

# Announcements

## WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1<sup>st</sup> Service, Pastor Milt and the choir lead worship and music. Jeremy Hofer and worship team lead worship and music in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. Pastor James preaches. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, and John 3:14-21. We celebrate communion in both services. We commission Pastor Connie N as Associate Pastor of Children's Ministry.

Next Sunday Pastor James preaches. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, and John 12:20-33.

*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

**The book of Ephesians declares** that the power of God can restore our broken world and empower believers to live a life of victory rather than defeat. **Come discuss this amazing letter written by Apostle Paul beginning TODAY, March 11 in Room 202 at 10:00 a.m. and facilitated by James C.**

**Everyone is invited to the Portugal Missions Fundraising Luncheon TODAY, March 11 at 11:00 a.m. and 12:25 p.m. in the Family Center.** Our partner churches in Lisbon, Portugal are sending a team here in July to serve and learn. Come, give, and pray to help this team come to Fresno. See insert.

**Come hear NFC new members share their faith stories this Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room).** Those giving their testimonies are Rachel J and Kristine K. All are invited.

**Recruitment for Micah Project Year 6 is underway!** Application deadline is Tuesday, March 13. Contact Pastor Rhonda, Micah Project Director, or go to [themicahproject.wordpress.com](http://themicahproject.wordpress.com) for more information.

**NFC Men: Come to the Men's Breakfast at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant** (3851 N. Blackstone, Fresno) this Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 a.m. Larry W will lead the discussion on chapter 1.

**Egg roll making!** ROCK (High School) and EDGE (Junior High) youth groups will be making egg rolls this Saturday, March 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the kitchen for the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale in April. If you are interested in donating ingredients or volunteering, contact Marly I.

**The annual Easter Eggstravaganza is Friday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Robinson Park (south of North Fresno Church, on E. Browning). Come enjoy music, games, activities, and a children's egg hunt.** Please bring

individually wrapped non-chocolate candy to the Lobby or the Office for our children's egg hunt. Contact Kelly K or Pastor Connie to volunteer for the Eggstravaganza.

**NFC's Primetime invites everyone to hear Cindy W, who is part of NFC, share about quilting on Friday, March 23 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** See insert for more information.

### Coming Events:

**Friday, March 30, 2:00 p.m.:** Easter Eggstravaganza at Robinson Park (Helpers can sign up in the Lobby)

**Sunday, April 1, 6:45 a.m.:** Easter Sunrise Service at John and Karen W's residence

**Sunday, April 1, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.:** Easter Worship Services and Baptisms in 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

## SERVE

**Missionary letters from Doris G, and from Greg and Sara A** are in the Lobby.

Come gather with others to make **verenika this Saturday, March 17 for sale at the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale 8:00 a.m.** at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church (1362 L St.).

**Vision for Mission Dessert Night is next Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Butler Ave. Mennonite Brethren Church (4884 E. Butler, Fresno).** Come hear Randy Friesen, General Director of MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission.

Come **Tuesday, March 20 to the US Mennonite Brethren Conference's LEAD One Event at Butler Mennonite Brethren Church** (4884 E. Butler in Fresno). Register at [www.usmb.org/lead-one-events](http://www.usmb.org/lead-one-events).

**West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at Fresno Pacific University.** You can eat different ethnic foods and buy quilts, baked goods, art, and plants among many other things at the Sale.

**Pat Unruh is recruiting volunteers to make zwieback on April 6-7 at the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale at Fresno Pacific University.** If you can help, call, text, or email Pat U.

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

**The flowers in the Sanctuary TODAY are given by Mark and Cindy W and Ron and Debbie B** in loving memory of their grandson, **Caleb Aaron W.**

**Attendance for March 4, 2018: 339**

**Offering for General Budget for March 4, 2018: \$16,230**

# 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.

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

### CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

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

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

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Room 302

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

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

Discovering Christ & the Church (Baptism & Membership): Room 301

Bridges – Befriending Muslims: Room 309

Book of Ephesians: Room 202

## THIS WEEK AT NFC: MARCH 11 – 17

### Sunday

Portugal Mission Fundraising Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. & 12:25 p.m.

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

NFC Pastor & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Worship Team Rehearsal, Stewardship Committee

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

### Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, EDGE (Jr. High),

ROCK (High School), Men's and Women's Bible Studies,

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.

NFC Leadership Board, 6:30 p.m.

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

Basketball, 8:00 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 Alvena L; Leola L; Doug and Suzanne L; Randy and Jamie M, Audrey, Isaac, Violet and Isaiah; and Eric and Krista M, Ashlyn.**

Pray for **Bob and Elaine F and family as they grieve the death of their son-in-law, Andrew H.** Andrew passed away on March 6 at the age of 56 in British Columbia.

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

## NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Connie and Bret N and family** as Connie is commissioned as Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries at NFC. Pray for her as she leads, trains, teaches, and encourages our children, their families, and volunteers.

Pray for **ROCK (High School) students, volunteer leaders and Pastor Vanna** as they come back from ROCK winter camp at Noon today.

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 or contact Pastor James.

## COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Community United Church of Christ** (at the corner of Browning & N. Fresno St.) and **Iglesia Hermanos Menonita – West Park**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in Fresno. 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 **Bob D who is a NFC partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in North America and Southeast Asia.** Pray for Bob as he resources church leaders in Southeast Asia and communicates with many churches in North America.

*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 [office@northfresnochurch.org](mailto:office@northfresnochurch.org) or post on NFC's Facebook page.*

# First Service

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 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.

PRELUDE Evelyn K

“We Gather Together” Hymn #561

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

“Lift High the Cross” Hymn #304

“God So Loved the World” Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: “Reflections” by Brahms Larry W

COMMISSIONING OF PASTOR CONNIE NICHOLSON

BIBLE READING: Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

“In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him” Hymn #557, vs. 1, 3

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

BIBLE READING: John 3:14-21

MESSAGE: “Complaints, Confession, and the Cross” Pastor James

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” Hymn #106, vs. 1, 3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Evelyn K

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, MARCH 11, 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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP “Forever”

OFFERING “Stir In Me”

PORTUGAL MISSIONS TEAM VIDEO

COMMISSIONING OF PASTOR CONNIE N

WELCOME AND GREETING

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

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team  
“Your Love Never Fails”  
“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”  
“Jesus Paid It All”

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

MESSAGE: “Complaints, Confession, and the Cross” Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team  
“Marvelous Light”

SENDING

+ 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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