

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. We celebrate communion.

Next week, Pastor James preaches on Ezekiel's valley.

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. For Adults: *Book of Acts* – Room 207; *The Gospel in Life* – Room 309; *Discovering Christ and the Church* (Baptism and Membership) – Room 301; *Sharing on Reconciliation* – Room 208 C. See insert for more information about these adult Sunday School classes.

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

The NFC Community Carnival is Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer running a game, helping with food, set-up, tear down, or donations. Sign ups are in the Lobby or email Kelly K. Please pray for a wonderful event that will bless our neighbors and community.

The Board of Administration is organizing a team to help plan NFC's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2019. If you want to be involved, or have someone to recommend to join this planning team, please contact Randy M, Moderator.

FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) Newsletter, Summer 2017 edition, is available in the Lobby TODAY.

Coming Events:

Sunday, October 8, 12:30 p.m.: 'Town Hall' Meeting for NFC families regarding our Children's Pastor search

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.: 'Town Hall' Meeting for NFC families regarding our Children's Pastor search

Sunday, October 22, 9:45 a.m.: Congregational Meeting to Vote to Affirm the Revised By Laws & Articles of Incorporation

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

The NFC Children's Pastor Search Team would like your input and discernment in the search process. Please participate by completing an online survey and coming to one of the 'Town Hall' meetings. If you have any questions or comments in regard to the search, please contact Jill Brooks, search team chair, at children@northfresnochurch.org or (559) 260-3192.

- 1. Pastoral Search Survey:** Please complete the survey by Sunday, October 15.
- 2. 'Town Hall' Meetings:** The NFC Children's Pastor Search Team is holding two 'Town Hall' meetings to give an update on the search process, and to gather your input on our Children's Ministry and our desired pastoral candidate. Please join the search team for lunch on **Sunday, October 8, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 309** or on **Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202. Child care is provided.**

All are invited to a dinner and program highlighting church planting projects on Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church, hosted by the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Tickets are available for \$20 per person. Contact the Pacific District Conference Office (453-2082 or robin.turner@fresno.edu).

Check out the new Micah Project 2017-2018 intern pictures in the Lobby! And while you are there, **pick up a Micah Project sticker for \$1.**

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.

Podcasts of past NFC sermons are available at podbean.com (search 'North Fresno Church') and iTunes. Our worship services are digitally recorded.

"I and Tonia and family would like to thank the congregation for all their support during this time of loss. We appreciate the words of encouragement, prayers and acts of kindness." **Pastor Loren D.**

Attendance for September 24, 2017: 341

Offering for General Budget for September 24, 2017: \$7,254

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.

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203

5th-6th Grade: Room 208 A

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

Kind.-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 Acts: Room 207

Sharing on Reconciliation: Room 208 C

The Gospel of Life: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

Discovering Christ & the Church: Room 301

(Membership & Baptism Class)

THIS WEEK AT NFC: OCTOBER 1 – 7

Monday

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.

AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday – Saturday

Christian Community Development Association Conference in Detroit, Michigan

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children (ages 4 to 6th grade),

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

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

Thursday

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

Women's AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Saturday

Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Ken and Janie W; Norm and Lollie W; Katie W; Stacie W; Dora W; Tong Y, Violet, Kyren, Jasmine, Nicholas, Mia, and Adrian; and Hannah Y.**

Pray for **Marie F** as she grieves the death of her husband, **Don**. The memorial service for **Don F** will be this **Thursday, October 5** at Palm Village Retirement Center Chapel in Reedley at **10:00 a.m.**

Pray for **Paul Q** as he recuperates from surgery.

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

NFC, COMMUNITY, AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for **EDGE (Junior High) and ROCK (High School) students, Pastor Vanna, and adult volunteers** as they are on their beach retreat this weekend.

Pray for the **Micah Project Interns; Alex C, Jessica C, Haley M, Karina R, Julia R, and Stacie W** and **Pastor Rhonda D**, Micah Project Director, as they attend the annual Christian Community Development Association's National Conference in Detroit, Michigan from October 3-8. Pray for safety as they travel, health, and an open spirit for all that they will learn and experience during this time.

Pray for **Pastor James and Kelly K** who are in **Lisbon, Portugal** until **October 4**. They are traveling with two pastors from Neighborhood Church, Visalia. They are praying, planning, and preparing with the Lisbon churches as the churches prepare to send a team to NFC next summer, 2018.

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **New Heights Church**, (at the corner N. Fresno St. and Sierra Ave.) and **New Hope Church**, 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 **Greg and Sara A** and family, **NFC partner missionaries with InterVarsity, as they serve in Eastern Europe**. Pray for them as Greg teaches English and they befriend students.

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, OCTOBER 1, 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 Evelyn K

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymn #43

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

"Majesty" Hymn #74

"Almighty, Unchangeable God" Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY/OFFERING: *"The Love of God"* Larry W

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:23-32

"Take My Life and Let it Be" Hymn #379, v. 1, 2, 4, 6

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

SHARING BY CONGREGATION

COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Hymn #607

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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Victory in Jesus"

"Marvelous Light"

OFFERING

WELCOME & GREETING

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PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Oh, How Good It Is"

"Grace that Is Greater"

"Give Us Clean Hands"

SHARING BY CONGREGATION

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"Come As You Are"

"Shine"

SENDING

POSTLUDE

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

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