

A Place For YOU To Connect!

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes are in the Education Building unless otherwise noted.

NURSERY, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Ages 0 – 35 months

CHILDREN, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203

5th-6th Grade: Room 208 A

CHILDREN, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Ages 3 - 5: Room 103

Kinder. – 2nd Grade: Room 102

Junior High & High School,

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Room 302

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

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

Book of Ephesians: Room 202

Sharing on Reconciliation: Room 208 C

THIS WEEK AT NFC: MAY 27 – JUNE 2

Today

Neighborhood Church Luncheon at Robinson Park, 11:30 a.m.

Monday

Office Closed

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

NFC Pastors' & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

A.A. Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

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

Thursday

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

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.

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to this combined worship service at North Fresno Church. Three times a year we intentionally gather together in one Sunday morning worship service. Pastor Milt, Tim N, the choir, and the worship team are leading worship and music. Pastor James preaches. After the service, everyone is invited to the neighborhood church luncheon at Robinson Park (401 E. Browning) which is ½ block south of NFC and a ¼ of a block east of North Fresno St.

Next Sunday, we resume our regular 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Pastor James preaches. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, and John 3:1-17. We will 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

Look around and extend a welcome to people around you today.

Everyone is invited to the neighborhood church luncheon today right after the Combined Service at Robinson Park. Robinson Park is ½ block south of NFC and then ¼ block east of North Fresno Street at 401 E. Browning. There are some intergenerational activities planned for after the luncheon.

All men (from high school seniors on up) are invited to come to Men's Bible Study this Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 203.

A NFC congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The 2018 NFC Annual Report is in the Lobby. Several items on the agenda include: voting on an amendment to Article X in the NFC Bylaws, a vote on a slate of new people on the board, different committees, and teams, and an update by the stewardship committee. Child care is provided for children up to 6th grade. Please let Pastor Connie know if you need child care for the meeting.

The NFC Leadership Board is proposing an amendment to Section 10 of the NFC bylaws. The amendment adds wording to require members of the Stewardship and Spiritual Ministries Committees to be NFC members in good standing. **Copies of the changes are in the Lobby.** A vote will take place at the congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 3.**

Next Sunday, June 3 (and on the first Sunday of every month) **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.

Women of Worth's (widow's small group) last meeting of the year is a seminar by Dorina G called "Flourishing Together" this Saturday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Cross City Church (2777 E. Nees, Fresno). Since Dorina's husband's death, she has helped people navigate their grief. Please RSVP to Jenny A by May 31.

Building Leaders 4 Peace camp is here in Fresno from June 27 through July 3 for young adults (18 and older). Registration is until June 13. For more information, contact Thomas A West Coast MCC.

Are you interested in missions? The Mission's Team would like you to attend Urbana Conference this year! There will be scholarships available for a limited number of qualifying individuals. Urbana is a nationwide conference for young adults who are interested in learning more about missions. **It will be held in St. Louis, Missouri this year from December 27 through December 31. Please contact Annelies R for more information.**

The U.S. Mennonite Brethren National Convention called "Celebrating our Diversity and Unity" is from July 26 to July 28 in Salt Lake City, Utah. If you want to be a NFC delegate, please contact Pastor James or MaryLyn in the office. For more information, go to <https://usmb.org/2018-national-convention/>.

The NFC Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 28.

Coming Events:

Next Sunday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.: Congregational Meeting

Saturday, June 9, 7:00 a.m.: Rummage Sale

Monday-Friday, July 9-13, 9:00 a.m.: Vacation Bible School

Thursday-Saturday, July 26 -28: US Mennonite Brethren National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah

SERVE

NFC's Rummage Sale is coming soon! Saturday, June 9 at 7:00 a.m. Start saving up your donations that are in **good, clean, newer working condition.** **Items that sell well** are tools, clothing, shoes, furniture, pots and pans, sets of dishes, silverware, small working appliances, linens (mark the size), jewelry, working TVs. To help set up, come on Friday, June 8 at 9:00 a.m.

The Portugal Team is coming and we need some people to help make their stay in California a fantastic experience. **We are looking for drivers, hosts for meals, donations for groceries and day trip expenses.** We also need baby supplies (diapers, a portable crib/pack-n-play, and high chair). Please contact Vickie K or Jill J or more information.

VBS (Vacation Bible School) Volunteers Needed – We are looking for talented people (going into 7th grade and older) who love kids and love to be creative through art, drama, games, music, snacks, and science as we partner with Pastor Marques and his Portugal team. NFC's VBS "Passport to Portugal" is from Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. If you are interested in making a difference this summer, contact Pastor Connie.

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.

Thrift on Blackstone (a Thrift shop run by West Coast Mennonite Central Committee {MCC} and Fresno Area Community Enterprises {FACE}) is open. The address is 6687 N. Blackstone Suite 105, Fresno. South of Herndon Avenue near the Leslie Pool Supplies. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. If you would like to volunteer contact Ilone K, store manager (559-672-0977 or thriftonblackstone@gmail.com).

NFC has a collection box in the Lobby cabinet for Box Tops for Education that are on retail products. If you don't already collect Box Tops for Education for a school, you can give them to **NFC to help Robinson Elementary with their efforts.** Contact Marcy B for more information.

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.

Attendance for May 20, 2018: 296

Offering for General Budget for May 20, 2018: \$19,753

Worship Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 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: *“How Great Thou Art”*

CALL TO WORSHIP: Responsive Reading Pastor Milt & Congregation

“Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymn #267

COMMUNITY LIFE: The Spirit at Work in Our Neighborhoods

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Connie

WELCOME & GREETING

*Children, 3 years through 2nd grade, are invited to Children’s Church.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Sing to the King”*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

“The Solid Rock” Choir
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
“Father of Lights”

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

MESSAGE: *“Obligated”* Pastor James

“Holy Spirit”

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pastor Milt F & Tim N, Worship Leaders

Larry W, Piano

Michael N, Trombone

Evelyn K, Organ

Daniel N, Percussion

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 on the 1st floor of the Ed Building. Children in 3rd – 6th grades are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 in the Ed Building.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Peter and Cheryl S, Brendan and Jason; Kayley S; Ron and Shawna S; Karen Surratt, Isaiah; and Rick and Kim T, Jordin, Emma and Derrick.**

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Carrie K, Jonathan N, Nalynn N, Sandy O, Tammy S, Lizzie T, and Richard U.**

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Loren and Tonia and family** 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.

Please 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 members are: 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. the last Sunday of most months. The next one will be Sunday, June 24. 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** (on Bullard Ave., between Angus and N. 1st Street) and **Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church**, a sister MB (Mennonite Brethren) Church that meets in the area. Pray that God would bless and use them for effective Kingdom work and to help meet the needs of the community.

Pray for **Otto and Marjorie E, our partner missionaries with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Lisbon, Portugal.** Pray for Otto and Marjorie as they mentor pastors and leaders from five different churches.

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 at office@northfresnochurch.org or post on NFC’s Facebook page.

