

A Place For YOU To Connect!

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes are in the Education Building unless otherwise noted.

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

Ages 0 – 35 months

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

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203

5th-6th Grade: Room 208 A

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

Ages 3 - 5: Room 103

Kinder. – 2nd Grade: Room 102

Junior High & High School,

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Room 302

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

Book of Acts: Room 207

The Gospel In Life: Room 202

Discovering Christ & the Church: Room 301

(Baptism & Membership Class)

THIS WEEK AT NFC: SEPTEMBER 10-16

Today

All Church Luncheon in Family Center, 11:30 a.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

NFC Pastors' & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Learning Quest Tutoring Club (sponsored by FACE), 2:15 p.m.

Worship Team Rehearsal, Stewardship Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children, EDGE (Jr. High), ROCK (High School),

Women's & Men's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Learning Quest Tutoring Club (sponsored by FACE), 2:15 p.m.

Board of Spiritual Ministries, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Friday-Sunday

NFC Women's Retreat at Camp Keola

Saturday

Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary, 9:00 a.m.

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to this combined worship service at North Fresno Church. Three times a year we intentionally gather together in one Sunday morning worship service. Pastor Milt, Pastor Steve, the choir, and the worship team are leading worship and music. The Scriptures for reading and reflection are Acts 2:16-21 and Numbers 11:1-30. Pastor James preaches. We celebrate communion. After this combined service, everyone is invited to an all church luncheon in the Family Center.

Next Sunday, we resume our regular 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

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

Look around and extend a welcome to people around you today.

Everyone is invited to the all church luncheon in the Family at the end of this service.

Quilting continues this Wednesday, September 13 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 September 13 Wednesday evening programs which are from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They include: Explore for Children from 4 years through 6th grade; EDGE (Junior High) & ROCK (High School) on the 3rd floor of the Ed. Building, Men's Bible Study in Room 203, Women's Bible Study in Room 207, and choir rehearsal in the choir room.

Sunday School (10:00 – 10:50 a.m.) for all ages continues next Sunday, September 17. Children – from birth to up to 3 years meet in the Nursery, 3 – 5 year olds in Room 103, Kindergartners – 2nd Graders in Room 102, 3rd & 4th Graders in Room 203, 5th & 6th Graders in Room 208; Youth – Jr. High & High School Students in Room 302; Adults – Book of Acts in Room 207, The Gospel in Life (Spiritual Formation Class) in Room 202, and Discovering Christ & the Church (Baptism and Membership Class) in Room 301.

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

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

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.

NFC Women's Retreat is THIS 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. See insert for more details.

All Youth (Junior High and High School) contact Pastor Vanna for more information about the Youth Beach Retreat in Santa Cruz from Friday, September 29 through Sunday, October 1.

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

Coming Events:

Friday- Sunday, September 29-October 1: EDGE (Junior High) and ROCK (High School) Santa Cruz Beach Retreat, Contact Pastor Vanna for more information

Friday-Sunday, September 29-October 1: Celebrate 2017 for Mennonite Brethren builders, boomers and empty nesters in Denver, Colorado

Friday-Saturday, October 27-28: PDC Convention at Bethany M.B. Church

SERVE

During this fall season, in the Art Gallery we are recognizing people who are involved in 'in-house' ministries here at NFC. You can see it takes many, many of you to help make a church 'go.' Thank you to all.

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 Kindergarteners to 8th graders. It begins this Tuesday, September 12. **If you are interested in being a TUTOR please contact Pastor Rhonda.**

Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary continues this Saturday, September 16 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.

Experience Israel and the Holy Land Tour with Pastor James and Dr. Tim G from May 18-28, 2018, with an additional 4 day conference option in Bethlehem. Brochures are in the Lobby, or contact Pastor James.

If you shop on Amazon.com, you can go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1728463> and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to North Fresno Church by Amazon.

NFC has a collection box in the Lobby cabinet for Box Tops for Education that are on retail products. If you don't already collect Box Tops for Education for a school, you can give them to **NFC to help Robinson Elementary with their efforts.** For more information, contact Marcy B.

Interested in serving or joining a ministry team at NFC? We need people to serve in a number of our ministry areas. Contact one of our pastors for more information.

NFC staff sends out a weekly email with information for the church family. To subscribe to it, email Russ L.

Come to the West Coast MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Fresno Relief Sale annual board meeting tomorrow, Monday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the MCC office at 1010 G Street, Reedley 93654. For more information or questions, please contact Ken W.

Choice Books of West Coast invites you to their annual Fall Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 21 at Wedgewood Banquet Center in Fresno. To reserve your complementary tickets call Choice Books office 638-1745 or email info@wc.choicebooks.org Deadline is this Tuesday, September 12.

Make plans to attend the national Mennonite Brethren gathering of empty nesters, boomers, and builders. Celebrate 2017 – Anchoring Our Faith will be held on September 29 – October 1 in Denver. For more information, contact John and Karen W, call (800) 551-1547, or go to www.mbfoundation.com/celebrate2017.

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).

Attendance for September 3, 2017: 262

Offering for General Budget for September 3, 2017: \$14,236

Worship Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Evelyn K

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Let Us All Praise God and Sing”* Choir
“Come People of the Risen King”
“Salvation’s Song”

WELCOME & GREETING

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Pastor Milt

COMMUNITY LIFE: Robinson Elementary School

PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Loren

Acts 2:16-21
“He Reigns”
“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Numbers 11:1-30

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

MESSAGE: *“Joel’s Dream”* Pastor James

COMMUNION *“Speak, O Lord”*
“Marvelous Light”

SENDING

POSTLUDE

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagery 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.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: Richard and Pat U; Lue and Mary V; John and Karen W; Duncan W; Kirk and Jennifer W, Mac, Owen and Fiona; and James and Shirley W.

Pray for those who are homebound and cannot attend Sunday worship services: **Ethel R** and **Garth S**.

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for Jamie and Randy M and family as Jamie gives leadership at NFC as the Interim Children’s Ministry Director. Pray that God will give her wisdom, love, and energy.

Pray for the NFC women who are going on a retreat next Friday through Sunday, September 15-17 at Camp Keola. Pray that they will feel and know God’s love for them. Pray for Cheryl S, part of NFC, who will be sharing with the women.

The pastors and the Congregational Care Team host a time of healing prayer in the Conference Room at 9:45 a.m. the last Sunday of the month.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for Robinson Elementary School and the teachers, Principal W, and staff as they bring wholeness, peace, and justice to our neighborhood.

Pray for other churches; in our neighborhood, **Church of the Living Water** (on Bullard Ave., between N. Fresno and 1st Streets) and **Mountain View Community Church**, a sister MB Church that meets in the area. Pray that God would bless and use them for effective Kingdom work and to help meet the needs of the community.

Pray for those who are rebuilding and recuperating from Hurricane Harvey in Texas and for those in Florida as they are in the midst of Hurricane Irma.

Pray for PK and C, our NFC partner missionaries with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Southeast Asia as they resource national church leaders. Pray for unity among the pastors, lay leaders and believers of the Khmu churches.

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, the e-prayer chain by emailing the office or post on NFC’s Facebook page.