

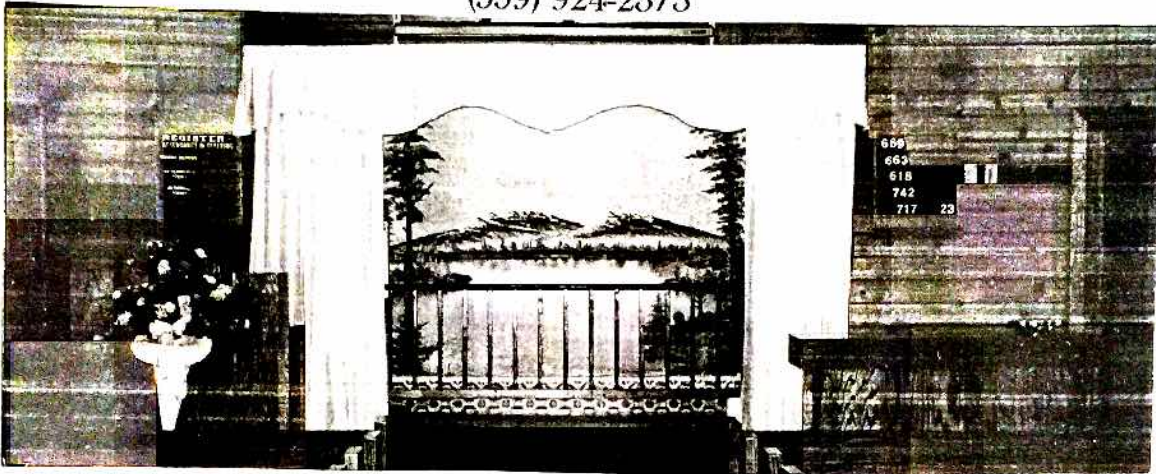
The Lemoore Caller

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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.....3rd Sunday of month after worship
 Elder's Meeting.....last Tuesday of the month
 Business Meeting.....1st Monday of the month

The Blessed Man

The word "blessed" has become common and a buzzword in our society. We even say it when someone sneezes. Does God bless everyone? Well yes, in general ways (i.e. life, breath, food, water, air). But does he bless people whose lifestyle is against Him and His word? The Psalmist gives us two insights into the life that is truly blessed.

Avoid the Path of Sin. "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of the sinner, nor sit in the seat of the scoffers" (Psa. 1:1). Notice the progression, he first walks in sin, then he stands in sin, then he is engulfed in it by sitting right in the middle of it. Paul said in I Thess. 5:22, that we should flee from the appearance of evil. Then you'll be blessed.

Admire the Law of God. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night" (Psa. 1:2). He has his feet firmly planted on the ground and is producing fruit to God. He loves God's law (Psa 1:3).

If we really want to be blessed this simple formula should be followed. Even when a person says, "Bless you" or "Have a blessed day," doesn't mean you will. To be blessed, avoid sin and Love God's Law/Word.

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June 14, 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 June:

Communion Lead: Randy McCord
Communion Prep. and Greeters:
Alice Fall and Lora Virden

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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Men Leading Services on June 14th:

Song Leader: Gary Curtis

Opening Prayer: Jeff Mason

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead – Randy McCord

Judson Ervin, Herminio Gutierrez, Gary Rice

Announcements: Taylor Radcliff

Closing Prayer: Frank Baldwin

Alternates: Mark Lane, Martin Gutierrez,

Richard Bullough, Garth Radcliff

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

Ladies Retreat Committee Meeting: There will be a short meeting after service this morning. Ladies, please join us for the meeting, as plans are being made.

Guest Speaker: on June 28th for morning and evening service, Brandon Greene, from Las Vegas, will be here to bring us a message from the word of God.

Dates to Remember: Morro Bay Family Retreat, June 25th – 28th and Tahoe Family Encampment July 25th – 31st. You can find more information on the bulletin board.

June Birthday Fellowship will be June 28th, after evening service. We will be honoring Don and Lucile Chamberlain as they celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary. Please plan to join us for this very special occasion.

Super Saturday: Plans are in the works and the date has been set for June 27th. Please see the flier on the bulletin board and sign up to help. This is an excellent way of reaching out to the children in our congregation and the community.

Guest Speaker: Dale Linge from Church of Christ Disaster Relief will be here on Wednesday, June 17 with a short informational presentation about the good works this organization is involved in. We will have the opportunity to learn more about this ministry that we have been supporting.

Hospitality Baskets: Several of the items to fill the baskets have been donated, but we still need a few more items. Please see the updated list of items on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping out. Thank you.

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.

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

Dish Towels Needed: The men of our congregation that will be preparing meals for The Ladies Retreat need a supply of dish towels to use while at the camp. If you have any to donate, please place them in the box in the foyer.

Bridal Shower: Please join us ladies, as we celebrate and rejoice in the upcoming marriage of Maria Rodriguez. We will have a shower on the evening of July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited.

Prayer List

Rita Virden recovering from surgery.

Linda Otto - health concerns.

Marcus, 11 year old great nephew of Lisa Butts, out of the hospital now and improving at home.

Mark Cooper received a diagnosis of lung cancer. He will be having surgery soon.

Joann Garone, grandmother of Tiffany Radcliff, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Curt Albrecht – son-in-law of Kaye Dodge, recovering from heart surgery.

Linda Rowe – home from the hospital, recovering.

Vincent Garretson – will be having cataract surgery.

Hal Crane, Lisa Butts' brother-in-law is improving while still in a rehab hospital.

Jennifer Dew had surgery last week; spots on her lung were found to be cancerous. She is in considerable pain as a result of the surgery.

Durward Dodd fell and bumped the back of his head last week. He is recovering well.

Betty Hapson, a member from Dinuba Church of Christ and VCH Ladies Auxiliary will be having exploratory surgery June 17th.

Rick Carvalho, a friend of Gary Curtis, is waiting for results of a liver biopsy while also recovering from a stroke.

Gary Bennett, relative of the Atkinson's, is waiting to hear results from doctors about possible cancer.

Suzanne Mason will be consulting with a surgeon to consider possible knee surgery.

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

Allison Baldwin at home, recovering from 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 was also diagnosed with Occipital Neuralgia. She is currently working with doctors to determine the correct medication for treatment.

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.

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.

Bob Martin as he moves to Camarillo to be near his family.

Danny Rodriguez, visiting from Moreno Valley and possibly moving his family and business here.

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

Mark Lane's sister: not doing well.

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

The importance of Grace to the Soul

In Eph. 2:8 The Apostle Paul wrote, *"For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God."* In this inspired text the Apostle is telling us that grace plays a vital role in salvation. Grace is sometimes a controversial subject because people try to shape grace into what they think it should mean instead of what the Holy Spirit intended it to mean. The grace of God hits right at the heart and core of everything man is or ever will be. Grace is important for our souls.

In Eph. 2:1 Paul writes, *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sin."* In those words Paul reminds the Ephesians that when he came and preached to them, they were dead in sin. Ephesus was a capitol city, a major sea port, a cultural center in Asia Minor (today it's called Turkey). When you entered the city one of the first things you would see was a great temple dedicated to Dianna. She was the pagan goddess of love and fertility, their central figure of idol worship. I have an idea some of the members of the church in Ephesus had been a part of that culture. So, Eph. 2:2 makes sense when he says they had, *"walked according to the course of the world."* Ephesus was also a hotbed of sorcery and black magic. So Paul warned them about how they had *"conducted themselves in the lust of their flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath"* (Eph. 2:3).

From all of that it is evident these people were once dead in sin. Haven't we all? I John 3:4 says, *"sin is the transgression of God's law."* And Romans 3:23 says, *"All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."* No wonder the Old Testament says *"Your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you."* One more, Romans 6:23 reads, *"the ways of sin is death."* The Ephesians and you and I have been dead in transgressions and sins!

Listen to this, *"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)"* Eph. 2:4-5. Earlier Paul explains man had fallen into the quicksand of sin and was sinking fast but God comes to the rescue by throwing him the life line of Grace. When you read the N.T. you can see that the writers combine several things, #1 God's Mercy - Hebrews 8:12, #2 God's love - John 3:16, #3 God's amazing grace (don't you love that song?) - Ephesians 2:8. You see, God did give us "unmerited favor".....something we received without deserving it. This grace allows us to escape punishment for our sins and reap a reward (heaven) which we don't deserve.

Have you ever seen this acrostic? God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

Spelling out the word GRACE. In essence it might be said that the grace of God ran through the veins of Christ and spilled on the ground at Calvary for all of humanity (Titus 2:11-12) Now the Song!

*"Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see."*

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