

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Arnie Pr leads worship and music. Pastor Steve and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor James continues our sermon series *Following Jesus at NFC*.

Next Sunday Pastor James preaches and associate pastor candidate, Connie N, shares. We celebrate communion in both services.

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 we begin a three-week Sunday School series exploring our core distinctives 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 has joined other Fresno/Clovis churches to start the 2018 year with 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. We will be joining other Fresno/Clovis churches to 'break' our fast with a time of prayer and worship **THIS EVENING at 5:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Church (1545 Fulton St., Fresno).**

Grief Share meets in the NFC Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays including this evening. Please note that there will be no Grief Share next Sunday, February 4. Our last session will be Sunday, February 11. Call Jenny A if you have questions.

Baptism and Membership: If you are interested in baptism and/or membership at NFC please contact Pastor Loren or join the *Following Jesus at NFC* Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room) starting TODAY, January 28.

Women of Worth (Widow's Small Group) will meet on Sunday, February 4 for the Candidating Pastor Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Center. After the luncheon we will meet in the Conference Room to discuss chapters 3 – 6 in *Widow's Might*. Please RSVP to Jenny Akina (355-1772).

Girls Night In for 5th – 8th grade girls is Friday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Julie Mc's home. For more information, please contact Jamie Mack, Interim Children's Ministries Director, at jmack@northfresnochurch.org.

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.

Coming Events:

This Wednesday, January 31, 7:30 p.m.: Meet & Greet with Connie N, Pastoral Candidate

Next Sunday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.: Luncheon with Connie N and Q & A time

Friday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.: Discovery: A Comic Lament here at NFC

SERVE

Associate Pastor Candidating Schedule for Connie N:

This Wednesday, January 31

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. With the children during Wednesday evening programs

7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Meet and greet in the Lobby with parents and anyone interested. Refreshments will be served.

Next Sunday, February 4

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Connie sharing in both services

10:00 a.m. With the children in Sunday School

12:30 p.m. Luncheon in the Family Center. Opportunity for Q & A.

If you have any questions contact Jill B, search team chair, or Pastor James (jbergen@northfresnochurch.org).

There is a need for 2 more people to help with the Good News Club at Robinson Elementary. Child Evangelism Fellowship will train volunteers who will serve with others from NFC. If you are interested, please contact Carol J.

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

Vision for Mission Dessert Night is on Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Butler Ave. Mennonite Brethren Church (4884 E. Butler, Fresno). Come hear Randy F, General Director of MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission, share stories. RSVP to fresno@mbmission.org or 456-4600 by March 9.

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.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is April 6 and 7 at Fresno Pacific University. There are a number of ways that you can be involved. Start with saving up all of your loose change to bring to the Sale. For more information go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/my-coins-count> or call 232-1751. This year our theme is *Giving With Compassion*.

Attendance for January 21, 2018: 318

Offering for General Budget for January 21, 2018: \$9,874

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 309

ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.
Following Jesus at NFC: Room 309

THIS WEEK AT NFC: JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3

Sunday

End of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting Celebration
at Cornerstone Church, 5:00 p.m.
Grief Share in the Conference Room, 5:30 p.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, EDGE, ROCK, Men's &
Women's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Meet Connie Nicholson, Pastoral Candidate, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

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: **Beth H; Judi H; Vanna and Marly I, Arun, Jeevin and Thanny; Jason and Jane I, Grace and Jeremy; Betty J; Jill J; Rachel J, Hailey; and Ron and Carol J.**

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 MINISTRIES

Pray for **Jamie and Randy M** and family as **Jamie** leads the children here at **NFC**. Pray that God would give her wisdom, strength, love, and energy.

Pray for **NFC's Children's Pastor** search, our candidate, **Connie N**, and the candidating process.

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** (at the corner of N. Fresno St., and Browning) and **United Faith Christian Fellowship**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in southeast Fresno. 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 **Otto and Marjorie E**, who are **NFC partner missionaries with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Lisbon, Portugal**. Pray for them as they mentor and train pastors and leaders in different locations in the city. Pray for the team from Mennonite Brethren churches in Lisbon that is coming to serve, teach, and learn here at NFC in July 2018.

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 28, 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: *"The Church's One Foundation"* Hymn #277, v.1, 2, 4

WELCOME & GREETING Arnie P

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Hymn #506

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Hymn #79

SCRIPTURE READING: John 6:26-40 Glen E

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymn #234

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 1:1-3; 12:1-3 Judy K

"Jesus Is Lord of All" Hymn #359

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rhonda

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"All to Jesus"* Larry W

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

MESSAGE: *"Jesus Is the Center of Our Faith"* Pastor James

"Blessed Be the Name" Hymn #103

POSTLUDE Evelyn K

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.

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP
"There Is a Kingdom"
1 Corinthians 3:10-11

OFFERING
"Cry of My Heart"

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

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rhonda

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Come, Thou Fount"
"Deliverer"
Hebrews 1:1-3, 12:1-3
"Be the Center"

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

John 6:26-40

MESSAGE: *"Jesus Is the Center of Our Faith"* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"My Lighthouse"

SENDING

+ Prayer team members are available after 2nd Service to pray with you at the front left of the Sanctuary.

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