

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor James preaches. The Scriptures for reading and reflection are 1 Corinthians 3:1-17 and Ephesians 2:11-22.

Next week, 'Teen Challenge' will be with us.

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

Come and hear TODAY in Room 309 (ROCK Room) at 10:00 a.m. Maggie Caples F, Director of Fresno First Steps Home. She will share about homelessness in Fresno and new initiatives in which the Mayor of Fresno wants to partner with faith institutions.

Everyone is invited to NFC's Wednesday evening programs from 6:30-8:00 p.m. which include Nursery, Children, EDGE & ROCK for youth, men's and women's Bible studies, and choir rehearsal. **Children (4 years to 6th grade) will need to bring field trip permission slips as they go to Fresno State this Wednesday, September 20.** Children meet at NFC at 6:30 p.m.

All Parents of Children, please be sure to turn in your child's permission, emergency, and medical information forms by this Wednesday, September 20 so your children can go on a field trip to Fresno State. If you would like to drive some children to Fresno State, contact Jamie Mack at jmack@northfresnochurch.org. Forms are available on NFC's website.

NFC Men: Come to the Men's Breakfast at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant (3851 N. Blackstone, Fresno) this Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 a.m. Chuck R will lead the study in chapter 9 in *Cast of Characters*.

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

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 this Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Widow's Small Group (known as W.O.W. – Women of Worth) meets Sunday, October 1 at 12:45 p.m. at the home of Mary Jeannette C. Lunch is provided. Call Mary Jeannette to RSVP and for directions.

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.

The Board of Administration is calling a special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 22 at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Center. This meeting will be to vote on the **proposed amendments to NFC's bylaws and articles of incorporation.** Copies of the proposed amendments can be found in the Lobby and on the NFC website.

Baptism and Membership: If you are interested in baptism and/or membership at NFC please contact one of the pastors or join the Discovering Christ and the Church Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 301 starting next Sunday, September 24 (note starting date change).

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, **Contact John and Karen W,** or call MB Foundation at (800) 551-1547

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

SERVE

Special thank you to the hardworking kitchen crew who put on an amazing lunch last Sunday. Thanks to the Micah Interns for serving and for all those who stayed to help clean up.

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. **If you are interested in being a TUTOR please contact Pastor Rhonda.**

Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary continues every Saturday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. 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.

MDS is responding to the aftermaths of both Hurricane Harvey and Irma in Texas and Florida. If you would like to help financially, please write a check out to North Fresno Church and on the memo line "MDS – Hurricane Help."

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti. Hurricane Irma dashed houses to the ground in Cuba and Irma's rain in Haiti turned into flash floods that rushed into homes. If you would like to help people in Cuba and Haiti recover, write a check to North Fresno Church and on the memo line "MCC – Hurricane Irma Help."

Attendance for September 10, 2017: 258

Offering for General Budget for September 10, 2017: \$12,221

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.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103
Kind.-2nd Grade: Room 102

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203
5th-6th Grade: At San Joaquin Gardens

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Room 302

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

Book of Acts: Room 207

Topic-Homelessness in Fresno: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

THIS WEEK AT NFC: SEPTEMBER 17 – 23

Monday

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

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

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

ROCK & EDGE,

Explore for Children (ages 4 to 6th grade),

EDGE (Junior High), ROCK (High School),

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

Thursday

Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.

Board of Administration, 6:30 p.m.

Primetime – Sharing by Vern Pletz,

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: **Larry and Paula W; Al and Dotty W; Henry and Cindy W; Jabbari C and Sharmaine W-C, Jaelyn and Josiah.**

Pray for **Pastor Loren and Tonia D and family**, as Loren and family grieve the recent death of his mother, **Diane D.**

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

NFC, COMMUNITY, AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for the NFC women who are on women's retreat that ends TODAY.

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

NFC, COMMUNITY, AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Hope Lutheran Church** (at the corner of Barstow and N. Fresno St.) and **Mountain View Community Church at Sunnyside**, 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 and Irma** as they return to their communities and rebuild. Pray for Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers as they assist those in Texas and Florida, and Mennonite Central Committee workers as they help those in Haiti and Cuba.

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 17, 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: *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* Hymn #267

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Hymn #1

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Hymn #364, v. 1, 2

"A New Song" Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY/OFFERING: *"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"* Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-17
Ephesians 2:11-22

"We Are God's People" Hymn #283

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

MESSAGE: *"Chloe's Complaint"* Pastor James

RESPONSE

"The Family of God" Hymn #282

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Evelyn K

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. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Land of My Father"

OFFERING

"God Is on the Move"
"Hosanna"

WELCOME & GREETING

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PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

Ephesians 2:11-22
"Victory in Jesus"

1 Corinthians 3:1-17
"Oh, How Good It Is"

CHILDREN, 3RD – 6TH GRADE, ARE DISMISSED TO THE LOBBY
PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE FOR BLAST.**

MESSAGE: *"Chloe's Complaint"* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"No Greater Love"

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.

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