

# Announcements

## WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Pastor Milt leads worship and music. Aaron K and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. We welcome New Creation Teen Challenge Choir to our services today.

Next week, we will celebrate communion and have a congregational sharing time.

*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

**Sunday School classes are at 10:00 a.m. TODAY for everyone** (all classes are in the Ed. Building). **For Children:** Ages 0 to 35 months – Nursery; 3 to 5 year olds – Room 103; Kindergartners through 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders – Room 102; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders – Room 203; 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders – Room 208; **For Junior High and High School Students:** – Room 302; **For Adults:** *Book of Acts* – Room 207; *The Gospel in Life* – Room 309; and *Discovering Christ and the Church* (Baptism and Membership) – Room 301. See insert for more information about the adult Sunday School classes.

**All EDGE (Junior High) and ROCK (High School) students are invited to the Youth Beach Retreat** at Santa Cruz this Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1. The cost is \$80 and we will be staying at Vintage Faith Church and visiting Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Please contact Pastor Vanna for parent permission and waiver forms.

**The Widow's Small Group (known as W.O.W. – Women of Worth) meets next Sunday, October 1 at 12:45 p.m.** at the home of Mary Jeannette C. Lunch is provided. Call Mary Jeannette to RSVP and for directions.

**The Board of Administration is calling a special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 22 at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Center.** This meeting will be a vote of affirmation on the **proposed amendments to NFC's bylaws and articles of incorporation.** Copies of the proposed amendments can be found in the Lobby and on the NFC website.

**Prior to the vote of affirmation for the proposed revised bylaws and articles of incorporation, the Board of Administration is conducting two listening groups.** These listening groups are on Sundays, October 8 and 15 in Room 202 in the Ed. Building during the Sunday School time at 10:00 a.m.

**Baptism and Membership: If you are interested in baptism and/or membership at NFC please contact one of the pastors** or join the *Discovering Christ and the Church* Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 301 starting **TODAY.**

**Child Evangelism Fellowship is inviting those interested in Good News Club and Child Evangelism Fellowship to their autumn open house this Thursday, September 28** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at their office at 1322 E. Shaw, Ste. 110, Fresno. For more information, contact Carol J.

### Coming Events:

**Friday-Sunday, September 29-October 1:** EDGE (Junior High) and ROCK (High School) Santa Cruz Beach Retreat, Contact Pastor Vanna for more information

**Sunday, October 15, 5:30 p.m.:** Grief Share Support Group meets in the Conference Room; Contact Jenny A for information

**Friday-Saturday, October 27-28:** PDC Convention at Bethany M.B. Church

**Saturday, November 11, 7:00 a.m.:** NFC Rummage Sale (Note Date change)

## SERVE

**Learning Quest Tutoring Club sponsored by FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) is Tuesday and Thursday afternoons** from 2:15-4:30 p.m. for Kindergartners to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. **If you are interested in being a TUTOR, please contact Pastor Rhonda.**

**Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary continues every Saturday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. through November 18.** Contact Micah Project Intern, **Haley M** if you are interested in volunteering.

**All are invited to a dinner and program highlighting church planting projects by the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.** The dinner will be held **Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Church (9161 North Maple, Fresno).** Tickets are available for \$20 per person. Contact the PDC office (453-2082 or [robin.turner@fresno.edu](mailto:robin.turner@fresno.edu)).

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is responding to the aftermaths of both Hurricane Harvey and Irma in Texas and Florida.** If you would like to help financially, please write a check out to North Fresno Church and on the memo line "MDS – Hurricane Help."

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) responds to Hurricane Irma damage in Cuba and Haiti.** Hurricane Irma dashed houses to the ground in Cuba and Irma's rain in Haiti turned into flash floods that rushed into homes. If you would like to help people in Cuba and Haiti recover, write a check to North Fresno Church and on the memo line "MCC – Hurricane Irma Help."

**Financial Update: As of August 31, our year to date budgeted giving should be \$493,300** but the actual year to date giving for 2017 is \$434,000 which is \$59,300 under budget. In order to reach our budgeted giving goal, we need our monthly giving to be \$76,480 for September through December. Please give as you are able.

**Attendance for September 17, 2017: 308**

**Offering for General Budget for September 17, 2017: \$7,621**

# 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.

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 203

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 208 A, B

### CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

Kind.-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Room 102

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Room 302

### ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

**Book of Acts:** Room 207

**The Gospel of Life:** Room 309 (ROCK Room)

**Discovering Christ & the Church:** Room 301

(Membership & Baptism Class)

## THIS WEEK AT NFC: SEPTEMBER 24 – 30

### Sunday

Healing Prayer, 9:45 a.m.

NFC & Teen Challenge Choir Potluck, 12:30 p.m.

### Monday

Young Men's Basketball, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

Pastors and Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Learning Quest Tutoring Club (sponsored by FACE), 2:15 p.m.

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children (ages 4 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade),

EDGE (Junior High), ROCK (High School),

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

### Thursday

Missions Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

### Friday – Sunday

ROCK & EDGE Santa Cruz Beach Retreat

Celebrate 2017 for Builders, Boomers in Denver, Colorado

# Prayer Connection

## NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Aaron and Christa W, Charlotte, Levi, Gabriel, and Ella; Gary and Ruth W; Grace W; Mark and Cindy W; Chuck and Esther W and Judy W.**

**Pray for Paul Q as he undergoes a medical procedure this week.**

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

## NFC MINISTRIES

**Pray for the search team leading us in discerning our next Associate Pastor of Children & Family Ministries.** The search team members are: Jill B, chair, Shawna S, Cari L, Elizabeth J-W, & Pastor James.

**Pray for Pastor James and Kelly K who travel to Lisbon, Portugal, from September 29 to October 4.** They will travel with two pastors from Neighborhood Church, Visalia. This vision trip will be to pray, plan, and prepare for the Lisbon churches sending a team to NFC next summer, 2018.

**The pastors and 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 talk with Pastor James.

## COMMUNITY, AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

**Pray for other churches** in our neighborhood, **Community United Church of Christ** (at the corner N. Fresno St. and Browning) and **Neighborhood Church – Fresno**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in Fresno/Clovis 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 the survivors of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria as they return to their communities and rebuild.** Pray for Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers as they assist those in Texas and Florida, and Mennonite Central Committee workers as they help those in Haiti, Cuba, and the Caribbean. Pray for those who are recovering from the earthquake this past week in Mexico.

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

# First Service

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

**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: *“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”* by Handel Steve V  
*“God of Grace and God of Glory”* by Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“Sing Praise to God who Reigns on Above”* Hymn #6

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

*“The Church’s One Foundation”* Hymn #277

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY/OFFERING: *“Why Should He Love Me So?”* by Harkness

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”* Hymn #451

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

MESSAGE THROUGH MUSIC & TESTIMONY  
New Creation Teen Challenge Choir

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”* Hymn #601

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Grand Chorus”* by DuBois

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, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

**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 Worship Team  
*“Stir in Me”*

OFFERING  
*“Land of My Father”*  
*“Hallelujah”*

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

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team  
*“He Reigns”*  
*“Your Love, Oh Lord”*

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

MESSAGE THROUGH MUSIC & TESTIMONY  
New Creation Teen Challenge Choir

SENDING

POSTLUDE

+ 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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