

# Announcements

## WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Pastor Milt leads worship and music. Jeremy H and worship team lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. Rev. Don M, US Mennonite Brethren National Director, preaches.

Next Sunday we have our combined service at 10:00 a.m. There will be one service only. The choir and worship team lead music. Pastor James preaches. After the combined service we have our congregational meeting followed by an all church luncheon.

*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

**TODAY** the two Adult Sunday School classes at 10:00 a.m. are *The Book of Jeremiah* in Room 207 with Donn R teaching, and *Sharing by Don M, US Mennonite Brethren National Director*, in Room 309 (ROCK Room).

**Wednesday evening programs continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. as usual. For Children:** Explore for Children (Ed Building). **For Junior High and Senior High Students:** EDGE (Room 301) and ROCK (Room 309). **For Adults:** Women's Bible Study will start studying *Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath* by Priscilla Shirer (Room 207) and Men's Bible Study (Room 203). **For Singers:** Choir (Choir Room).

**Next Sunday, January 21 is the Combined Service, congregational business meeting, and all church luncheon.** The service begins at 10:00 a.m. The congregational meeting will follow and includes a financial summary of 2017 and a proposed 2018 budget. **Copies of the proposed 2018 budget are available in the Lobby. All are invited to the luncheon at 12:30 p.m.**

**On January 28, we will begin a three-week Sunday School series exploring our core beliefs as followers of Jesus at NFC.** This 3-week class will parallel Pastor James sermon series. **All are invited to Room 309 at 10:00 a.m.** to join the discussion.

**NFC is joining other Fresno/Clovis churches to start the 2018 year with 21 Days (January 8-28) of Prayer and Fasting.** Prayer and fasting guides are in the Lobby as are a list of churches that will have daily evening prayer meetings during this time.

**Men's Breakfast is this Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 a.m. All NFC Men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant (3851 N. Blackstone, Fresno).**

## SERVE

**Some of the quilts NFC quilters have made for this year's West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale are now showing in the Art Gallery in the Lobby.** You can get a small taste of what will be happening on April 6 – 7 at the Sale and Auction at Fresno Pacific University.

**Sign up to put flowers or centerpieces** on the communion table for one or more Sundays this year. You may remember a special person or occasion. Contact Carla B or sign up on a calendar in the Lobby.

**Reading the Bible in 2018** – There are two different Bible reading plans on a table in the Lobby for those that want to use them in 2018.

**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 sends out a weekly email with information for the church family.** To subscribe to it, email Mike K.

**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.

**NFC Office is closed tomorrow, Monday, January 15.**

**Missionary letters from Greg and Sara A, and Bob Davis are in the Lobby.**

**Experience Israel and the Holy Land with Pastor James and Dr. Tim G. The tour is from May 18-28, with an additional 4 day conference option in Bethlehem.** Brochures are in the Lobby, or contact Pastor James.

**Inviting all men who love to sing: Come to the kickoff barbeque for 2018 West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus** at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church (1362 L St.) starting with registration at 4:00 p.m. this Saturday, January 20. Monday evening practices begin on January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church. Contact Pastor Milt, Leon T, or Gerald K for more information.

**If you shop on Amazon.com,** you can go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1728463> and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to North Fresno Church by Amazon.

**Attendance for January 7, 2018: 296**

**Offering for General Budget for January 7, 2018: \$12,732**

# 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

Don Morris, US MB National Director, Shares: Room 309

## THIS WEEK AT NFC: JANUARY 14 – 20

### Sunday

Grief Share in the Conference Room, 5:30 p.m.

### Monday

Office Closed in Celebration of  
Martin Luther King Jr.

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, EDGE, ROCK, Men's &  
Women's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

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

NFC Leadership Board, 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: **Donna H; Lynne H; Mary Helen H; Jeanne H-S; Pearl H; Adrienne H; Annaliese H; Jaeden H; and Ron and Kathy H, Avi.**

Pray for the family of **Mary Jane E** who passed away Thursday, January 4. Mary Jane attended NFC a while back and her memorial service was Friday, January 12. Her sister-in-law is Carol O.

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

## NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for Micah Project Interns **Alex C, Jessica C, Haley M, Karina R, Julie R, Stacie W,** and Pastor **Rhonda** as they are on a winter retreat this weekend, January 12 – 15.

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, **Church of the Living Water** (at the corner of Bullard and Angus) and **NFC – Japanese Chapel**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in the Family Center here at NFC. 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 **Bob D** who is NFC partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in North America and Southeast Asia. Pray for Bob as he resources church leaders in Southeast Asia. Pray for Pastor A from the Philippines as he helps church members and others recover from several typhoons that hit the area recently.

*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 NFC office, or post on NFC's Facebook page.*

# First Service

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 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: *"Meditation"* by R. Lloyd Stephen V  
*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* by Thomerson

CALL TO WORSHIP: *"What Is This Place"* Choir

*"The Church's One Foundation"* Hymn #277

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

*"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"* Hymn #3

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"The Joy of the Lord"* Larry W

US MENNONITE BRETHERN CONFERENCE UPDATE

*"We Are the Church"* Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 11:19-26

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* Hymn #276

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

MESSAGE: *"Be the Church"* Rev. Don M

*"Faith of Our Fathers"* Hymn #279

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Song for a New Year"* by G. Martin Stephen V

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, JANUARY 14, 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 *"Stir In Me"* Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

OFFERING *"Revival"*

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor James

US MENNONITE BRETHERN CONFERENCE UPDATE

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

WORSHIP AND MUSIC *"I'll Fly Away"* Worship Team

*"Your Love Never Fails"*

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

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

Acts 11:19-26

MESSAGE: *"Be the Church"* Rev. Don M

WORSHIP AND MUSIC *"Marvelous Light"* Worship Team

SENDING  
*+ Prayer team members are available after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service to pray with you at the front left of the Sanctuary.*

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