

# Announcements

## WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Bendta F leads worship and music. Jeremy H and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, and John 15:5-17. Cheryl D S, marriage and family therapist and part of the NFC family, preaches. We celebrate communion in both services.

Next week, Pastor James will preach. The Bible passages to read and reflect on are Acts 1:15-17 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, and John 17:6-19. Doris G, NFC partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission to Japan, will share in both services and in Sunday School.

*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 four 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, **Sharing on Reconciliation** with Grant J-W and Susan G facilitating in Room 208 C, and **Parenting Class** which **TODAY'S** topic is "Fostering an Environment for Spiritual Conversations" with Bret and Pastor Connie N 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). The next two week's topics are (geared toward parenting elementary-aged children and younger though all are welcome):

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

**May 20**, "Teaching Stewardship to Our Children" with Kevin and Pastor Rhonda D facilitating.

**Women of Worth (NFC Widows' Small Group) meets TODAY 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.

**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 **this Wednesday, 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.

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

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 in the Sanctuary & Lunch at Robinson Park

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

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

**Monday-Friday, July 9-13, 9:00 a.m.:** Vacation Bible School

**Thursday-Saturday, July 26 -28:** US Mennonite Brethren National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah

## SERVE

**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.

**Interested in serving or joining a ministry team at NFC?** We need people to serve in a number of our ministry areas. Contact one of our pastors for more information.

**Prayer Box – Feel free to fill out a prayer card with commitments or requests** at the front left of the stage in the Sanctuary. Pastor James prays over them each week.

**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.

**Fresno Area Community Enterprises (FACE) and Thrift on Blackstone will be hosting an international volunteer from India that will be serving at the thrift shop. We are currently looking for a host family that will host from August 2018 through July 2019.** Please call Krystal K at West Coast Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for more information. Visit [mcc.org/IVEP](http://mcc.org/IVEP) to learn more about MCC's International Visitor Exchange Program.

**Attendance for April 29, 2018: 300**

**Offering for General Budget for April 29, 2018: \$8,920**

# 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)

**Sharing on Reconciliation:** Room 208 C

## THIS WEEK AT NFC: MAY 6 – 12

### 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.

Stewardship Commission, 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.

Spiritual Ministries Committee, 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.

# Prayer Connection

## NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Jeremy and Brea R, Kaiser; John R; Karina R; Rebecca R, Amethyst; Donn and Hallie R; Julia R; and Les and Sue R.**

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

## NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Connie and Bret and family** as Connie gives leadership at NFC in the area of children and families. Pray that God will give her wisdom, love, and energy.

Please pray for the search team as they lead us in a discernment process for our next **Associate Pastor of Music and Worship for our contemporary service.** Search Team members are: Shawna S (Chair), Kristina N, Jason I, Julia R, John F, Kathy H, Pastor Milt, and Pastor James.

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 other churches in our neighborhood, **New Heights Church** (at the corner of N. Fresno St. & Sierra Ave.) and **Japanese Chapel - NFC**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in our Family Center on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. 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 **Pastor Marques and Celma (and their baby daughter, Eliana) M, leaders of the Portugal Missions Team** coming to NFC this July. Pray for the other members of the team – Edi, Felipe, and Nadine.

*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 e-prayer chain by emailing the office or post on NFC's Facebook page.*

# First Service

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, MAY 6, 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *“Our Redeemer and Our Lord”* by Schreiner  
*“In Christ Alone”* by Getty

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* Hymn #2

WELCOME AND GREETING

BIBLE READING: Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98

*“Ye Servants of God”* Hymn #17

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”* by Pethel

BIBLE READING: 1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:5-17

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”* Hymn #44

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

MESSAGE: *“Attach to God”* Cheryl D S

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*“Trust and Obey”* Hymn #349, vs. 1, 4, 5

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Recessional”* by Druckmuller

Bendta F: Worship Leader  
Karen B and Sue Kl: Bible Readers  
Larry W: Pianist Stephen V: Organist

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, MAY 6, 2018

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP  
*“Stir in Me”*  
Psalm 98  
*“Indescribable”*

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AND GREETING  
Acts 10:44-48  
1 John 5:1-6

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

OFFERING  
*“Revival”*  
*“Come As You Are”*  
John 15:5-17

MESSAGE: *“Attach to God”* Cheryl D S

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team  
*“Abide with Me”*  
*“Marvelous Light”*

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 in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to stay for the whole service.