

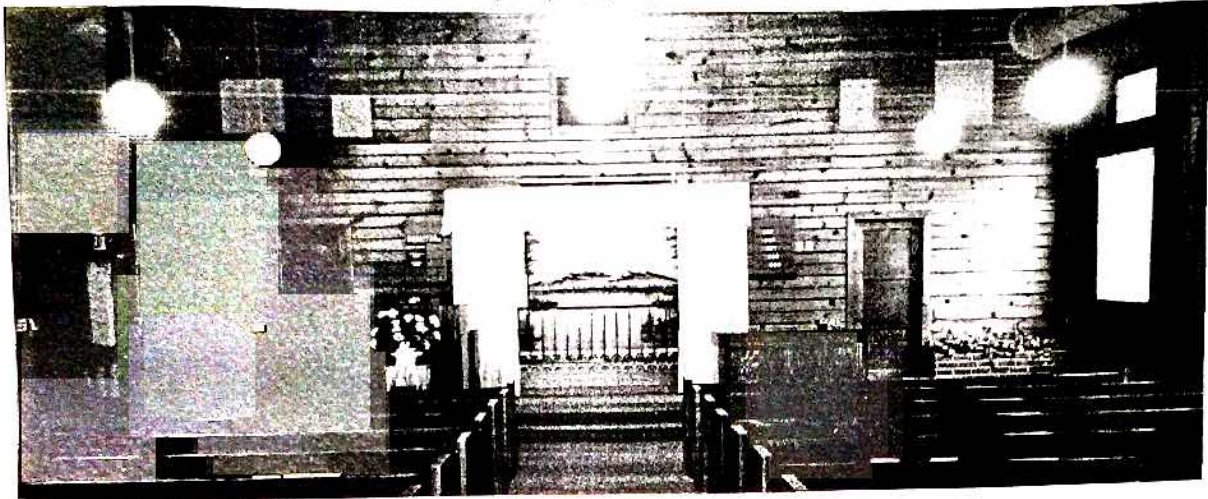
# The Lemoore Caller

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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

## **Faithful Sayings of a Christian**

As the Apostle Paul writes to the young evangelist Timothy, he reminds him of several faithful Christian sayings that he must never forget. These sayings are designed to encourage Christians never to forget where they came from and where they are going. Notice what these statements are.

*"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15). The Christian must never forget that Christ came to save all sinners (Luke 19:10). However, on a more personal level the Christian must remember that Christ came to save me—a chief of sinners (Rom. 3:23; Ezek. 18:4; Isa. 59:1-2).*

*"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe" (1 Tim. 4:9-10). Christians must never forget that they will have to suffer for the cause of Christ (2 Tim. 3:12). However, Christians can rejoice knowing even if they suffer and die for Christ they are blessed (Rev. 14:13, 2:10).*

*"This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (2 Tim. 2:11). Christians must remember that if they die to self and sin, they can live for God and with God eternally (Rom. 6:1-4; 6:23). They best life a person can ever live is the Christian life (John 10:10). Truly, the Christian life is the only life that will result in Heaven as its home (John 14:1-6).*

*"This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men" (Titus 3:8). Christian are to be a light to the world (Matt. 5:16). As a Christian, Paul wanted to remind Timothy and each Christian today that we must never grow stagnant in our Christian life, but rather continue to maintain good works (Rev. 2:4). May God help each one of us to be faithful unto death so that we may receive the crown of life (Rev. 2:10).*

# Lemoore Church of Christ

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September 20, 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 September:

Communion Lead: Craig Case

Communion Prep. and Greeters:

Suzanne & Jeff Mason

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## Men Leading Services on September 20th:

Song Leader: Garth Radcliff

Opening Prayer: Vernon Garretson

Prayer List: Gary Cole

Lord's Table: Lead: Craig Case

Scott Ervin, Randy McCord, Excell Green

Scripture Reading: Mark Lane

Announcements: Richard Bullough

Closing Prayer: Craig Standridge

Alternates: Jeff Mason, Frank Baldwin,

Herminio Gutierrez, Judson Ervin

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

**Promotion Sunday is Today:** All classes please meet in the auditorium before going to class. Promotions to the next class level will be for the 4 and 5 year olds class through the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

**Valley Christian Home:** We will have the opportunity to lead worship for the residents on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Vernon Garretson will be preaching and everyone is encouraged to attend. It is a blessing that God has given us to share his word and spend time with the folks at the home. Hope to see you there.

**Happy Retirement!** We are planning a party to honor Vernon and Shirley, as we appreciate all their many years of service and dedication in Lemoore. The date has been changed since the original date was set. The new date of the party will be on Saturday, November 7, at 2:00 p.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall for a casual afternoon of visiting and enjoying a variety of appetizers and desserts. We hope to see everyone there!

**Events Coming Soon!** Annual "Trunk or Treat" is set for Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. More details will follow.

**A Very Special Date is Coming Up!** Brother Durward Dodd will be 95 years old on September 22. There is a flier on the bulletin board with more information. Durward has been a faithful Christian and member of the Lord's church for many years. He has preached at several locations, including Lemoore, Corcoran and Stratford. He was a frequent panelist on the "One Way" television program and also held Gospel meetings at many other local congregations. His knowledge of God's Word is exceptional and he has always taught the Bible in a simple, yet thorough manner. If you would like to send a birthday card to Durward, you can find his address on the flier. It would be very special if he did receive 95 cards to commemorate his 95 years. We will also be honoring Durward at our birthday fellowship on September 27<sup>th</sup>, following evening worship.

**Congratulations Graduates!** Two of our sisters were honored at ceremonies for graduating from the school programs they were enrolled in: Hannah Hubble completed the program at Lawrence & Co. School of Cosmetology in Hanford. Cynthia Sanchez completed her program at Porterville Adult School and received certificates in Medical Assistance and Phlebotomy. Congratulations to both and we pray for many blessings of success as you begin your careers.

## Prayer List

The family of Allison Cordero, as she lost her battle with cancer this week. Allison is survived by her infant son, her husband, and many other family members.

The Family of Gary Bennett. Gary Passed away last week, after being diagnosed with cancer recently.

Gideon Huerta, 6 week old son of Emily Fite Huerta, former co-worker of Caitlyn Harp, was in the hospital with Viral Meningitis. He is home now, improving, and expected to fully recover.

Dixie Blair has been diagnosed with Anemia and is going through a series of "iron infusions". The process should take 5 weeks.

Linda Otto – Waiting for the results of a biopsy.

Goldie Neal, Donna Case's mom, doing well while recovering from eye surgery.

Becky Fraley, waiting for results of biopsy.

Marge Tassler, grandmother of Nick and Caitlyn Harp, medical concerns.

John Cobb, Linda Otto's brother, recovering from stomach surgery and doing much better.

Rosa Adams, co-worker of Suzanne Mason, experiencing premature labor while pregnant with twins. She will spend the remainder of her pregnancy in the hospital.

Richard Bullough will be having an MRI soon.

Phyllis Greene, to Stanford for medical testing.

Whitney Broadus will be going through medical tests at Stanford.

Eula Rhoads – Recovering from surgery, doing well; and also waiting for test results from her consultation at Stanford.

Bill Curtis, Gary Curtis' father, is in Hanford Nursing and Rehab, while recovering after leg surgery.

Mozell Curtis, Gary Curtis' mother is recovering after surgery.

Rodney Montgomery, brother of Jeanne Case has been diagnosed with cancer and will have surgery soon.

Rachel Bodine, a cousin of Mark Lane is going through medical testing.

Shae McNeeley has been experiencing health problems. She received a successful heart and lung transplant a few months ago.

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.

Tammy Scott, wife of Ray Scott, who attended in Lemoore years ago, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer.

Sheri Salazar, a co-worker of Lisa Butts – has been diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer. She is doing very well through all of this and is grateful for all the prayers.

Jennifer Dew Harris –The prognosis from her doctor this week is not good. Cancer has spread throughout her body and her condition has been stated as terminal.

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

Zackery Hankel – great-nephew of Dixie Blair has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. He is home awaiting a bone marrow transplant, and is not in isolation at this time.

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.

Gloria Rife sister-in-law of Jack Otto, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is also recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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

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

Members Traveling: several people are traveling this week and some all month. We pray all are safe.

### 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

Please contact Donna Case if you have any new information or updates for the bulletin.

**Youth Devotional:** Please join us at the home of Mark and Donna Lane on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. We will be playing games, singing songs and fellowshiping with our young brothers and sisters as we enjoy a delicious meal and snacks. Please see Brandon Greene for the address or if you have any other questions.

**Facebook Challenge:** If you follow Lemoore Church of Christ on facebook, watch for "The Challenge of the Week". Each Monday morning, Brandon Greene will announce what that challenge will be.

**2015 VBC Ladies Retreat:** This past weekend, 147 ladies that represented 29 congregations throughout California spent 3 days on "God's Mountain" fellowshiping with one another, learning from classes that were taught, hearing inspirational speakers and having a little fun while making craft items and participating in a photo booth, as well as enjoying the delicious meals that were so lovingly prepared by the team of our Lemoore men. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in planning, preparing, arranging accommodations, cooking, baking cookies, teaching, and of course attending Ladies Retreat. But mostly, let us be thankful to God for giving us this blessed opportunity.

**Many Thanks:** The Ladies Auxiliary of Valley Christian Home would like to thank everyone who helped out, made donations and attended the Annual Luau on Friday evening. The Luau is the largest fund raiser the Auxiliary has each year to raise much needed funds for the home and residents. Your contributions and participation is greatly appreciated.

**Did You Notice?** The bulletin boards in the foyer have a variety of information posted, including fliers mentioned in the bulletin, thank you cards and announcements from various members, posters for advertisements of upcoming events, etc. Please take a moment to read the information that is posted, as you may learn of a new opportunity to serve our Lord. Thank you

A Gentle Thunder  
A story by Max Lucado

Once there was a man who dared God to speak.

"Burn the bush like you did for Moses, God and I will follow.  
Collapse the walls like you did for Joshua, God and I will fight.  
Still the waves like you did on Galilee, God and I will listen."

And so the man went and sat by a bush, near a wall close to the sea and waited for God to speak.

And God heard the man, so God answered.  
He sent fire, not for the bush, but for a church.  
He brought down a wall, not of brick, but of sin.  
He stilled a storm, not of the sea, but of a soul.

And God waited for the man to respond.  
And he waited ...  
And waited ...  
And waited...

But because the man was looking at bushes, not hearts; bricks, not lives; seas and not souls, he decided that God had done nothing. Finally he looked at God and asked, "Have you lost your power?"  
And God looked at him and said, "Have you lost your hearing?"

## "Do This in Remembrance of Me"

The nation of Israel was urged again and again to "remember" all that God had done for them. The prophetic tradition rebuked a forgetful nation again and again when they did not remember God's graciousness.

"Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day....If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed" (Deut. 8:11, 19).

"You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth" (Deut. 32:18).

"They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them" (Psa. 78:11).

"But they soon forgot what he had done and did not wait for his counsel....They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt" (Psa. 106:13, 21).

"The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner's manger, but Israel does not know" (Isa. 1:3).

"You have forgotten God your Savior; you have not remembered the rock, your fortress" (Isa. 17:10).

"Who are you...that you forget the Lord your Maker" (Isa. 51:12-13).

"Does a maiden forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number" (Jer. 2:32).

"One important purpose of Israel's rituals was to keep fresh in the memory of the people the saving activity of Yahweh in their past history" (J. A. Thompson, *Jeremiah*, NICOT, 184). And since God is the same God today and since people tend to act in similar ways today, God still calls on us to "remember" what he has done for us. In particular, we are to remember Calvary and what God accomplished in Jesus Christ there. This is why Jesus said: "Do this in remembrance of me" (Lk. 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24-25). By observing his will for us and by allowing our lives to grow in faith and love, we "remember" with the desired results God intended (2 Pet. 1:5-8). If not, then one is "nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins" (2 Pet. 1:9).