

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Aaron K and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Acts 1:15-17, 21-16, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, and John 17:6-19. Pastor James preaches. Doris G, NFC partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission to Japan, shares in both services and in Sunday School.

Next week we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Vanna will preach. The Bible passages to read and reflect on are Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, Romans 8:22-27, and John 15:26-27, 16:4b-16. We will honor graduates (high school and beyond) in the service.

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 Adult Sunday School classes today at 10:00 a.m. include Missions Class with Doris G in Room 301, **Book of Jeremiah** with Donn R facilitating in Room 207, **Book of Ephesians** with James C facilitating in Room 202, and **Parenting Class** which **TODAY'S** topic is "Challenges within a Multicultural Marriage" with a panel discussion in Room 309 (ROCK Room). Next week's topic is "Teaching Stewardship to Our Children" with Kevin and Pastor Rhonda D facilitating.

All men are invited to NFC Men's Breakfast at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant (3851 N. Blackstone, Fresno) this Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 a.m. Dwight B will lead the discussion on chapter 3.

On Sunday, May 27 we will have one Combined Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. There will not be any Sunday School. After the Combined Service we will have lunch at Robinson Park at about 11:30 a.m. Bring your chairs and blankets. A few tables and chairs will be available. Activities are planned after lunch for all ages. Everyone is invited!

The annual Dodgers/Giants Baseball Game on Saturday, June 16 is quickly approaching and there are still spots left! \$88 pays for your seat on the charter bus and a ticket to the baseball game. Contact John S to reserve your spot today.

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

Thank you to all who served in some capacity, donated an auction item, and contributed financially to our 6th annual FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) celebration banquet. Total gross revenue received from the evening was \$28,379. **Thanks for your partnership and generosity.**

Start saving your good stuff for NFC's rummage sale on June 9. Items that sell well are items in **good, clean, newer working condition** such as tools, clothing, shoes, furniture, pots and pans, sets of dishes, silverware, small working appliances, linens (mark the size), jewelry, and working TVs.

NFC sends out a weekly email called The Connection with information. To subscribe to it, email Mike K.

Rejoice! Devotionals are in the Lobby for the quarter starting in June. The cost is \$6. The donation box is above the devotionals.

Thrift on Blackstone (a Thrift shop run by West Coast Mennonite Central Committee {MCC} and Fresno Area Community Enterprises {FACE}) will have a "soft" open on May 21. The grand opening will be in June. Come support MCC and FACE.

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 to learn more about MCC's International Visitor Exchange Program.

Everence is a fraternal benefit society organization that members of NFC are part of by having Everence Health Insurance, Medicare Supplement plan, and retirement investment accounts. Everence gave \$1,500 grant to NFC to help with the start-up costs to Thrift on Blackstone, (a Thrift Store) run by West Coast MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) and FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises).

Attendance for May 6, 2018: 304

Offering for General Budget for May 6 2018: \$18,401

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)

Missions Class with Doris G: Room 301

THIS WEEK AT NFC: MAY 13 – 19

Sunday

Missions Class with Doris G Sharing, 10:00 a.m.

Monday-Wednesday

PDC Pastors' Retreat

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.

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

Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.

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

NFC Leadership Board Meeting, 6:30 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: **Tim and Annelies R, Lilliana; Rachel S; John and Evelyn S, Tyler; Morgan S; and Garth and Tamara S.**

Congratulations to Eric and Krista M on the birth of their son, Stephen Jeremiah. He was born on Tuesday, May 8 and weighed 7 lbs. and 11 oz. and was 20.5 inches. Ashlyn is very happy to have a baby brother. The rose bud on the organ is in Stephen's honor.

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, COMMUNITY, AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for the pastors and spouses of Mennonite Brethren Churches in the Pacific District Conference as they meet at Pismo Beach for a retreat tomorrow through Wednesday, May 16. Pray that they will be renewed and encouraged. Pray for our pastors and spouses who are going: Pastor Connie and Bret, Pastor James and Marcy, and Pastor Rhonda and Kevin.

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.

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Friends Community Church** (on N. 1st Street, just south of Bullard) and **Prodigal Church**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church plant that meets in the 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 **Doris G, our partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren in Japan)** as she shares about her work in the Amagasaki Mennonite Brethren Church to different churches and groups here in North America as she is doing here at NFC. Pray that God will protect her as she travels.

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 this prayer time, just come or contact Pastor James.

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 13, 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

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” Hymn #6

WELCOME AND GREETING

“Open My Eyes, that I May See” Hymn #381

BIBLE READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” Choir

COMMUNITY LIFE: Sharing by Doris Goertz, missionary

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”*

BIBLE READING: 1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

“O for a Heart to Praise My God” Hymn #440

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

MESSAGE: *“Rooted”* Pastor James

“Take Time to Be Holy” Hymn #441

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pastor Milt F: Worship Leader
Larry W: Pianist Evelyn K: Organist

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, MAY 13, 2018

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Psalm 1
“Blessed Be Your Name”

Worship Team

OFFERING

“Holy, Holy, Holy (God with Us)”

COMMUNITY LIFE: Sharing by Doris Goertz, missionary

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME AND GREETING

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
“Mighty to Save”
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-18
“Because He Lives (Amen)”

Worship Team

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

MESSAGE: *“Rooted”*

Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

“My Hope Is You”

Worship Team

SENDING

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.