

# The Lemoore Caller

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....	9:30
Sunday A.M. Assembly.....	10:30
Sunday P.M. Assembly.....	5:00
Wednesday Evening Classes/Devotional.....	7:00
Birthday Fellowship.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month after worship
Elder's Meeting.....	last Tuesday of the month
Business Meeting.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

## "A Recipe for Happiness"

Happiness is something we create in our minds,  
It's not something you search for and so seldom find-

It's just waking up and beginning the day  
By counting blessings and kneeling to pray-  
It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent  
And accepting what comes as "Heaven sent"-

It's giving up wishing for things we have not  
And making the best of whatever we've got  
It's knowing that the future is secure for us,  
And it's pursuing our tasks without fret or fuss-  
For it's by completing what God gives to do  
That we find contentment and happiness, too

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April 3, 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 April:

Communion Prep. – Gary and Joyce Curtis

Greeters – Jeff and Suzanne Mason

Men Leading Services on April 3rd:

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Craig Case

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead – Vernon Garretson

Randy McCord, Excell Green, Craig Standridge

Scripture Reading: Garth Radcliff

Announcements: Gary Rice

Closing Prayer: Lynn Atkinson

Alternates: Richard Bullough, Taylor Radcliff,

Frank Baldwin, Jeff Mason

**P.M. Song Leader:** Taylor Radcliff

Please check the list that is posted on the bulletin board for the current month's schedule.

**Valley Christian Home Worship-** Lemoore has the opportunity to host worship service at the home today, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Please join us as we take this time to share a portion of the Lord's word with the residents that attend. Please encourage others to come as well. Vernon Garretson will be the speaker.

**Men's Business Meeting:** Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. is the time set for the next business meeting. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend. Men, this is a time when your input and advice is helpful, as many points of business are discussed. We are hopeful all men will be there.

**Correction Needed!** Please notice the April Birthday Calendar. Our April Birthday Fellowship was listed on the wrong date. The correct date is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make the necessary change on your calendar. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Congratulations! Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Greene!!**

And welcome to Lemoore, Cynthia, as the newlywed couple will be making their new home in Lemoore.

**Men's Leadership Seminar April 16<sup>th</sup>.** Highland Church of Christ in Bakersfield will host this event. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for more information.

**2016 - Celebrating 70 years - Lemoore Church of Christ!** May 20<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a time to come together and commemorate the establishment of this congregation in Lemoore. Mark your calendars and plan to be here as we will welcome speakers including Carroll Davis, Paul Methvin and Vernon Garretson. All three days there will be special events to attend including a potluck style meal after morning worship on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be available as time draws near.

**Friends of YBC Benefit Golf Tournament.**

Mark your calendars for April 9<sup>th</sup> and join us for this second annual event. Check in time is 12:00 Noon and teams of four will play. Lunch will be included to all registered golfers. Sponsorships are available as well. All proceeds go towards financial assistance for the maintenance and upkeep of Yosemite Bible Camp. Please check with Denise Dean or Lynda Martyn for more information.

**Upcoming Events!**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Valley Christian Home Worship Service

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Men's Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

April 9<sup>th</sup> - YBC Benefit Golf Tournament

April 17<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Fellowship

April 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> - Men's Retreat at YBC

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Bible Bowl - Matthew 28

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>: Morro Bay Church of Christ Family Retreat

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>: Tahoe Family Encampment

2 Chronicles 6:39

then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their pleas, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you.

## Prayer List

Lora Virden fell last week and was taken by ambulance to the emergency room. She is doing better, and she is staying with family while she recuperates.

Richard Bullough has been given a date of May 16<sup>th</sup> for the first of two kidney surgeries, with the second surgery to follow about a month later. It will be at UCSF. Prostate surgery is planned for later in the year. Also, a nodule was discovered on the chest x-ray during his visit to UCSF on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. A CT scan will be performed soon to determine a prognosis regarding this development.

Phillip, Betty Standridge's son-in-law, is having issues with high blood sugar.

Jeff O'Neal, a friend and coworker of Jeff Mason, as he has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. He will be traveling down South to Cedar Sinai Hospital for surgery.

Vanessa, Jaque Green's mom has suffered a stroke. She is being treated in a rehab hospital.

Wes Cole, Gary Cole's brother is suffering with major health issues and will need to live in a long term care hospital.

Shae McNeeley, a friend of the Lane family, is back in the hospital due to blood clots in her lungs. Shae was the recipient of a heart and lung transplant last year.

Bill Curtis, Gary Curtis' father, recovering after a fall that injured his arm.

Mary Young, Brandon Greene's grandmother, is recovering from surgery.

Pablo de Gracia's father anticipates having surgery as soon as other health issues are resolved.

Glen Fraley is scheduled for a defibrillator placement surgery in Santa Clara on April 14<sup>th</sup>, but also is under doctor's care regarding concern with his toe.

Doug Standridge – recovering after a cardiac procedure and hopes to be back on the kidney transplant list soon.

Stoney Dodd saw his cardiologist for a follow-up visit last week.

Anna, a niece of Donna Lane, experiencing personal struggles

Stacey Ballantyne, Suzanne Mason's sister – cancer has spread and now she is also suffering from lymphedema. She also has other health concerns which will require additional medical tests.

Rita Frankmore has been very ill as she has struggled with ongoing health problems.

Johnny Goodson, a cousin of Mark Lane is recovering well after open heart surgery and is expecting to have gall bladder surgery soon.

Lois Gable, a friend of the Lane family has been diagnosed with cancer.

Cami Cassaday, Suzanne Mason's cousin, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Irene Aguirre, as she suffers with Macular Degeneration that is causing her eyesight to deteriorate.

Beverly Rice, aunt of Donna Lane has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Jamie Smith, Jack Otto's granddaughter, has Stage 4 Multiple Sclerosis, and has also been diagnosed with cancer.

All Members of our Military and their families.  
All of our friends and family members that are traveling.

### Our Mission Work

- \*Our Preachers in Nicaragua
- \*Agape Village
- \*Crossover Ministry
- \*Manuelito Children's Home
- \*Church of Christ in Branson, MO
- \*Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund

### *Prayer is The Key*

*Why does it seem  
We often give in  
To temptation that comes our way?  
It's often so hard  
To say 'no' to the flesh  
Though we try, we forget to pray  
For this is the key  
To unlock the door,  
To overcoming temptation and sin,  
We must keep in God's word  
And diligent in prayer  
And remain faithful unto Him.*

## **"The Best is Yet to Come"**

A young woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and given a short time to live. As she was getting her things in order, she asked her preacher to drop by to discuss her funeral. She mentioned the songs she wanted to be sung, scriptures to be read, and a few other details. As he prepared to leave, she had one more request. "There is one more thing," she said. "What's that?" the preacher replied. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." Puzzled, the preacher asked, "Please pardon me, but did you say you wish to be buried with a fork in your right hand?" She explained. "Yes. In all my years of attending church dinners and potlucks, I remember that when the dishes were being cleared, someone would remark, 'Don't forget to keep your fork!' This was a reminder that something wonderful was coming, such as chocolate cake, banana pudding, or deep-dish apple pie. So when people see me in my casket with fork in hand, you can tell them that I expect something far better to come." The preacher's eyes welled up with tears as he hugged her, knowing that this might be the last time he would see her. He also realized that she had a profound grasp of heaven.

At her funeral, scores of people walked by the casket, noting the fork in her hand. Over and over, the preacher overheard the question, "Why the fork?" He smiled but said nothing. During the eulogy, he told the audience about the fork and about what it meant to the woman. Although a few were crying prior to the preacher's remarks, not a dry eye remained after he explained the meaning of the fork. The next time you grab a fork at a fellowship meal, hold on to it a few extra moments and remember that for the faithful child of God, the best is yet to come!

Sin doesn't give that kind of hope: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). This is terrible news, since "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). But the good news (the gospel) is that God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:8). Through Jesus, we can have the forgiveness of our sins, be reconciled to God, and rejoice in the hope of eternal life (2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Titus 1:2). In order to accept God's offer of salvation and eternal life, we must place our faith and trust in Christ (Acts 16:30–31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30–31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9–10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then, we can "rejoice in hope" as we continue to walk in the light of God's Word (Romans 5:2; 1 John 1:7). As a child of God, you can keep your fork, for the best is yet to come!