

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Arnie P leads worship and music. Pastor Steve and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Marsha M, member of NFC, shares her story. We celebrate communion.

Next week, Pastor James will be preaching. Both the NFC Choir and the worship team will sing and lead worship. Communion will be served. Please note the time change: only one combined service at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Center.

If you are a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here. Please complete a Connecting Card and drop it in the offering bag.

CONNECT

The Widow's Small Group meets TODAY at 12:45 p.m. at the home of Connie M. Lunch is provided. Please call Connie to RSVP and for directions.

Quilting will resume this Wednesday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. No experience necessary. Contact Dotty W if you have questions.

Everyone is invited to NFC's Wednesday evening programs which begin this Wednesday, September 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. which include EDGE & ROCK for youth, men's and women's Bible studies, and choir rehearsal. The children (4 years to 6th grade) will start on Wednesday, September 13. For the women's Bible study please purchase the study book, *The Armor of God*, by Priscilla Shirer at the Lifeway Store.

Come to the NFC Fall Kickoff Combined Service on Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. After the service, an all church luncheon will be served.

Friendship Groups meet once a month for 2 to 3 months for dinner or dessert at someone's home. They are meant to help develop deeper relationships with people at NFC. Contact Bev K, Jane I, or Connie M.

Grief Share is a 13 week support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. It meets here at NFC on Sundays, starting on October 15 at 5:30 p.m. To sign up or if you have questions, call Jenny A.

Eric and Krista M lead a 6 to 8 week Muslim Friendship Class at their home on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. They are facilitating the class with a video series, "Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims" which gives a background on Islam as well as great ways of connecting with Muslims. **Email Krista M if interested.**

NFC Women's Retreat is from Friday, September 15 through Sunday, September 17 at Camp Keola. Sign up in the Lobby today. Cost is \$135 or \$150. Contact Stephanie H, Irma C, or Lorlyn B for more information.

Baptism and Membership: If you are interested in baptism and/or membership at NFC please contact Pastor Loren or join the Discovering Christ and the Church Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 301 starting on Sunday, September 17.

Primetime invites everyone to hear Vern P share his personal story of *The Great Trek* which includes the western retreat of Russian Mennonites from 1943 to 1945. He will share on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

Parking Lot Reminder: As you arrive at NFC anytime please respect the parking stalls reserved for handicapped parking. If you do not have a handicap placard on your vehicle, do not park or idle in a handicap parking stall.

Learning Quest Tutoring Club sponsored by FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) will be Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:15- 4:30 p.m. for Kindergarten-8th graders. It begins Tuesday, September 12. **If you are interested in being a TUTOR please contact Pastor Rhonda.**

Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary will be starting up this Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. We will be leading Saturday Sports through November 18. Contact Micah Project Intern, **Haley M if you are interested in volunteering.**

Crosswalk guards needed for Robinson Elementary to help children cross N. Fresno Street safely. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Kelly K.

Annelies R is looking for more people to provide a dish of food for 8- 10 international students once a month for the Friday night fellowship meeting. If you're interested please contact Annelies R.

NFC's monthly newsletter, NFCConnection, is distributed electronically. The September edition is online. Paper copies are also available in the Lobby.

Rejoice! Devotionals are available in the Lobby for the quarter starting in September. The cost is \$5.75.

All are invited to a dinner and program highlighting church planting projects by the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. The dinner will be held Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. at **Bethany Church (9161 North Maple, Fresno).** Tickets are available for \$20 per person. Contact the PDC office (453-2082).

The NFC office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 4.

Attendance for August 27, 2017: 317

Offering for General Budget for August 27, 2017: \$10,500

A Place For YOU To Connect!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes are in the Education Building.

NURSERY, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Ages 0 – 35 months

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

5th – 6th Grade: Room 309

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3 – 1st Grade: Room 103
2nd – 4th Grade: Room 309

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.
ROCK Room (309)

ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Book of Acts: Room 207

Becoming People of Peace: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

THIS WEEK AT NFC: SEPTEMBER 3 – 9

Monday

NFC Office Closed

Young Men's Basketball, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

Pastors and Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

ROCK & EDGE,

Men's & Women's Bible Studies,

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Women's AA, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Curtis and Clara T, David; Karina T; Kathy T; Leon and Jolene T; Mel and Dorothy T; Wes and Jill T; Jamell T; and Darrell and Karen U.**

Pray for those recovering from surgery, medical procedures, and illnesses: **Phil H and Paul Q.**

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Steve E, Marlene K, Carrie K, Jenny M, Nalynn N, Sandy O, Tammy S, and Richard U.**

NFC, COMMUNITY, AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Vanna and Marly and family** as Pastor Vanna leads North Fresno Church in the area of youth.

The pastors and the Congregational Care Team host a time of healing prayer in the Conference Room at 9:45 a.m. on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, just come or talk with Pastor James.

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Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **1st Chinese Baptist Church** (on N. Angus St. just north of Bullard) and **Iglesia Primitiva**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in Fresno/Clovis area. Pray that God would bless and use both these churches for effective Kingdom work and to help meet the needs of the community.

Pray for the survivors of Hurricane Harvey as they return to their communities and rebuild. Pray for Mennonite Disaster Service staff as they are already assessing how MDS volunteers can help. If you would like to make a donation, make checks out to NFC and put in memo line MDS Hurricane or if you want to volunteer cleaning up and rebuilding call (800) 241-8111 or go to www.mds.mennonite.net.

Prayer requests written on NFC Connecting cards and put in the offering bag are prayed for by the staff each week. If you wish to put a prayer request on the NFC prayer chain, please call Thea D, or the e-prayer chain by emailing the office or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Everyone is invited to use the Connecting Cards to share your prayer requests, or give other information. **Guests** are also invited to use the Connecting Cards and place them in the offering bag. Thank you.

PRELUDE Stephen V

CALL TO WORSHIP: *"We Have Come to Join in Worship"* Men's Quartet

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Hymn #506

"Wonderful" Men's Quartet

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-8 Arnie Prieb

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Hymn #364

"How Firm a Foundation" Men's Quartet

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James

OFFERTORY/OFFERING: *"He Keeps Me Singing"*

*Children, 3 years through 2nd grade, are invited to Children's Church.**

SHARING HER STORY Marsha M

COMMUNION

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Hymn #410, v. 1, 2

POSTLUDE: *"The Heavens Are Telling the Lord's Endless Glory"*
by Beethoven

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagers are provided to parents in case their child has a need. *Children from 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church in Room 101 on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Second Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP
"Eternal One"
"Land of My Father"

OFFERING
"We Believe"

WELCOME & GREETING

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Victory in Jesus"
"Beautiful Scandalous Night"

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Come As You Are"
"Amen"

SENDING

POSTLUDE Worship Team

+ Prayer team members are available during 2nd Service to pray with you in the Lobby and after the Service at the front of the Sanctuary by the front left of the stage area.

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagers are provided to parents in case their child has a need. *Children from 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Children in 3rd – 6th grades are invited to stay for the whole service. **Children, 3rd – 6th grade, are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 in the Educa