

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 Bible passages for reading and reflection are Acts 5:1-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, and John 10:11-18. Pastor James preaches.

Next week, Pastor James will preach. The Bible passages to read and reflect on are Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, and John 15:1-8.

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

The three Adult Sunday School classes today at 10:00 a.m. are Book of Jeremiah with Donn R facilitating in Room 207, **Book of Ephesians** with James C facilitating in Room 202, and **Parenting Class** with different facilitators each week. **TODAY** the topic is "Building a Culture of Connectivity in Your Family" with Pastor Loren facilitating in Room 309 (ROCK Room).

Parents are invited to participate in a Parenting Class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room). Each week will feature a different presenter and topic geared toward parenting elementary-aged children and younger (though all are welcome).

April 29, "Caring for Children that have Experienced Trauma" with Jamie M & Valerie E K

May 6, "Fostering an Environment for Spiritual Conversations" with Bret and Pastor Connie N;

See complete list of dates and topics on a table in the Lobby.

A farewell for Pastor Steve and Anne and family is TODAY, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Center. All are invited. The Taco Truck will be there. A suggested donation of \$5 per adult, \$2.50 for children 6 to 11 years old, and \$15 per family.

NFC's Primetime is having a Gilly Girls Concert and Soup Dinner this Friday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. The Gilly Girls Band is a bluegrass, southern Gospel, and old-time string band from the foothills nearby. **Contact Sheryl F.** Buy \$10 tickets in the Lobby after both services **TODAY ONLY.**

The FACE (Fresno Area Communities Enterprises) Banquet and Auction is coming on Thursday, May 3. The auctions begin at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Tickets will be sold in the Lobby after Sunday services. Tickets are \$15 and child care is \$5. If you have items to donate for our Silent Auction or Dessert Auction, contact Pastor Rhonda.

Women of Worth (NFC Widows' Small Group) will meet on Sunday, May 6 at 12:45 p.m. in the Tea Room at Eddie's Bakery. They will discuss chapters 10-13 of the book *Widow's Might*. Call Jenny A for information.

All men are invited to attend the Men of Legacy Conference at the Save Mart Center in Fresno on Saturday, May 5th. NFC is teaming up with Breaking Free Revival Center to tailgate at the event. Tickets cost \$25. Please sign up in the Lobby and contact Pastor Loren or Dwight B for more information.

Are you graduating? We are compiling a list of NFC people graduating from high school and beyond. Contact MaryLyn at the church office (431-0333 or office@northfresnochurch.org) if you or someone close to you has reached a graduation milestone this 2017-2018 school year. We will honor the graduates on an upcoming Sunday.

NFC sends out a weekly email called The Connection with information for the church. Email Mike K if you would like to receive it.

Podcasts of past NFC sermons are available at podbean.com (search 'North Fresno Church') and iTunes. Our worship services are digitally recorded every week. Please allow for up to a week for current sermons to be uploaded.

Coming Events:

Friday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.: Primetime Event, Gilley Girls Concert and Soup Dinner. Tickets are \$10 per person and available only today,

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.: FACE Auction and Banquet

SERVE

Thank you to all who helped, served, and gave to make the "My Story" Child and Youth Fundraiser a blessing. Over \$3,200 dollars were raised.

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) with FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) is starting Thrift on Blackstone (a thrift shop on Blackstone, south of Herndon). If you would like to volunteer at the thrift shop, Kelly Kucharski (Kelly@facefresno.org) has volunteer applications. For more information, contact Ilone K, Thrift Shop manager, (672-0977 or thriftonblackstone@gmail.com).

Fresno Pacific University Concert Choir and Bach Youth Chorale present a benefit concert this Saturday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

Attendance for April 15, 2018: 310

Offering for General Budget for April 15, 2018: \$8,170

1st Quarter NFC Financial Update:

Income: Actual \$181,161; Budget \$204,109

Expenses: Actual \$184,850; Budget \$204,109

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

Book of Ephesians: Room 202

Parenting: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

THIS WEEK AT NFC: APRIL 22 – 28

Sunday

Taco Truck & Farewell
for Pastor Steve, Anne, and Family, 5:30 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.
Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 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 Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.
Missions Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
A.A. Women's Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.
Gilly Girls' Concert & Soup Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Tawny P, Landon, Seth, Nichelle, Presley, and Zevah; Nick and Jessica P, Enara and Hudson; Vern and Hedy P; Howard and Vicki P; and Arnie and Brenda P.**

Pray for **Steve and Lois E** as Steve has moved to in-home hospice care. Pray also for Hannah, their daughter, Josh and Gracie, their son and daughter-in-law.

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

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Milt and Bendta** as he gives leadership at NFC in the areas of worship and music, and the choir. Pray that God will give him wisdom, love and energy. Pray for Pastor Milt and the West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus as they travel to and from Arroyo Grande today for their concert.

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 contact Pastor James.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Hope Lutheran Church** (on the corner of N. Fresno St. & Barstow) and **Neighborhood Church – Fresno**, a new 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.

Pray for **John and Geri E, as John is a partner NFC missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in the area of video and photography. Pray for John as he is on study leave and visiting supporting churches until June 2018.**

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, APRIL 22, 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: *"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"* by Handel Stephen V

"O God our Help in Ages Past" Hymn #52, vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

"This Is My Father's World" Hymn #58

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rhonda

BIBLE READING: Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Choir

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"Andante"* by Guilmant

BIBLE READING: 1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Hymn #468

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

MESSAGE: *"Lessons from the Shepherd"* Pastor James

"Day by Day" Hymn #56

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Dialogue"* by Martin

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, APRIL 22, 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
"Build Your Kingdom Here"

CALL TO WORSHIP
OFFERING

"Come Thou Fount"

WELCOME AND GREETING

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PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rhonda

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24

"Beautiful Scandalous Night"
"He Knows My Name"
"Holy, Holy, Holy (God with Us)"
"Land of My Father"

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

Psalm 23
John 10:11-18

MESSAGE: *"Lessons from the Shepherd"* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Lord, Reign in Me"

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, 3rd – 6th grade, are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 in the Education Building.