

# Announcements

## WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Our focus is on peace. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and the NFC children lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. Pastor James preaches.

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and our focus is on joy. Pastor James will preach.

*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

**Join in the Advent Conspiracy with others at NFC** as we 1) worship fully, 2) spend less, 3) give more, and 4) love all. By giving one less gift this Christmas, we can use the money we save to love others who have less. **Come, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to adults, to the Advent Conspiracy Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. TODAY and next week in Room 309 (ROCK Room).**

**Grief Share, TODAY, December 10 starts at 4:00 p.m.** so we may attend the *Soup, Sweets, and Socks* event. Anyone can join at any time.

**Everyone is invited to *Soup, Sweets, and Socks*, TODAY, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Center.** Enjoy warm soup, sweets, and bring socks for women and children at the Light-House Recovery Center. **Contact Kristina N** if you would like to help serve, set up, or clean up.

**Everyone is invited to Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 a.m.** NFC Christmas choir and worship team will lead us in worship. We will have one combined worship service in the morning on December 24 and then the Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service in the evening at 6:00 p.m.

**Rejoice! Devotionals** are in the Lobby for the quarter starting in December. The cost is \$5.75. The box for donations is above the devotionals.

### Coming Events:

**This Evening, December 10, 5:30 p.m.:** Soup, Sweets, and Socks

**Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m.:** Festival of Lessons and Carols with NFC Choir and Worship Team

**Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## SERVE

**Thank you to Mike K for designing the Advent banners of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love** that are hanging in the Sanctuary.

**Thank you to Gary and Susan G for hosting a Christmas Dessert for the NFC pastors, staff, and interns last Friday.**

**NFC Christmas Choir rehearsal is this Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

**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.

**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.** For more information, contact Marcy B.

**NFC staff sends out a weekly email with information for the church family.** To subscribe to it, email Russ at [rlee@northfresnochurch.org](mailto:rlee@northfresnochurch.org).

**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.

**If you shop on Amazon.com,** you can go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1728463> and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to North Fresno Church by Amazon.

**Financial Update** – As we near the end of 2017, please consider how you can give financially to Kingdom ministry here at North Fresno Church. This year we need to receive \$96,000 in December to meet our budget. To date, we have \$77,412 remaining. For contributions to be tax deductible in 2017, the IRS requires that gifts be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31. You may give online by going to our website [www.northfresnochurch.org](http://www.northfresnochurch.org).

**Attendance for December 3, 2017: 321**

**Offering for General Budget for December 3, 2017: \$18,588**

# 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>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 309

**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 309

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS THROUGH ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.**

Advent Conspiracy: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

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

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

## THIS WEEK AT NFC: DECEMBER 10 – 16

**TODAY**

Grief Share, 4:00 p.m.

Soup, Sweets, and Socks, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday**

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

**Tuesday**

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.

Children's Council, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship Committee, 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**

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.

NFC Leadership Board, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday**

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Memorial Service of Jonas H, 6:00 p.m.

ROCK LOCK-in Starts, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

ROCK Lock-in Ends, 7:00 a.m.

# Prayer Connection

## NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Ron and Joann F; Walter and Nancee F; Mike and Sheryl F, Alexis; Kathy F, Pierra K; Ken and Pat F; and Matt and Beverly F, Josiah, Bethany and Lilly.**

Pray for **Jennie H and the Jonas H family as they grieve the death of Jonas, Jennie's husband and member of NFC.** The viewing is at Farewell Funeral Services in Fresno this Thursday, December 14 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The graveside service is at Smith Mountain Cemetery in Dinuba at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 15. **The memorial service is at NFC this Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

## NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Rhonda and Kevin and family** as Rhonda gives leadership at NFC as Micah Project Director. Pray that God will give her wisdom, strength, love, and energy.

**The pastors and the Congregational Care Team host a time of healing prayer** in the Conference Room at 9:45 a.m. on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, just come.

## COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Hope Lutheran Church** (at the corner of Barstow Ave. and N. Fresno St.) and **Mountain View Centro Cristiano**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in the 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 **Otto and Marjorie E, our partner missionaries with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Lisbon, Portugal.** Thank God for those who have come to the Lord and become pillars of faith in their churches through the church clothing bazaar that helps about 100 people monthly.

*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.*