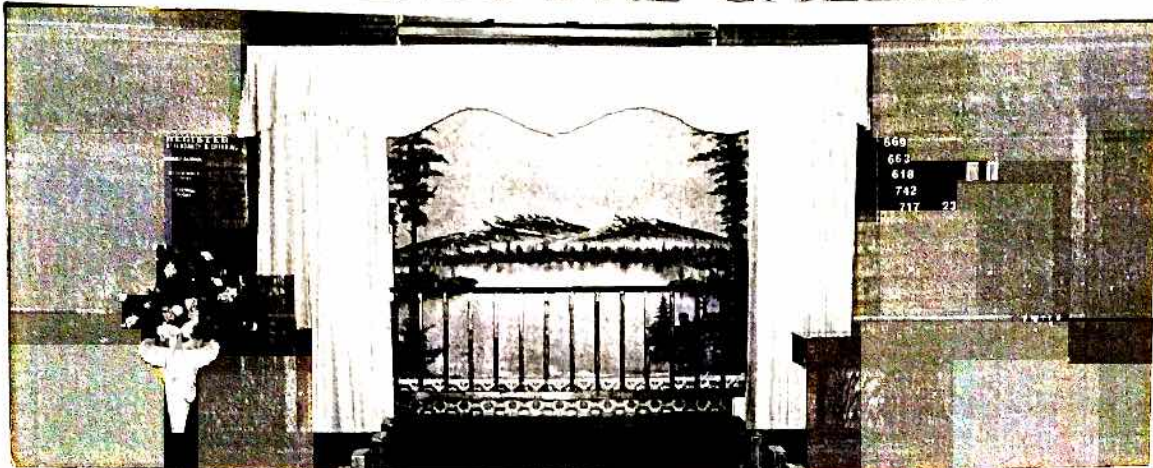


# THE LEMOORE CALLER



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES.....9:30  
SUNDAY A.M. WORSHIP ASSEMBLY..... 10:30  
SUNDAY P.M. WORSHIP ASSEMBLY.....5:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASSES/DEVOTIONAL.....7:00  
BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP.....3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP  
BUSINESS MEETING..... 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6:00

## MEN WHO SERVE THE CHURCH IN LEMOORE

ELDERS: RICHARD BULLOUGH, CRAIG CASE,  
MARK LANE, VERNON GARRETSON  
PREACHER: VERNON GARRETSON

## Some important facts about baptism – Part I

We are living in a time when people even within our fellowship have stated doubts about baptism and its relevance. Let me tell you what the Bible says about it.

**Baptism is a burial** (Romans 6:4; Col. 2:12) it consists of a process of immersion or submersion. To do that, you must have water, much water (John 3:23) so a person can be buried/put under the water. Now why, so we can die....to sin, and that sinful old man remains in the grave. Sprinkling or pouring is not baptism.

**Baptism is for those old enough to hear, believe, repent, and confess** (Acts 2:37-28; 8:37). Children and those who are not mentally competent are safe. They are not accountable to God. In Ezekiel 28:15 "You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till sin was found in you." So there is a time before we are accountable for our sins. Philip asked the Ethiopian Treasurer.... "do you understand what you read?" (Acts 8:30). So a person needs to understand before believing and repenting is necessary.

**Baptism is commanded.** Read Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Acts 10:48. After reading those passages you realize that a command is not a suggestion....it is a command and MUST be obeyed. Many treat baptism as if it is an option...not true. In the same breath, Peter commanded repentance and baptism. (Part II next week)

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# Lemoore Church of Christ

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May 17, 2015

Sunday: 9:30 am Bible Classes  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Classes

Members scheduled to serve for May:

Communion Lead: Excel Green

Communion Prep: Joyce and Gary Curtis

Greeters: Betty Edwards and Dixie Blair

Elders Meeting: The elders will meet on the last Monday of each month.

Men's Business Meeting: will be the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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**Birthday Fellowship for May has been cancelled:** details for the June Birthday Fellowship will be available soon.

Men Leading Services on May 17<sup>th</sup>:

Song Leader: Stetson Schmitt

Opening Prayer: Gary Curtis

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead – Excell Green

Scott Ervin, Taylor Radcliff, Michael Fite

Announcements: Richard Bullough

Closing Prayer: Randy McCord

Alternates: Mark Lane, Frank Baldwin,

Herminio Gutierrez, Craig Case

Super Saturday Meeting: there will be a short meeting this morning, right after service. Please attend to discuss preliminary details for the upcoming event.

Ladies Retreat Committee Meeting: A salad potluck style lunch meeting is planned for today, directly after morning worship. It will be at the home of Isabella Gutierrez. Ladies, please plan to attend and work on the planning for the retreat.

Vintage dishes needed and battery Candles too: Along with the vintage dishes the ladies have requested, there is a need for "flameless" battery operated candles. The larger size candles are most needed. If you are able to donate dishes or candles, please see Isabella Gutierrez or Linda Atkinson. Thank you!

Hospitality Baskets: We will be making the baskets for the Retreat and need your help to fill them with travel size products such as shampoo, bath gel, toothpaste, etc. Please see the list of items on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping out. Thank you.

Super Saturday: We will be planning this event and need your help. The dates and times will be determined soon. Please read the sign-up sheet that is posted on the bulletin board next to the office and please sign up to help in the areas you are able to participate. Please consider helping in this VBS style event as we reach out to children in our congregation and community.

Area Wide Singing is scheduled for Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Porterville Church of Christ building. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your voices and your smile and be prepared to rejoice in an evening of singing and fellowship.

Morro Bay Church of Christ Family Retreat: June 25 through June 28 are the dates scheduled for the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual event. Campers are welcome to make reservations for tent camping and RV camping in various areas around Morro Bay, as well as several hotel/motel accommodations. Make your reservations early if you plan to stay. There is a flier on the bulletin board for more information.

## **Prayer List**

The Family of Herman Dodge, brother-in-law of Kaye Dodge, as he passed away last week.

The Family of Dovie Lane, Mark Lane's mother, as she passed away May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Family of Mada McCord, Randy McCord's mother, as she passed away last week.

Durward Dodd has been feeling tired and weak. He has been staying at home.

Rita Virden will be having surgery.

Linda Otto - health concerns.

Curt Albrecht – son-in-law of Kaye Dodge had heart surgery. He has come home from the hospital and will continue his recovery at home.

Linda Rowe – non responsive and in hospital.

Vincent Garretson – still dealing with discomfort and adjusting to a hard contact lens after having corneal replacement surgery.

Hal Crane, Lisa Butts' brother-in-law has not been doing well and is still in the hospital.

John Downs, Tiffany Radcliff's uncle was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and is going through chemotherapy.

Christian Mason injured his arm while playing football.

Allison Baldwin will be having back surgery.

Emily Carpenter, 8 year old friend of Annabelle, diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She is showing signs of improvement as she goes through treatment.

Sheri Salazar, a co-worker of Lisa Butts – Stage 4 breast cancer.

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

Francise Aguirre – has had a series of "mini strokes" and will be following up with doctors.

Zackery Hankel – great-nephew of Dixie Blair has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. He continues with platelet treatments while in isolation at home and is awaiting a bone marrow transplant.

Pat Methvin, wife of Paul Methvin, preacher at Hanford years ago, is in need of a liver transplant. A live donor is currently being sought.

Junior Gutierrez – pray for his return to church.

Shae McNeely, doing very well after having received a heart and lung transplant.

Derek Cathey – away on deployment.

Doug Standridge – in need of a kidney transplant and waiting for the call with a suitable match.

Dorma Atkinson has been experiencing a series of mini strokes and needs constant care.

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

Van Bass – has been experiencing considerable pain in his knees and difficulty walking.

Phyllis Green, Becky Bullough's sister, will be going to Stanford for medical testing.

Gloria Rife sister-in-law of Jack Otto, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Jamie Smith, Jack Otto's granddaughter, has Stage 4 Multiple Sclerosis.

Cathy Carlisle, a cousin of Mark Lane has been diagnosed with cancer.

Wally and Phyllis Zieser – friends of the Lane family from Rogue River Church of Christ, – both have health concerns.

Hope Michael, friend of the Lanes from Grants Pass, Oregon Church of Christ, is dealing with health issues.

Stacey Ballantyne, Suzanne Mason's sister, going through cancer treatment.

Mark Lane's sister: not doing well.

Jennifer Dew –she had gone home from the hospital, but had to return in less than 24 hours, due to her severe condition.

### **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

### **OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK**

Sunday Bible Classes.....	59
Sunday AM Assembly.....	92
Sunday PM Assembly.....	32
Wednesday Devotional.....	-
Contribution.....	\$1980.00

Smile☺ we want your picture! Denise Dean will be taking photos of our members to send to Abdiel, our new sponsored child at City of Children. This will be a great way for Abdiel to get acquainted with his new family in Christ.

Bible Bowl and Devotional: Study up on two chapters this time, Matthew 17 & 18 will be the material covered, when we meet on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Memorial Day BBQ at YBC: The date scheduled is Memorial Day, May 25, 2015. Everyone is invited to come up to the camp and enjoy a fun day or all weekend of fellowship and good food and fund raising. There will be family activities, and also a dessert auction. Pies and various family size desserts are needed for the auction. All proceeds go toward camp improvements. We would love to see everyone attend this fun and spirited event, but if you are not able to attend, and would like to make a dessert or monetary donation, you may bring the items to church on Sunday Morning, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and Denise Dean can take the items with her up to the camp. Thank you for all your support.

Graduation Time is Near: We would like to recognize the accomplishments of all the students in our congregation that will graduate this year. Please submit a picture and information for the graduates to Donna Case. Or if you would like to email to [donna\\_c\\_2005@hotmail.com](mailto:donna_c_2005@hotmail.com)

#### WHERE JESUS FOUND THEM—

It's interesting to notice where Jesus found some of the folks who became His friends. For instance, He found Matthew busy collecting taxes in the customhouse, Nathanael under a fig tree, Peter and Andrew at the lake, the Samaritan woman at a well, Zacchaeus up a tree, and the thief on a cross.

Where did He find you when He called you to follow Him? Where will He find you when He comes again, or calls you to come up higher?

—Roy J. Wilkins

Tahoe Family Encampment 2015: The date is quickly approaching so make your reservations now! This year's camping and fellowship event will be July 25-31. Camping is available in RVs or tents, but locations fill up fast, so call early. Also, several hotels and motels are located nearby. Motel 6 offers a discount when called early for reservations. More information is available on the flier that is on the bulletin board.

A Prior Engagement - James A. Garfield, the 20<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, took office on March 4, 1881. On his first Sunday in Washington, following his inauguration, a member of the Cabinet insisted that a meeting must be called to discuss a matter that purportedly threatened a national crisis. The President refused, stating that he was already committed to another appointment. The Cabinet member insisted, telling the President that the national matter was of grave importance and that he should break his prior engagement. Still, Mr. Garfield refused to do so.

Obviously appalled, the Cabinet member remarked, "I would be interested to know with whom you have an engagement so important that it cannot be broken."

Mr. Garfield replied, "I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with the Lord, to meet Him at His house, at His table, at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning, and I shall be there."

What an example! May we, too, be so dedicated to the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that we shall not forget we have a standing "Prior Engagement" every Sunday morning.

Shamgar had an OX GOAD,  
David had a SLING,  
Dorcas had a NEEDLE,  
Rahab had some STRING,  
Mary had some OINTMENT,  
Moses had a ROD,  
Have YOU some SMALL TALENT  
You'll dedicate TO GOD?

## IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS



This is one of the most difficult things to understand. Even before Jesus was born, God planned to send His Son to die on the cross.

One of the most graphic passages about the death of Jesus on the cross was written before Jesus was born. It's found in Psalms 22.

Psalms 22:1 predicts one of the seven things Jesus said on the cross when he said, "My God, My God why has thou forsaken me?" And Psalms 22:14-16 predicts how Jesus hands and feet would be nailed to the cross and how the Romans would divide his clothing and cast lots for his robe. 22:14-15 tells us how Jesus would feel ~ with his bones out of joint, the heart exploding in his chest, and the horrible thirst that occurs at crucifixion.

Isaiah predicted the crucifixion of Jesus too. Isaiah 53:5 says that Jesus would be wounded for OUR transgressions, he would be bruised for our iniquities. The passage also tells us that by his wounds we are healed.

These are just two of the many Old Testament prophecies about the cross of Jesus. But Peter makes a startling revelation in I Peter 1:18-20. Here, Peter tells us we have been ransomed – our sins have been forgiven – by the blood of Jesus dying on the cross. And that Jesus had been destined to make this sacrifice "*before the foundation of the world.*"

Before God made man, before God made the earth, He knew that we would fall short of His glory because of our sins. So, before the world was made, God the Father destined Jesus to die on the cross.

Before the birth of the earth, there was behind Jesus ~ the shadow of the cross.

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### *Secrets of Happiness*

*Keep skid chains on your tongue, always say less than you think*

*Make promises sparingly, but keep your promises faithfully,  
No matter what it costs you.*

*Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to  
Someone. Praise good work no matter who did it.*

*Show your interest in others. Let everyone you meet feel that you regard  
them as a person of importance*