

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Milt F leads worship and music. Jamie M and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor James and Justin D preach. The Bible passage for reading and reflection is Romans 12:1-13.

Next week, we will celebrate communion in both services, and share on how we have seen God at work in our midst.

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

Our Summer Sunday School Class: "NFC on Mission: Locally and Globally" is at 10:00 a.m. for everyone from 3rd Grade through Adults in Room 309. TODAY, Junior High and High School students will share about being a Christ-follower on campus and about their summer camp experiences.

THIS EVENING, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room) NFC hosts an Immigration Workshop for all those interested in finding out more about this important and significant issue. Nate Y, member of NFC and on staff with Mennonite Central Committee, facilitate the conversation and explore the issue through the lens of the Bible, testimony, and understanding current law. If you need childcare please contact Pastor Connie.

Next Sunday, September 2, 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.

Wednesday Evening Programs start for children, youth and adults on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. Children: Meet Pastor Connie in the Courtyard; EDGE (Junior High) students are in Room 301 and ROCK (High School) students are in Room 309. Singers meet for choir in the Choir Room. Women meet in Room 207 and will study "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Men meet in Room 202.

Baptism and Membership: If you are interested in baptism and/or membership at NFC please contact one of the pastors. *Discovering Christ and the Church* Sunday School class will start at the end of September at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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.

Coming Events:

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Programs start for children 4 years old to adults

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.: Fall Kickoff Combined Service and Luncheon

Friday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.: Primetime with Fruit Carver Chef Ray Duey

SERVE

Bring the supplies for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) school kits to the Lobby by next Sunday, September 2. The list of items to buy is at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school> or on the table in the Lobby. Please read carefully as some items have changed from the previous year. If you like to sew, MCC is in need of people to sew the school kit bags. Go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag> to find specific instructions on how to make a school kit bag.

ROCK (High School) students are raising money for National YouthCon by washing windows. If you would like to support the youth, sign up in the Lobby, or contact Pastor Vanna.

Urbana Missions Conference (www.urbana.org) in St. Louis, Missouri (December 27-31, 2018) is a global missions conference for college and graduate students. If you would like to apply for an Urbana scholarship from NFC, please write an email to the NFC Missions and Outreach Team by this Tuesday, August 28. Please send email to Annelies R.

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

Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary offers opportunities to audit many of their courses. This semester Tim G, part of NFC, is teaching "The Church and God's Mission" on Tuesday evenings and "Gospel of Mark" on Thursday evenings. Contact Tim G or Christopher V. The cost is only \$20 for seniors.

Choice Books of West Coast invites you to their annual Fall Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, September 27 at Wedgewood Banquet Center in Fresno starting at 6:15 p.m. Kathi Lipp, an author of 17 books, will be the speaker. To reserve your complimentary tickets, call Choice Books at 638-1745 or email info@wc.choicebooks.org. The deadline is September 17.

Everence (a Mennonite provider of insurance and financial information) provides a service that gives counseling in basic budgeting, consumer debt consolidation, as well as mortgage and credit score education at no cost. Call toll-free: [\(877\) 809-0039](tel:(877)809-0039) and for Spanish language counselors call [\(800\) 388-2227](tel:(800)388-2227). Contact Jim W, our NFC Everence representative, for more information.

Attendance for August 19, 2018: 322

Offering for General Budget for August 19, 2018: \$6,746

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.

Ages 3-2nd Grade: Room 103
3rd-6th Grade: Room 309

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00 -10:50 a.m.

Room 309

3RD GRADERS TO ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

NFC on Mission - Locally and Globally: Room 309

THIS WEEK AT NFC: AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 1

Sunday

Healing Prayer, 9:45 a.m.
Immigration Workshop, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.
NFC Pastor & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study, Youth Staff Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Missions & Outreach Team, 6:30 p.m.
Women's A.A. 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: **John and Lotti D; Dave and Betty Jo D; Thea D; Carlos and Rita D, Jazleen and Janessa; Breanne D; Danae D; and Loren and Tonia D.**

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

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Loren and Tonia D** as Pastor Loren leads North Fresno Church in the area of outreach. Pray also for him as he is the Executive Director of FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises). Pray that God would give him wisdom, love, and energy.

Pray for the **NFC men at Man Camp at Camp Keola this weekend.** Pray for safety as they return this afternoon.

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 includes: **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. TODAY** and on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, just come.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Pray for **other churches** in our neighborhood, **Hope Lutheran Church (at the corner of Barstow and N. Fresno St.)** and **Mountain View Community Church – Sunnyside**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church 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 **John and Geri, our NFC partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in photography and videography.** Pray for John as he plans his next trips to Thailand, Germany, Portugal and possibly Cuba in early 2019.

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, email the office or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-5

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Hymn #12

WELCOME AND GREETING

"Bless His Holy Name"

Hymn #13

PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"*

BIBLE READING: Romans 12:1-13
Matthew 16:21-28

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Hymn #280, vs. 1-4

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

MESSAGE: *"Life Together"*

Pastor James and Justin D

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn #1, vs. 1, 3, 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pastor Milt F: Worship Leader
Larry W: Pianist

Karen B: Bible Reader
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, AUGUST 26, 2018

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

"Come One, Come All"

Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-4, 7

OFFERING

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

"Hear the Call of the Kingdom"
"Stir in Me"

Worship Team

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

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Matthew 16:21-28
"Lord, You Have My Heart"
"Come and See"
Romans 12:1-13

Worship Team

CHILDREN, 4TH – 6TH GRADE, ARE DISMISSED TO THE LOBBY,
PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE, FOR BLAST.**

MESSAGE: *"Life Together"*

Pastor James and Justin D

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

"Shine"

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 3rd grade accompanied by a parent or a guardian are invited to Children's Church on the 1st floor of the Education Building. **Children, 4th – 6th grade, are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 A in the Education Building.