



Lemoore church of Christ

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Rejoicing in Hunger, Suffering, and Need

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” “I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

It would be impossible to tell just how many millions of lives over the past two millennia have been positively impacted and perhaps forever changed by all of the incredibly powerful truths found in Paul’s epistle to the Philippians. Sandwiched in between the ever-empowering and encouraging epistles to the first-century congregations of the Lord’s church in Ephesus and Colossae (which are often described as regarding the church of Christ and the Christ of the church respectively), these three epistles together, comprise the heart and soul of a trio of truth, without which our Bibles would be sadly lacking.

Where ever you are, how is your spirit?

But do you recall what else they have in common? They were all written during Paul’s first Roman confinement. Really stop and consider that for a moment. Paul could no longer travel about to preach and teach as he had done in the past. While he still managed to visit with those who dared come and be with him ([Acts 28:30-31](#)), his social and occupational movements were now much more severely restricted. Life as he had known it – and perhaps even taken for granted – had now ground to a screeching halt. (**Sound familiar?**) Although Paul could not have known the full extent or possible divine purpose at the time, God, through Paul’s inability to carry on with his

regular daily pursuits and activities, was providing him with the “free” time, to – amongst other things – write those three beautiful, magnificent, and all-empowering epistles ([Rom. 8:28](#))!

So the question is: What are you doing for God with your new-found “free” time? Do you recall all of those instances wherein you may have said something like, “I just don’t have the time to study daily,” or, “I’d like to talk to people more about Jesus, but I’m just too busy?” Well, now you have it. Are you, like Paul ([Phil. 1:12-13, 4:22](#)), making the most of the time ([Eph. 5:14-17](#))? God bless!

Doug Dingly via Church of Christ articles

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 103	Matthew 13:36-43
Monday	Day 104	Mark 4:21-25
Tuesday	Day 105	Mark 4:26-29
Wednesday	Day 106	Matthew 13:31-32
Thursday	Day 107	Matthew 13:33
Friday	Day 108	Matthew 13:44-46
Saturday	Day 109	Matthew 13:47-52

Zoom Fellowship:

Grab a cookie and coke/milk/coffee - We will attempt to have a zoom fellowship on April 19th about 4:30, prior to evening services. A link will be emailed out. There are 2 ways to access the zoom meeting – One is to click the link (easier) and the other is to type the meeting number and password into the zoom website. It will be short meeting – just a quick hello to see and enjoy people’s faces. Please contact Denise if you are not on the email list.

*But those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

Prayer List:

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

Rita Frankmore has been sent home with hospice care. She and Anthony covet your prayers.

Linda Storey, formerly from Hanford, in hospital in Fresno with blood clots

The family of Kelly Harris. He passed away last Saturday.

Meryl Wamhoff and Wayne Bergeron, friends of Lisa Butts both diagnosed with cancer.

Helen Dowell, sister of Shirley Garretson, passed away in Arkansas. Services are pending at this time.

Larry Gamble was evaluated at the hospital for a blood clot. The test was negative.

Lora Virden is recovering at Becky's in Coarsegold.

Red Cooper will be having a CT scan and additional tests prior to aortic valve replacement surgery.

Dennis Chamberlain recovering at home
Jr. Gutierrez living in a highly infected area of So. California.

Jeff McCord temporarily off work during COVID

Ken and Darla McCord moving to Tenn. in April
Randy McCord recovering from procedure that provided pain relief.

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, is currently cancer free but may have radiation again in the future.

Kim Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom had a scan to determine the results of her treatment. Report not available until the 16th however the Dr. said the scan looks encouraging

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-no active cancer was found in PET scan-on maintenance meds

Alexis Raygoza is recovering from health issues.

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

Doug Standridge having tests to discover source of infection

Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders including many of our members/family:
 - Nicole McCord Director of pre-natal building
 - Katelyn McCord working in the ER
 - Zeb Reid Deputy Sheriff in Tulare County
 - Christy Reid working in Pharmacy
 - Martin Gutierrez working officer in So. CA
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting
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Events list will return to the bulletin when our shelter in place is lifted.