



**Lemoore
church of
Christ**

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Cleaning Out the Barn by: Mark McCrary

Growing up, this was the job I hated the most (and, hated is not too strong a word). Three times a week I had to clean out the feed room in the barn. That includes everything you think would be included.

It was a stinky, unpleasant job. I did it because it was my chore to do. I did it because dad made me.

Fast forward 30 years. Saturday afternoon I was feeding the cows for Pop. I finished his instructions and was about to leave the feed room when I noticed how dirty the floor was. I looked over and saw the shovel to the side and decided to clean the floor for him. I did the same thing that I'd done 30 years ago. It was just as unpleasant. But this time I did it not because I had to, but because I love him.

Obedience to God is kind of like that. Early on in our spiritual life, we obey because we have to; we do what we're told. Somewhere along the way, though — if you're really growing — we start obeying because we love him. Tasks that seemed to be so difficult at one point become much more bearable. That's why — long term — love is a far better motivator in Christian service than fear or obligation.

“If you love me, you will keep My commandments” John 14:15

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 138	John 6:52-59
Monday	Day 139	John 6:60-61
Tuesday	Day 140	Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	Day 141	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	Day 142	Matthew 15: 21-28
Friday	Day 143	Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	Day 144	Matthew 15: 29-31

Events list will return to the bulletin when our shelter in place is lifted.

Prayer List:

Sandy Curtis has been diagnosed with COVID-19. She has been very ill but her lungs are clear at this time.

Kim Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom recovering from cancer surgery, experiencing anxiety at being isolated in hospital.

Red Cooper recovering from surgery.

Alice Fall is home now

Lora Virden is awaiting test results and is still in the hospital. She thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and flowers

Gary Cole had another treatment on Monday. Richard Hunsberger, Stephanie Tischmacher's step-dad, is now home.

Bodie, friend of Bailey Radcliff, diagnosed with 2 brain tumors.

Rita Frankmore is under the care of a home health care nurse.

Meryl Wamhoff and Wayne Bergeron, friends

of Lisa Butts Wayne Bergeron has begun both chemo and radiation. It is making him very ill. Meryl Wamhoff has had two surgeries so far. Two more to go. They are now working on rebuilding his face. Both of them and their families appreciate our prayers.

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, may have radiation again in the future.

Marlon Raygoza that he gets the supervision he needs to make positive changes in his life.

Linda Frye, Cancer

Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin, blood clots in his legs but has returned to work.

Angie and Tito Cano- on maintenance meds

Alexis Raygoza recovering from health issues.

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, stage 4 stomach cancer

Doug Standridge

Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting

Graduation time:

It is time to start collecting photos of our graduates. Please email them to Denise so the graduate bulletin can be worked on.