

Announcements

Our purpose at North Fresno Church is to love God and love our neighbors wherever they are. Jesus is the center of our faith. Community is the center of our lives. Reconciliation is the center of our work.

NFC continues to worship together in person on the NFC campus and online on Sundays at 10:00 am. Log on to NFC's YouTube Channel to watch live. You can watch the service on NFC's YouTube Channel during the week.

Today, July 18, Michael N preaches and continues the sermon series "Faces of Faith." We learn about Puah and Shiphrah. The passage is Exodus 1:15-21. We dig deep into the bold and untold biblical stories of those people who are often overlooked so we are reminded that we all have a role to play in shaping God's story of redemption and grace. Pastor Milt leads worship and music.

The new book for July for NFC's Summer Reading Group is *Sylvia and Aki*. We meet to discuss the book on Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm in the Lobby. For more information, contact Pastor Jamie at jmack@northfresnochurch.org.

Everyone is welcome to participate in our Homemade Ice Cream Contest on Sunday, August 1 at 6:30 pm. We would like more people to make the ice cream (to compete with Bruce P and Dotty W who have signed up already). We need others to taste the ice cream. Please let Pastor Connie know at cnicholson@northfresnochurch.org if you want to put your ice cream making skills to a friendly test.

Come to the Grizzlies baseball game on Wednesday, August 4 and have fun with other NFCers watching the game. Contact Pastor Brad at bisaak@northfresnochurch.org for more info.

Thank you for your continued generosity toward NFC. You can give via a check to NFC or online (Church Center). You can give online at <https://northfresnochurch.churchcenter.com/giving/donations> and Text to give to 84321.

Coming Events:

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, Conference Room, 6:30 pm

Youth (ROCK – High School and EDGE – Junior High): Wednesday, July 21, 6:30 pm, Swim + Story: Contact Pastor Brad (bisaak@northfresnochurch.org) for more info.

Richard U's Memorial Service: This Friday, July 23 at 6:30 pm

Homemade Ice Cream Contest and : Sunday, August 1 at 6:30 pm

Welcome!



North Fresno Church

If it's your first time visiting, text the word 'Hello' to (559) 272-7868, so we can get to know you!

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 18, 2021

PRELUDE		Karen M
MUSICAL WORSHIP		
"Ye Servants of God"		Hymn #17
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Pastor Dustin
MUSICAL WORSHIP		
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"		Hymn #184, v. 1, 2
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"		Hymn #185
SERMON	"Puah and Shiphrah" Exodus 1:15-21	Michael N
PRAYER		Pastor Dustin
MUSICAL WORSHIP		
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"		Hymn #601
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		Anthony I

"Puah & Shiphrah"

Exodus 1:15 - 21

"Now the two midwives respected God so they didn't obey the Egyptian king's order. Instead, they let the baby boys live."

Exodus 1:17 (CEB)

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you relate to any of the characters in the passage? Do you feel more like Shiphrah and Puah, or Pharaoh, or neither?
2. What are some times that being faithful to God has been unclear or hard for you to do? What did you do?
3. Do you ever find yourself caught between two masters? Is there anything stopping you from choosing God?
4. Knowing the community is one way God fulfills his promise to bless his people, how can you be faithful to God and a blessing to your community? Think outside the box!

We are here for you, wherever you're at in your journey of knowing Jesus. Please contact us if you have a prayer or physical need, want to join a Life Group, or would like to serve at North Fresno Church.

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Prayer Connection

NFC Family and NFC Ministries

Pray for the following people: **Krishaua S, Mikeenan, Mishau, Mikel, Myles, and Khymia; Jason S; Peter and Cheryl S; Jeanne H S; JT T and Louisa G, Callum and Finlay; Lizzie T; Rene T and Joann W; and Al T.**

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Ron J, Les and Barb L, Jonathan N, Tammy S, Dotty W, and Kyle Y.**

Pray for **Pat U, and Beth R and family as they grieve the recent death of Richard, Pat's husband and Beth's father.** The memorial service in celebration of Richard's life is this Friday, July 23 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Pray for **Pastor Dustin and Robin and family, as Pastor Dustin leads NFC.** Pray that God gives him wisdom, love, grace and energy.

We believe in the power of prayer at NFC. If you have a need or a prayer request, please email the office@northfresnochurch.org. With your permission, pastors can forward requests to the larger church family via the NFC Prayer Email or be included in the bulletin. Feel free to request prayer from the pastoral staff, leaders of the church or one another during the week.

Community and Worldwide Ministries

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood: **New Heights Church** (on N. Fresno St. and Sierra Ave.) and **New Beginnings Community Church**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church in the Fresno area. Pray that God would use both churches for Kingdom work and meeting needs of their communities.

Pray for **PK, worker in S*utheast A*ia**, as he is the leader of the M*k*ng Team. Pray for him that he may lead well the team and mentor many leaders in S*utheast A*ia.