

# Announcements

## WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Pastor Milt leads worship and music. Pastor Steve and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, and 1 John 4:7-21. Pastor James preaches. We pray for Pastor Steve as he goes to be a pastor at a Nazarene church in Salem, OR.

Next week, Cheryl D S, Fresno Pacific University professor and part of the NFC family, will preach. The Bible passages to read and reflect on are Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:1-6, and John 15:1-17.

*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 "Caring for Children that have Experienced Trauma" with Jamie M & Valerie E K 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).

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

**May 13**, "Challenges within a Multicultural Marriage & Family" with a panel discussion

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

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual FACE (Fresno Area Communities Enterprises) Banquet has **sold out!** If you would like to be put on a waiting list, talk to Kelly K today in the Lobby. If you would like to donate a dessert contact Reva F or a Silent Auction item contact Alvena L or Pastor Rhonda by tomorrow, Monday, April 30.

Next Sunday, **May 6** (and on the first Sunday of every month) **Sharing on Reconciliation Adult Sunday School class meets in Room 208 C at 10:00 a.m.** For more information, contact Grant J-W or Susan G.

**Women of Worth (NFC Widows' Small Group) will meet next 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.

Jamie M has been hired to fill the part-time role of Adult Discipleship Coordinator. In addition, she will coordinate the Contemporary Service music and worship until a new pastor is hired. Aaron K, Tim N, and Jamie will lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service.

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) by May 9 if you or someone close to you has reached a graduation milestone this 2017-2018 school year. We will honor the graduates on Sunday, May 20.

The U.S. Mennonite Brethren National Convention called "Celebrating our Diversity and Unity" starts Thursday evening, July 26 and ends Saturday, July 28 in Salt Lake City, Utah. If you want to be a NFC delegate contact Pastor James or MaryLyn in the office. For more information, go to <https://usmb.org/2018-national-convention/>.

### Coming Events:

**Sunday, May 27, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.:** Combined Service & Barbeque Lunch in the Robinson Park

**Sunday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.:** NFC Congregational Meeting

**Saturday, June 9, 7:00 a.m.:** NFC Rummage Sale

## SERVE

The Spiritual Ministries Committee is forming the search team for our Associate Pastor of Music and Worship, Contemporary Service. If you have someone to recommend please contact Sue K, chair, or Pastor James.

Fresno Area Community Enterprises (FACE) with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is starting Thrift on Blackstone (a new thrift shop on Blackstone, south of Herndon). If you would like to volunteer at the thrift shop, contact Kelly Kucharski (Kelly@facefresno.org) who has volunteer applications. For other information, contact Ilone K, Thrift Shop manager.

Attendance for April 22, 2018: 319

Offering for General Budget for April 22, 2018: \$7,609

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 208

### CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

Kind.-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Room 102

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 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 29 – MAY 5

### Sunday

Healing Prayer, 9:45 :a.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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

FACE Banquet & Auction, 5:00 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.

### Saturday

Men of Legacy Conference

# Prayer Connection

## NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Ricardo and Amarina P; Allison Q; Alyssa Q; Jessica Q; Paul and Kim Q; Ethel R; Jim and Mary R; Keith and Peggy R; Dan and Karen R, and Aaron; Chuck and Donna R; Doris R; and Lynn R.**

Pray for **Dasha and Brian H** as they grieve the death of **Dasha's father, Viktor Vladimirovich V**, who passed away on Friday, April 20. His funeral service was on Thursday, April 26.

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

## NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor James and Marcy and family** as he gives leadership at NFC. Pray that God will give Pastor James 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. TODAY** 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, **Community United Church of Christ** (on the corner of N. Fresno St. & Browning) and **New Hope Church**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in Fresno 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 **Greg and Sara A** and family who are our NFC partner missionaries with **InterVarsity in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**. Pray for them as they befriend students and neighbors.

*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 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 29, 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 Evelyn K

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader & Congregation

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* Hymn #1

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

*“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”* Hymn #16

BIBLE READING: Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31

*“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”* Hymn #9

COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Indescribable”* Pastor Milt

BIBLE READING: 1 John 4:7-21

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* Hymn #468

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

MESSAGE: *“The Way of Love”* Pastor James

*“The Love of God”* Hymn #67

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Evelyn K

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, APRIL 29, 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

*“Chainbreaker”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:25-31

OFFERING

*“Apostles’ Creed”*  
*“We Believe”*

WELCOME AND GREETING

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

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

Acts 8:26-40

*“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”*  
*“Let Justice Roll Like a River”*  
*“Spirit of the Living God”*

CHILDREN, 3<sup>RD</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, ARE DISMISSED TO THE LOBBY  
PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE FOR BLAST.\*\*

1 John 4:7-21

MESSAGE: *“The Way of Love”* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

*“No Greater Love”*  
*“Amen”*

SENDING

+ Prayer team members are available after 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 accompanied by a parent or a guardian are invited to Children’s Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Education Building. \*\*Children, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 in the Education Building.