

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

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 myself into things that are fun. It’s also easy to spend my 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 25, 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 25th:

CALL TO WORSHIP: ELDER: Vernon Garretson

SONG LEADER: Garth Radcliff

OPENING PRAYER: Lynn Atkinson

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Craig Case

Herminio Gutierrez, Frank Baldwin, Gary Rice

SCRIPTURE READING: Brandon Hodgson

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:

Randy McCord

ALTERNATES: Craig Standridge, Gary Curtis,

Taylor Radcliff, Richard Bullough

P.M. SONG LEADER: Taylor Radcliff

Upcoming Events!

December 28 – Bible Bowl – Ephesians 2

January 1, 2016 – Happy New Year! We will have classes and worship service scheduled as usual.

January 4th, Wednesday – Classes resume as usual, adult class will study and answer questions asked by members.

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, January 4th.

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.

Merry Christmas

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 KJV

Christmas Time

*Yes, Christmas is the time,
Where little boys and girls.
Will finally receive,
Long sought for special toys.*

*A time when moms,
Bake cakes and pies.
When folks will gather,
Of renewing family ties.*

*And ones who rarely smile,
Have grins upon their face.
Those who always hurry by,
Have greetings in there place,*

*They don't even comprehend,
They say, "tis the season",
GO on their merry way,
And never know the reason.*

*I wonder why that is,
Why all that "peace on earth"
It started in a stable,
With a virgin giving birth.*

*It's a love I can't explain,
I will not even try.
That God would send his son,
Born - just to die.*

*But isn't it ironical,
though Him no honor pay,
The world spends its millions
To Celebrate His day!*

Prayer List

The Family of Vicky Hatfield, as she passed away, after having been diagnosed with lung cancer just a few months ago.

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 recovering after having 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.

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, recovering from a bone marrow transplant; her younger sister was the donor and is recovering from the procedure as well.

Mike Souza - recovering well after hip replacement surgery.

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

Luke 9:11

And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

Matthew 9:35

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Carter Hubble	3	4	5	6	7
8 Favian Gutierrez Ariana Gutierrez	9 Alice Fall Men's business Meeting	10	11 Kellen Case	12	13 Flavio Gutierrez, Sr.	14
15 Clofas Case Birthday Fellowship	16	17	18 Seth Bellwood	19	20	21 Shirley & Vernon Garretson
22	23 Mark & Donna Lane	24 Gabriel Varajas	25	26	27	28
29 Christopher Standridge	30 Rogelio Gutierrez, Jr.	31				

Don't Hinder Me

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...Thy word is truth" (John 8:32; 17:17). The point of this inspired language is that, for an accountable person to be saved, he must intelligently understand and obey the Gospel of Christ (Rm. 1:16). This means that the Gospel can be understood, since God does not require the impossible. Yet, it continues to be misunderstood by many people. Sometimes we are our own worst enemies. Paul told Timothy to be gentle with those who "opposed themselves" (2 Tim. 2:22). At others times those we may have come to trust may do us a disservice. Paul wrote to the Galatians that teachers were "hindering" them from obeying the Truth (5:7). Consider some ways we may hinder our understanding of God's Will (and thus our salvation). We can hinder our understanding of God's Word simply by not studying it. The truth is revealed now via the written Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17), not by dreams and visions (Gal. 1:6-9). Since it is in a Book, there is simply no way to understand it without individual diligence and effort (2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11). The expression, "Nobody can understand the Bible" does not convey any idea found in the Bible. Such an attitude usually suggests that one has not put forth consistent effort in trying to understand it. We must be willing to exercise effort and self-discipline to come to understand God's Word. We can hinder our understanding of God's Word by approaching it with preconceived ideas about what we think it teaches. Some say that "it doesn't make any difference what a person believes, anyway" but this does not harmonize with what the Master said (Mt. 7:21-23). We will have difficulty understanding such important topics as the deity of Jesus, the resurrection of the body, baptism, the one church, worship, the organization of the church, the purpose of life, and how to become a Christian if we have decide what we believe before we ever pick up the Bible. We have to let God tell us what to believe. We can hinder our understanding of God's Word by allowing the god of this world to blind our minds (2 Cor. 4:3-4). This life's cares, riches and pleasures choke the Word of God to death in the hearts of many people (Lk. 8:14). If we're too busy making a living for this life to think about the next, we're hindering our salvation. Some are also blinded by prejudice (Rm. 10:1- 3) and others by popularity. These would rather be popular with man than enjoy the fellowship with God (John 12:42-43). What a fearful thing it is to fail to know, understand, and obey the Truth (2 Thes. 2:10-12). "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding" (Proverbs 23:23). ~