

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.

The Greatest Gift of All

A long time ago in Persia, a benevolent ruler named Shah Abbas reigned. To get to know his people better, he wore disguises to mingle among them. One day, he went as a poor man to the public baths, and sat by the fireman tending the furnace. At mealtime, he shared his food, and talked to the poor man as to a friend. Again and again, he visited the fireman until the man grew to love him. Finally, the emperor revealed his identity to the fireman. The emperor expected the fireman to request a gift of him. However, the fireman requested nothing. With love and wonder, the fireman declared, "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to partake of my coarse fare, and to care whether my heart was glad or sad. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself." Of course, we know a ruler far more benevolent than this Persian monarch. We know a ruler who left the ivory palaces of heaven to come and to live among us (Psalm 45:8). We know a ruler who was clothed with flesh and took upon himself the form of a servant (Philippians 2:5-8). We know a ruler who became poor that we might be made rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). We know a ruler who was such a friend to us that He gave His life for us (John 15:12-13). Of course, the King is Jesus Christ.

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December 31, 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 31st:

WELCOME /CALL TO WORSHIP: Craig Case

SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Frank Baldwin

PRAYER LIST: Gary Cole

LORD'S TABLE: LEAD: Randy McCord

Brandon Hodgson, Garth Radcliff, Herminio Gutierrez

SCRIPTURE READING: Garth Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Rice

ALTERNATES: Lynn Atkinson, Jordan Willis, Rich Rhoads,
Richard Bullough

P.M. SONG LEADER: Gary Curtis

Men to Lead Wednesday, January 3rd:

SONGS: Gary Curtis

SPEAKER: Taylor Radcliff

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER: Garth Radcliff

Upcoming Events!

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.

It is Almost 2018! Everyone is invited to help us ring in the New Year this evening after worship. We will have a devotional at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner, (bring your favorite pot-luck dish and desserts), games and fellowship.

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.

Bible Bowl Results - last Wednesday we met for a devotional and Bible Bowl. The members that received a 100% were: Darlene Wilson, Whitney Broaddus, Wilma Cole and Gary Cole. Good Job!

The Ladies' Birthday Luncheon will resume on January 9th. All ladies are invited to gather at 11:30 a.m. at Reyna's in Lemoore. Please join us, as we will celebrate the ladies birthdays that are in January. If you plan to attend, please talk to Wilma Cole.

A New Year With The Lord

*A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord*

*Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware*

*For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within*

*What God has placed within our
hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through*

*We mustn't let anything hold us
back*

*But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace*

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Prayer List

Lynn Atkinson, Recovering from surgery and received good news about the biopsy.

Mary Keam, a friend of Darlene Wilson, had a mini stroke and was in the hospital. She had come home, but is now back in the hospital because of pneumonia.

Randy Rhoads – recovering from surgery.

Kaye Dodge, as she is recovering from cold and flu symptoms and also a ruptured vein in her eye.

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. Her condition has gotten worse.

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.

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

Isaiah 43:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ *This is what the LORD says—*

*he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,*

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁸ *“Forget the former things;*

do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ *See, I am doing a new thing!*

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

*I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*

January 2018

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

Choose The Good Part

Jesus the Son of God was in the house. What an important time. Surely everyone in the house was giving Him undivided attention. Yet, that was not the case. In fact, not only was it not the case, one sister got mad because the other sister was sitting with Jesus giving Him her undivided attention. The two sisters, Mary and Martha were close friends of Jesus. It was Martha's house. She apparently felt the need to care for the things of the house. She was "cumbered" or burdened down with much serving. She must have felt very close and comfortable with Jesus. After a period of time she scolded, "Lord, do you not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." Jesus responded, "Martha, Martha, you are careful and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Lk. 10:40-41).

Certainly having Jesus in the house was a blessing. Yet Martha was too busy to enjoy the blessing. God gives us a multitude of blessings each and every day. One of the greatest blessings of life is our mate, children, grandchildren and friends. However, are we busying ourselves with things that really do not matter? Are we busying ourselves with things we cannot lose?

Perhaps women are especially guilty of this. It seems they are ALWAYS busy! Does the house have to be absolutely perfect? Are some of the household chores we busy ourselves with really necessary? Are we losing memories which can only be made once because we are too busy in the moment to see the moment? Men are probably guilty of the same thing when they become workaholics and do not give quality and quantity of time to their families. Are we too much of a perfectionist about the way our homes look as it relates to developing meaningful Christian fellowship which can turn into deep relationships.

Our Savior said, "Choose the good part." He then defined the "good part" by saying it was the things which cannot be taken away from us. We can lose our health and our money in the blink of an eye. What can not be taken from us are the memories we make for ourselves and/or for others. Are you too busy to enjoy life? Are you missing the most important moments of life because of life? God wants us to live life to the fullest. He wants us to choose the good part!

Ephesians 5:15

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,