

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Jeremy Hofer and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor James preaches on 'Ezekiel's Valley.'

Next week, Pastor James preaches on 'Peter's Praise.'

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

Sunday School classes are at 10:00 a.m. For Adults: *Listening Group about Vote of Affirmation for Amending Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation* – Room 202; *Book of Jeremiah* – Room 207; *The Gospel in Life* – Room 309; and *Discovering Christ and the Church* (Baptism and Membership) – Room 301. See insert for more information about these adult Sunday School classes.

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 a vote of affirmation 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.

Prior to the vote of affirmation for the proposed revised bylaws and articles of incorporation, the Board of Administration is conducting two listening groups. These listening groups are TODAY, October 8 and next Sunday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. and 15 in Room 202 in the Ed. Building during the Sunday School time.

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

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* on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 301.

Friendship Group Update – For those who recently signed up for a Friendship Group, **you will be getting a phone call or email from the host or leader of your group in the next two weeks.** Any questions, contact Jane I.

The NFC Community Carnival is Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer running a game, helping with food, set-up, tear down, or donations. Sign ups are in the Lobby or email Kelly K Please pray for a wonderful event that will bless our neighbors and community.

The Board of Administration is organizing a team to help plan NFC's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2019. If you want to be involved, or have someone to recommend to join this planning team, please contact Randy M, Moderator..

FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) Newsletter, Summer 2017 edition, is available in the Lobby TODAY.

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

Coming Events:

TODAY, 12:30 p.m.: 'Town Hall' Meeting for NFC families regarding our Children's Pastor search

Next Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.: 'Town Hall' Meeting for NFC families regarding our Children's Pastor search

Sunday, October 22, 9:45 a.m.: Congregational Meeting to Vote to Affirm the Revised By Laws & Articles of Incorporation

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

Saturday, November 11, 7:00 a.m.: NFC Rummage Sale (**Note Date change**)

SERVE

The NFC Children's Pastor Search Team would like your input and discernment in the search process. Please participate by completing an online survey and coming to one of the 'Town Hall' meetings. If you have any questions or comments in regard to the search, please contact Jill B, search team chair, at children@northfresnochurch.org.

- 1. Pastoral Search Survey:** Please complete the survey by Sunday, October 15.
- 2. 'Town Hall' Meetings:** The NFC Children's Pastor Search Team is holding two 'Town Hall' meetings to give an update on the search process, and to gather your input on our Children's Ministry and our desired pastoral candidate. Please join the search team for lunch **TODAY, October 8, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 309** or on **Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202.** Child care is provided.

All are invited to a dinner and program highlighting church planting projects on Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church, hosted by the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Tickets are available for \$20 per person. Contact the Pacific District Conference Office (453-2082).

Check out the new Micah Project 2017-2018 intern pictures in the Lobby! And while you are there, **pick up a Micah Project sticker for \$1.**

Attendance for October 1, 2017: 287

Offering for General Budget for October 1, 2017: \$14,872

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.

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203
5th-6th Grade: Room 208 A

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

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

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.
Room 302

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

Listening Group about Revision of Bylaws: Room 202

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

The Gospel of Life: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

Discovering Christ & the Church: Room 301
(Membership & Baptism Class)

THIS WEEK AT NFC: OCTOBER 8 – 14

TODAY

Listening Group about Revision of Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation, 10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting about Children's Pastor Search, 12:30 p.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, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Men's & Women's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal,

Town Hall Meeting about Children's Pastor Search, 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.

Saturday

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

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Nate and Grace Y, Kyle and Kory; Jenny A; Glen and Dee A; James A, Tayo; Marvin A and Brenda W C; and Bill and Joan B.**

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

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for the Micah Project Interns; Alex C, Jessica C, Haley M, Karina R, Julia R, and Stacie W and Pastor Rhonda D, Micah Project Director, as they return today from attending the annual Christian Community Development Association's National Conference in Detroit, Michigan from October 3-7. Pray for safety as they travel.

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.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Friends Community Church**, (on N, 1st St., just south of Bullard) and **Japanese Chapel – North Fresno Church**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in our Family Center on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. 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 Bob D, our partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in North America and Southeast Asia, as he travels to, preaches and shares in different churches here in US and Canada. Pray for Bob as he connects and encourages national church leaders in Southeast Asia.

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, OCTOBER 8, 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: *"Sing Praise to the Lord"* by Parry Stephen V
"Amazing Grace" arranged by DeCou

CALL TO WORSHIP: *"An Invitation to Joy"* Choir

"Rejoice the Lord is King" Hymn #228

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

"Rise Up, O Church of God" Hymn #293

"And the Father Will Dance" Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY/OFFERING: *"Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace"*
by Amsler

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 11:19-30

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" Hymn #289

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

MESSAGE: *"Ezekiel's Valley"* Pastor James

"O Breath of Life" Hymn #291, vs. 1-3

POSTLUDE: *"Grand Chorus"* by Dubois

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, OCTOBER 8, 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
"Stir in Me"

OFFERING
"Trading My Sorrows"

CORPORATE PRAYER

WELCOME & GREETING

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

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Revival"
"Jesus Paid it All"
"God of Wonders"

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

MESSAGE: *"Ezekiel's Valley"* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Marvelous Light"

SENDING

POSTLUDE

+ Prayer team members are available after 2nd Service to pray with you at the front left of the Sanctuary.

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 accompanied by a parent or a guardian are invited to Children's Church on the 1st floor of the Education Building. **Children, 3rd – 6th grade, are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 in the Education Building.