

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. The Scriptures for reading and reflection are Romans 8:22-27, 35-39 and Ephesians 4:1-6. Pastor James preaches.

Next week our guest preacher is Pastor DJ C, pastor of St. Rest Baptist Church in Fresno.

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.

A special congregational meeting, called by the Board of Administration, is next Sunday, October 22 at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Center. We will 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.

Prior to the vote on the proposed revised Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Administration is conducting one more listening group. This listening group is **TODAY, October 15** in Room 202 in the Ed. Building during the Sunday School time at 10:00 a.m.

Grief Share starts TODAY and is a 13 week support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. It meets at the NFC Conference Room TODAY and the next Sundays at 5:30 p.m. To sign up or if you have questions, call Jenny A, Louisa G or come this evening.

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.

All NFC Men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant (3851 N. Blackstone, Fresno) this Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 a.m. Study chapter 10 (which is about Paul) in the book, *Cast of Characters*.

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, donations, and more. Sign up in the Lobby or email Kelly K. See

insert for more information. Please pray for a wonderful event that will bless our neighbors and community.

NFC's Rummage Sale is Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 a.m. Start saving up your donations that are in **good, clean, working condition.** **Clean items** that sell well are tools, clothing, shoes, furniture, pots and pans, sets of dishes, silverware, small working appliances, linens (mark the size), jewelry, working TVs. Bring items for the sale starting only on Monday, November 6. To help set up, come on November 10 at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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

Coming Events:

TODAY, 10:00 a.m.: Listening Group about NFC's Revised By Laws

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

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 to give your input. **The survey closes TODAY, October 15.** If you have any questions or comments in regard to the search, please contact Jill B, search team chair..

NFC delegates are needed for the Pacific District Conference Convention on Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28. It will be held at Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church (9161 N Maple Ave, Fresno). If you would like to be a NFC Delegate, please contact Pastor James. **All are invited to a dinner and program highlighting church planting projects which is part of the PDC Convention on Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets are available for \$20 per person. Contact the Pacific District Conference Office (453-2082).

3 on 3 Half Court Basketball Fundraiser for FACE's (Fresno Area Community Enterprise) Learning Quest Tutoring Club is coming! Support FACE's investment in the neighborhood by getting a team (with 4 players) together. The fundraiser is on Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There are two age brackets; 18-35 and 35 and up. \$60 is the fee for each team. Register online at <https://www.facebook.com/events/882471421917315/>. If you have questions please contact Christian F. More info. is in the Lobby,

Attendance for October 8, 2017: 304

Offering for General Budget for October 8, 2017: \$8,330

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 15 – 22

TODAY

Grief Share Small Group, 5:30 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, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

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

Board of Administration, 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: **Dwight and Lorlyn B; Warren and Julie B, Hannah, Brooklyn, and Nora; Carolyn B; John and Emily B, Jeffrey and Jacob; and James and Marcy B, Audrey, CJ, and Carly.**

Pray for those who are in retirement or nursing homes and cannot attend Sunday worship services here: **Mary Jane E, Anne F, Mary Helen H, Addie O, and Moira S.**

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Steve and Anne and family** as Steve gives leadership at NFC in the areas of worship and music, and Life Groups. Pray that God will give him wisdom, love, and energy.

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 those in northern and southern California who are recuperating from the devastating fires. Pray for ongoing safety and hope as they rebuild their lives. Pray for the ministry of the churches in those areas.

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **First Chinese Baptist Church**, (on N. Angus, just north of Bullard) and **United Faith Christian Fellowship**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in the 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 **Doris G, our partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Japan** as she teaches English and helps in the leading of the Amagasaki Mennonite Brethren Church. Pray for Midori and her daughter, Coco, who attend the house church that meets in Doris' home. Pray that Midori will accept the peace, hope and life that God is offering.

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 15, 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: *"We Will Glorify"* Hymn #72

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody" Hymn #514

"One Step He Leads" Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY/OFFERING: *"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"* Larry W

"Be Thou My Vision" Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:22-27, 35-39
Ephesians 4:1-6

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" Hymn #25

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

MESSAGE: *"Antioch's Example"* Pastor James

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Hymn #286

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. 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 in Room 101 on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Second Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 *"Forever"* Worship Team

OFFERING
Ephesians 4:1-6
"Lord Reign in Me"
Apostles Creed
"We Believe"

WELCOME & GREETING

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC *Romans 8:22-27, 35-39*
"Victory in Jesus"
"Mighty to Save"
John 20:19-23
"Holy Spirit"

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

MESSAGE: *"Antioch's Example"* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC *"No Greater Love"* Worship Team

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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

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