

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and the choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Dan and Melody K share their story. We celebrate communion in both services. We welcome Pastor Connie N as Associate Pastor of Children's and Family Ministries.

Next Sunday Pastor James preaches. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21.

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

Today the four Adult Sunday School Classes at 10:00 a.m. include **The Book of Jeremiah**, facilitated by Donn R in Room 207, **Discovering Christ and the Church (Baptism and Membership Class)** facilitated by Pastor Loren in Room 301, **Bridges – Befriending Muslims** facilitated by Eric and Krista M in Room 309, and **Sharing on Reconciliation** facilitated by Grant J-W and Susan G in Room 208 C.

The book of Ephesians declares that the power of God can restore our broken world and empower believers to live a life of victory rather than defeat. **Come and discuss this amazing letter facilitated by James C beginning Sunday, March 11 in Room 202 at 10:00 a.m.**

Recruitment for Micah Project Year 6 is underway! Application deadline is March 13. Contact Pastor Rhonda, Micah Project Director, or go to themicahproject.wordpress.com for more information.

Women of Worth (NFC's small group for widows) will meet TODAY at 12:45 p.m. at Eddie's Bakery (7089 N. Cedar, Fresno) for lunch and a book discussion on *Widow's Might*, chapters 6-9. RSVP to Jenny A.

ROCK (High School) students – Come to ROCK Winter Camp on March 9 - 11. The cost is \$80. Please contact Pastor Vanna for more information (916-7642 or vin@northfresnochurch.org).

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

Everyone is invited to the Portugal Missions Fundraising Luncheon next Sunday, March 11 at 11:00 a.m. and 12:25 p.m. Contact Vickie K if you would like to help with the luncheon. See insert for more information.

Next Sunday, March 11 begins Daylight Saving Time. Before going to sleep on Saturday, remember to put your clocks forward one hour.

NFC's Primetime invites everyone to hear Cindy Wiens, who is part of NFC, share about quilting on Friday, March 23 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Coming Events:

Friday, March 30, 2:00 p.m.: Easter Eggstravaganza at Robinson Park (Helpers can sign up in the Lobby)

Sunday, April 1, 6:45 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service at John and Karen W's Residence

Sunday, April 1, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Easter Worship Services

SERVE

Fresno Pacific University students now have an exhibit showing in the Lobby art gallery.

A letter from the Lisbon Portugal Missions team (that is coming to NFC to serve and learn in July) is in the Lobby. Pastor Marquez and Celma, his wife, are the team leaders.

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.

Come gather with others to make **verenika on Saturday, March 17 for sale at the West Coast Mennonite Sale** 8:00 a.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church (1362 L St.).

Vision for Mission Dessert Night is on Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Butler Ave. Mennonite Brethren Church (4884 E. Butler, Fresno). Come hear Randy F, General Director of MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission. RSVP to fresno@mbmission.org or 456-4600 by March 9.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at Fresno Pacific University. You can eat different ethnic foods and buy quilts, baked goods, art, and plants among many other things at the Sale. For more information, call 638-691 or visit Facebook at "West Coast MCC Sale."

West Coast Mennonite Men's 150 Voice Chorus is performing Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Riverpark Bible Church in Fresno and Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church.

"Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers during the illness and death of my brother, Jerry Penner." **Dotty W**

Attendance for February 25, 2018: 242

Offering for General Budget for February 25, 2018: \$9,645

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.

5th-6th Grade: Room 208

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

Kind.-2nd Grade: Room 102

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Room 302

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

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

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

Bridges – Befriending Muslims: Room 309

Sharing on Reconciliation: Room 208 C

THIS WEEK AT NFC: MARCH 4 – 10

Sunday

Women of Worth Lunch, 12:45 p.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

NFC Pastor & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.

A.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children up to 6th grade, EDGE (Jr. High),
ROCK (High School), Men's and Women's Bible Studies,
Choir, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Women's A.A. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Basketball, 8:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Friday – Sunday

ROCK Winter Camp

Saturday

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

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Russ and Alison L; Rebecca, Ethan, Kendall, and Amanda; Gary and Ann L; Tim and Cari L, Mya, Janelle, and Tara; and Barry and Annelie L.**

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

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Connie and Bret N and family** as Connie is the new NFC Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries. Pray for her as she leads, trains, teaches, and encourages our children and their families.

Pray for **ROCK (High School) students, volunteer leaders and Pastor Vanna** as they are going to ROCK winter camp this Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11.

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 contact Pastor James.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Hajimu and Kayoko F** as they continue with their **Southeast Asian missions trip.** Pastor Hajimu is the pastor of Japanese Chapel that meets on our campus. They are currently serving in Sri Lanka and India. They will return to Fresno on Friday, March 9.

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Hope Lutheran Church** (on the corner of Barstow and N. Fresno St.) and **House of the Gospel**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in Fresno. Pray that God would bless and use both these churches for effective Kingdom work and to help meet the needs of the community.

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, MARCH 4, 2018

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: *“Aria”* by Handel Stephen V
“Who can Satisfy My Soul?” by Jernigan

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn #8

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

“He Leadeth Me” Hymn #461

“I Am Bound for the Promised Land” Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Now I Belong to Jesus”*

BIBLE READING: Psalm 3:2-6

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Hymn #462

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

SHARING THEIR STORIES Dan and Melody K

COMMUNION

“Be Still, My Soul” Hymn #347

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Menuet Gothique”* by Boellmann Stephen V

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, MARCH 4, 2018

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
“Shout of the King”

CALL TO WORSHIP

OFFERING *“Beautiful Lord”*

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor James

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
“Come Let Us Return”
“Deliverer”

SHARING THEIR STORIES Dan and Melody K

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
“Because He Lives (Amen)”
“Amen”

SENDING

+ 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 in 3rd – 6th grades are invited to stay for the whole service.