the time." All the time being a vague term which, depending on the person, might mean anywhere from a couple of times a year to several times a week. It is worth noting that for many Americans, Christianity frequently seems to resemble the aforementioned Chinese buffet. There is something to please everyone. There are churches which will cater to your tastes, no matter what those tastes are. However, as with the buffet, what is all too often lost in all of this variety is authenticity. The religious experience offered might delight the senses, tickle ears, and get the adrenaline pumping; but chances are good that it has little to no relationship to that form of Christianity found in the pages of the New Testament. This is not a new problem, nor strictly speaking, an American problem... but it is a problem. We see this in the concern the apostle Paul had for the church in Corinth, when he feared that the devil would lead them away from the purity and simplicity of Christ and His gospel (2 Corinthians 11:1-4). We are warned of the danger of departing from the purity of the Gospel, being told that to change the Gospel is to make it not the Gospel, and that the one who adds to it in his teaching will be accursed (Galatians 1:6-9). The Scriptures warn us that the one who runs ahead and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have a true relationship with God (2 John 9). And Jesus Himself reminded His listeners that, "teaching as doctrine the commands of men," made their religion, and their worship, vain in the sight of God, revealing hearts that were not in tune with what God wanted (Matthew 15:8-9). True Christianity is not to be found in the buffet. It is to be found in that form of doctrine taught in the New Testament. Men who are authentically seeking the authentic Christ should not be satisfied with men who tell them what they want to hear, but should continue to look until they find those teachers that point to the Bible, and the Bible, alone for their worship, doctrines and practices.

Deuteronomy 12:32 See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it.