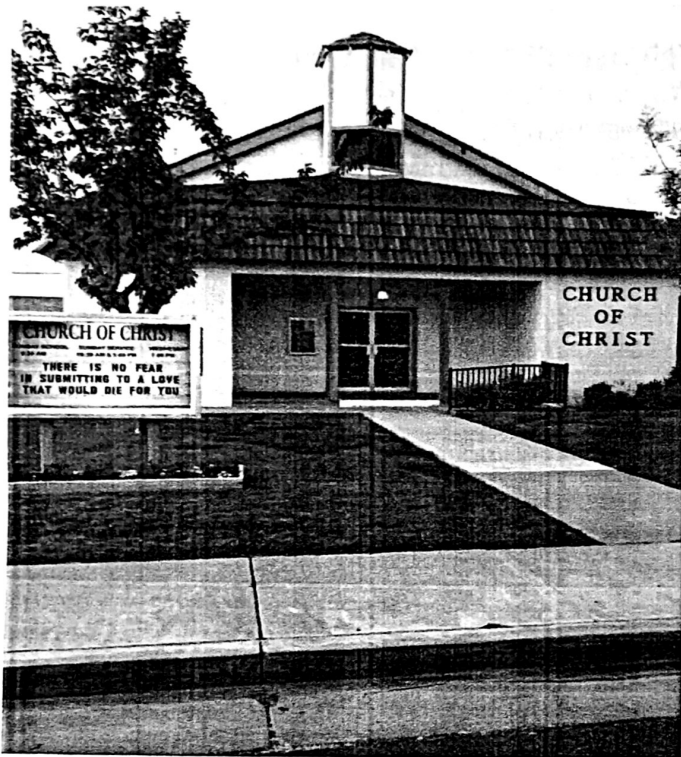


The Lemoore Caller

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes.....7:00 p

God's Love vs. Man's Love

This week, many of you will be celebrating a special holiday (Men, here is your reminder to get flowers and chocolates). Valentine's Day is a special day when we remember the love we have for our significant other. We spend the whole day showering our partners with gifts, flowers, candies, and maybe even a nice, candle-lit dinner. It's good to show the people closest to us that we love them and appreciate them. In fact, I think the strongest couples do so on a regular basis, not just on Valentine's Day. As you are declaring your love for your spouse or significant other this Thursday, don't forget to remember the love that God has shown us. When I look at how much I love my wife, I know it doesn't even come close to the amount of love God has for His people. God's love is so much different than man's love. God's love is eternal, man's is emotional. Since the beginning, God has loved His people and has proven that throughout the entire Bible. Paul tells us that because God loved us, he chose us to be adopted into the name of Jesus Christ before the foundations of the world were even set. (Eph. 1:4-5) He has always loved us and will continue to love us. However, we love based on emotion. We love whatever is making us feel good. Many people have left their spouse because the love "just went away." We need to learn to love like God loves. God looks at us even in our darkest times and continues to show His love for us. God's love is selfless, man's is selfish. God's love for His people drove Him to send His only Son to die on earth as a criminal. (John 3:16) He gave up everything so that you and I can have hope at eternal life. In most relationships, each side of the couple is in it for some sort of self-satisfaction. Maybe it's physical or emotional needs. Maybe it's the need to feel wanted or maybe it's the feeling of security. Whatever it is, we as humans look for love so that we can have our own wants fulfilled. Let us learn to love like God love's. Go read 1 cor. 13 see if it describes your marriage or relationship with God. Love is the greatest gift God has given us. Let us share it with those that are closest to us.

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February 10, 2019

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 **February:**
Communion Prep and Greeter: Shirley Garretson.

Men Leading Services for February 10th:

Welcome/Call to Worship: Gary Rice
Song Leader: Gary Curtis
Opening Prayer: Craig Case
Prayer List: Gary Cole
Lord's Table: LEAD: Frank Baldwin
Randy McCord
Herminio Gutierrez
Brandon Hodgson
Scripture Reading: David Sander
Announcements/Cl. Prayer: Craig Case
Alternates: Clofas Case, Richard Bullough, Rich Rhoads, Garth Radcliff
P.M. Song Leader: David Sander

Wednesday Evening February 13th:

Songs: David Sander
Speaker: Gary Curtis
Ann/Prayer: Gary Cole

Upcoming Events!

Feb. 11 – Men's meeting
Feb. 12 – Ladies luncheon
Feb. 17 – Birthday Fellowship
Feb. 24 – Teacher's Meeting
Mar. 9 – Lemoore Ladies Day
April 5-6 – Men's Retreat at YBC

Memorial Service:

The memorial Service for Bill Curtis will be held on Saturday February 16th and the Hanford Church of Christ. It will begin at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in honor of Bill be made to Valley Christian Home 511 E. Malone St. Hanford, CA 93230 or to Kings Art Center 605 N. Douty St. Hanford, CA 93230.

Men's Retreat:

Save the date: Men's Retreat at YBC April 5-6.
More info coming!

Help Needed:

The Lemoore congregation has been asked to provide salads for the memorial service of Bill Curtis. We will need salad for 150-200 people. Wilma Cole and Denise Dean will be contacting you for help. Denise will pick up salads by noon on Saturday to transport to Hanford.

February Birthday Fellowship:

We will have a Baked Potato Night for our birthday fellowship on February 17th. The evening will be hosted by Craig and Donna Case. Potatoes will be provided.

Ladies Luncheon:

The luncheon to celebrate February birthdays will be held on February 12th at Tadeo's in Lemoore. The luncheon will begin at 11:30

Bible Class Teachers:

The teacher's meeting will be held February 24th after morning services. Please see Garrett if you have any questions.

Thank You:

Thank you to Kerri Hodgson for taking our cradle roll class on Sunday mornings. Parents – if you have a 1-3-year-old – their class meets in the nursery at the back of the auditorium.

Lemoore Ladies Day:

Today, following services this morning, the ladies will meet with Becky regarding the plans for Ladies Day on March 9th. Lynda Sander will be the speaker.

FYBC News:

For the next 2 weeks we are looking for ribbon. Any color, any width. Can be leftover from other projects, does not need to be new. We can also use twine. There is a plastic tub in the foyer for your donation.

News from Jordan:

Jordan's tour has been extended until April. He is really wanting to hear from us. His address is on the bulletin board. If you would like to write a quick note while at the building – see Denise for notecards.

*Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord
is your strength.*

-Nehemiah 8:10

Prayer List

Sandy Curtis has been moved to CCU.

Doug Standridge has been transferred to rehab in Fresno – the kidney doing great!

Garret Sander's uncle had a successful bypass surgery.

Mike Virden had exploratory abdominal surgery and is still in ICU.

Lois Atchley, Sandra Case's grandmother, under hospice care.

Lynda Sander had an infusion last Tuesday.

Mary Battey, friend of Stephanie

Tischmacher, acute leukemia in Community hospital.

Nancy Gordon, friend of Gary Curtis, passed away.

Leah Grilione ear infection

Phillip Garretson in hospital in Lodi

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

Jack Otto's daughter, Robin, will be seeing a specialist regarding back surgery.

Becky and Glen Fraley, as Glen goes through the process of being placed on the kidney transplant list.

Hal Crain still not doing great

Leon and Lois Collins, Wilma Cole's brother and family, for strength with daily issues and Leon is undergoing immunotherapy.

Lavita Hardison, Donna Case's sister, is in a nursing home due to a stroke she had last May.

Ron Cole, Gary Cole's son, still in pain from 1st surgery – 2nd surgery is on hold.

Casey Case, Jr., ongoing Oncology treatment.

Hannah Detlefsen, daughter of friends of Lisa Butts,

Dennis Thomas, nephew of Jeanne and Ciofas Case, undergoing treatment

Jordan Willis deployment for the Navy

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**

What Then?

When all the great plants of our cities,
Have turned out their last finished work,
When our merchants have sold their last yard
of silk,

And have dismissed the tired weary clerk;
When our banks have taken their last dollar,
And have declared their last dividend;
When the judge of the day says "Closed for the
night."

And calls for a balance, what then?

When the singers have sung their last anthem,
And the preacher has prayed his last prayer;
When the people have heard their last sermon,
And the sound has died out on the air;
When the Bible lies closed on the altar,
And the pews are all empty of men,
When we all stand facing the record—
And the great book is opened, what then?

When the actor has played his last drama,
And the mimic has made his last pun;
When the film has flashed its last picture,
And the billboard has made its last run;
When the crowds seeking pleasure have
vanished,
And gone out in the darkness again;
When the trumpet of all ages has sounded,
And we all stand before God, what then?

When the last bugle has been sounded,
And the long marching columns stand still;
When the captain has given the last orders,
And they've taken the last fort and last hill;
When the flag has been hauled in from the
masthead,
And all the wounded soldiers checked in;
When a world that rejected its savior,
Is asked for a reason – what then?

*Cast all your anxiety on him because
he cares for you.*

-1 Peter 5:7

Easier Ways to Start Sharing Your Faith in Christ

Most people do not feel comfortable with others challenging their worldview. However, those who do challenge the perceptions of others have the greatest influence. Christians face this dilemma with the Great Commission for sharing the gospel with others. Paul expressed,

“At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison — that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Col 4:3–6 ESV).

As Christians, we want the gospel to challenge people to change their view of God, life, and the world. We want them to believe that Jesus resurrected, repent of their sins, be baptized, and live a faithful life. The apostles were great examples of Christ changing their lives. Likewise, Christians can open discussions about how life has changed, talk about how your personal life was broken and saved by Christ, or initiate conversations by asking others if they pray. These are lighter and easier ways to open doors for sharing the gospel. Little discomfort comes from speaking merely of God who is unknown to most of the world and then opening the door for the gospel.

In some settings, we can bring up America’s unknown God — the Creator who has endowed every person with unalienable rights (Acts 17:22–31). Within the Bible, the apostles evangelized to two types of audiences — the Jews and the Gentiles. Depending upon their view of God, the apostles would speak with skeptical Gentiles concerning their perception of God and then share the gospel, or they would speak to Jews and Jewish converts by sharing the evidence of Jesus’s resurrection upon scriptures and eyewitnesses (Acts 2; 13; 17; 1 Cor 15).

Christians should be wise and pray that they may know how to answer each person. We should consider the settings where we can best talk with others and talk about the gospel. For instance, if your waiter approaches while you are praying, ask him or her if they pray and for what. In any conversation about values in parenting to politics, ask about their standard for right and wrong. In a sports setting, talk about the motivations for playing sports and the significance of sports to life. These conversations open the door to talking about God. Christians should think with wisdom to advance small talk about their children, their pets, the community, or the weather toward God and then the gospel.

1 Peter 3:15-16

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.