

# Announcements

## WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Jamie Mack and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. We welcome guest pastor Reverend DJ C, from St. Rest Baptist Church, who is preaching.

Next week, Jon W, President and CEO of MB Foundation, is preaching.

*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

**THIS MORNING, Sunday, October 22 at 9:45 a.m.** there is a special congregational meeting, called by the Board of Administration, 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.

**All EDGE (junior high) and ROCK (high school) students, come have fun bowling at Fresno State this Wednesday, October 25.** Meet at Taco Bell on Cedar, just north of Shaw, at 6:00 p.m. Pick up is at 9:00 p.m. at the same Taco Bell. Contact Pastor Vanna for more information.

**Grief Share is a 13 week support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one and you can join in any time.** It meets at the NFC Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. To sign up or if you have questions, call Jenny A, Louisa G or just come.

**W.O.W. (Women of Worth, NFC's Widows Small Group) will meet at Jenny A's home** for lunch on Sunday, November 5 at 12:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Jenny.

**All those grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to The Bridge Church (3438 E. Ashlan, Fresno) on Sunday, November 5 for a free Grief Share workshop on "Surviving the Holidays" from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** There will be programs for adults, teens and children. No Grief Share at NFC on Sunday, November 5. Any questions, please call Jenny A.

**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.** 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 have someone to recommend to join this team, please contact Randy M, Moderator.

## SERVE

**Everyone is invited to a dinner and program, highlighting church planting projects, which is part of the PDC Convention this Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets are available for \$20 per person. Contact the Pacific District Conference Office (453-2082).

**Thank you for your support and prayers for the Micah Project interns and Pastor Rhonda as they recently attended the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) Conference in Detroit.** It was an amazing time of worship, learning, equipping, and adventure. They will be sharing about the conference during Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. on November 19.

**3 on 3 Half Court Basketball Fundraiser for FACE's (Fresno Area Community Enterprise) Learning Quest Tutoring Club is Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Get a team (with 4 players) together and \$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 information is in the Lobby,

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

**While wildfires blaze across our state now, Mennonite Disaster Service is rebuilding homes destroyed by 2015 wildfires. Volunteers are urgently needed in Northern California.** To volunteer for a week of service in October, November or December, go to [mds.mennonite.net](http://mds.mennonite.net), Darrin B at [dbontrage@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:dbontrage@mds.mennonite.net) or (800) 241-811.

**Generosity is a four-week devotional** by acclaimed Christian author Gordon MacDonald. The free booklets are **available in the Lobby. Discover how generosity is an integral part of our Christian DNA.** Discover your God inspired desire for generous living.

**Attendance for October 15, 2017: 280**

**Offering for General Budget for October 15, 2017: \$8,595**

# 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.

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 203  
5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 208 A

### CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103  
Kind.-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Room 102

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

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 22 – 28

### TODAY

Congregational Meeting in Family Center, 9:45 a.m.  
Grief Share, 5:30 p.m.

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Learning Quest Tutoring Club (sponsored by FACE), 2:15 p.m.  
Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.  
EDGE (Jr. High), ROCK (High School): Bowling at Fresno State  
(Meet at Taco Bell near CSUF), 6:00 p.m.  
Explore for Children (ages 4 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade),  
Men's & Women's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Learning Quest Tutoring Club (sponsored by FACE), 2:15 p.m.  
Missions Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.  
Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

### Friday – Saturday

Convention of the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches  
at Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church, Fresno

### Saturday

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

# Prayer Connection

## NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Dave B; Gisela B; Chris and Dobrinka B; Kostadin B; Villyan B; Tawny B; Landon, Seth, Presley, and Zevah,** and **Curtis and Clara T, David.**

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

## NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Milt and Bendta and family** as he gives leadership at NFC in the areas of worship, music, and choir. 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. 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.

## COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for **other churches** in our neighborhood, **Church of the Living Water**, (on Bullard, between N.1<sup>st</sup> and N. Fresno Streets) and **Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in the Fresno/Clovis area and is hosting the Convention of the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Churches this Friday and Saturday. 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 **Phone Keo and Chansome, our partner missionaries with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Southeast Asia who are now visiting churches here in North America.** Pray for them as they prepare to return to Southeast Asia. Pray for strength, encouragement, hope, faith, and love.

*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 22, 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: *"The Voice of God Is Calling"* by Wm. Lloyd Stephen V  
*"If Thou Art Near"* by Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP: *"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"* Hymn #16

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

*"We Come, O Christ, to You"* Hymn #117, vs. 1-3

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James

OFFERTORY/OFFERING: *"Saved by Grace"* by Stebbins

*"Grace"* Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-12

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

*Children, 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, are invited to Children's Church.\**

MESSAGE: *"When The Suddenly Happens"* Reverend DJ C

*"Come, Holy Spirit"* Hymn #250

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* by Luther and Williams

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

# Second Service

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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

*"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy"*  
John 15:1, 5  
Galatians 5:22-23

WELCOME & GREETING

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

OFFERING

*"Hosanna"*  
*"Hallelujah"*  
Psalm 28:7  
*"Every Move I Make"*  
*"Trading My Sorrows"*  
*"Amen"*

*Children, 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, are invited to Children's Church\**  
AND CHILDREN, 3<sup>RD</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, ARE DISMISSED TO THE LOBBY  
PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE FOR BLAST.\*\*

MESSAGE: *"When The Suddenly Happens"* Reverend DJ C

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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

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