

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! May you have a blessed Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, and Mark 16:1-8. Pastor James preaches. We celebrate communion in both services. Rachel J and Kristine K are being baptized in the 2nd Service.

Next week, Pastor James preaches. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, and John 20:19-31.

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 three Adult Sunday School classes today at 10:00 a.m. are Book of Jeremiah with Donn R facilitating in Room 207, **Book of Ephesians** with James C facilitating in Room 202, and **Sharing on Reconciliation** with Grant J-W and Susan G facilitating in Room 208 C.

Women of Worth (Widow's Small Group) will not meet TODAY due to Easter. **They will meet next on Sunday, May 6.** Contact Jenny A if you have questions.

Everyone is invited to Wednesday evening programs this Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. For Children: Explore (Ed Building), **For Junior High Students:** EDGE (Room 301) **and Senior High Students:** ROCK (Room 309). **For Adults:** Women's Bible Study will be starting an in-depth manuscript study of the Book of Ephesians (Room 207) and Men's Bible Study (Room 203). **For Singers:** Choir (Choir Room).

Celebrate what God has been up to in NFC's Youth and Children's Ministries at My Story: A storytelling and fundraising luncheon on Sunday, April 15 at 12:25 p.m. in the Family Center. Come hear our students and teachers share what they have learned this school year through story, song, and sharing. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for summer camp and the National Youth Convention in spring of 2019.

NFC's Primetime is having The Gilly Girls Concert and Soup Dinner on Friday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. The Gilly Girls Band is a bluegrass, southern Gospel, and old-time string band. **Contact Sheryl F** for more information.

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

Coming Events:

Friday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.: Primetime Event, Gilley Girls Concert and Soup. Tickets are \$10 per person

Sunday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.: Taco Truck Dinner and farewell to Pastor Steve and Anne and family

SERVE

Thank you to everyone who gave and helped out with the Easter Eggstravaganza Friday afternoon at Robinson Park.

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.

Parking Lot Reminder – As you arrive at NFC at any time, please respect the parking stalls reserved for handicapped parking. If you do not have a handicap placard on your vehicle, do not park or idle in a handicap parking stall.

Volunteers are needed this Thursday afternoon, April 5 to slice meat for the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale. Please call Rod M for more information or to volunteer.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is this Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at Fresno Pacific University. Enjoy a quilt auction, country store, outside auction, silent auction, 5k run, and activities for children. Eat some ethnic Mennonite, Mexican, Filipino food, a pancake breakfast, and more. All proceeds support the ongoing work of Mennonite Central Committee (an organization in support of peace and justice in the name of Christ). For more information, see brochures in the Lobby, call (559) 638-691 or visit Facebook at "West Coast MCC Sale."

West Coast Mennonite Men's 150 Voice Chorus is performing this Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Riverpark Bible Church in Fresno and **next Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church.** There will be a free will offering at each concert.

Godspell, a musical based on the gospel of Matthew, is April 6-8 at Cornerstone Church. Emily B, NFC member, and Chelsea W, former NFC youth ministry intern, are in the show. Tickets are FREE! For more information and to reserve tickets, visit www.ctc-fresno.com or contact Emily.

Building Leaders 4 Peace Camp is coming here to Fresno from June 27 through July 3 for young adults (18 and older). Registration is until June 13. For more information, contact Thomas Adlard at 638-6911 or at thomasadlard@mcc.org.

Attendance for March 25, 2018: 287

Offering for General Budget for March 25, 2018: \$8,699

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.

5th-6th Grade: Room 208

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

Kind.-2nd Grade: Room 102

3rd-4th 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

Book of Ephesians: Room 202

Sharing on Reconciliation: Room 208 C

THIS WEEK AT NFC: APRIL 1-7

Sunday

Baptisms, 11:00 a.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.

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children up to 6th grade, EDGE (Jr. High), ROCK (High School),

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale at FPU, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

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

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale at FPU, 7:00 a.m.

West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus at Riverpark Bible Church, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Judy M; Michael N; Tim and Tracy N, Daniel; Jonathan N; Hank and Jeanette N; and Terron and Kristina N, Kinnedy, Madux and Brixton.**

Pray for **Carla and Chuck B** as they grieve the death of Carla's father, **Virgil Goosen**. He died on March 21 and his memorial service was held on Thursday, March 29.

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 Rhonda and Kevin and family** as Pastor Rhonda gives leadership at NFC as Micah Project Director. Pray that God will give her wisdom, 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 or contact Pastor James.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **1st Chinese Baptist Church** (on N. Angus, just north of Bullard Ave.) and **Mountain View Community Church**, 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 **Pastor Marques and Celma (and their baby daughter, Eliana) M, leaders of the Portugal Missions Team** coming to NFC this July. Pray for the other members of the team – **Edi, Felipe, Sara, and Tatiana**. Pray that Sara and Tatiana will receive their documents they need to travel to the US.

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 or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 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: *“Christ Is Arisen”* Stephen V & Larry W
“Christ the Lord Is Risen”
Tone Poem: *“Resurrection Morning”*

BIBLE READING: Mark 15:40-47 Carol J
“Christ Arose” Hymn #216

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 25:6-9 Larry M

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118
“Crown Him with May Crowns” Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”* Stephen V
“Worthy Is the Lamb” Choir

BIBLE READING: Mark 16:1-8 Hedy P
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Hymn #217

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

MESSAGE: *“The End of the Story?”* Pastor James

COMMUNION

“Thine Is the Glory” Hymn #227

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Triumphal March”* Stephen V

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, APRIL 1, 2018

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Mark 15:42-16:8
“Because He Lives” Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

BAPTISMS Kristine K and Rachel J
“Let God Arise”
“Chainbreaker”

OFFERING

WELCOME AND GREETING

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC
“We Believe”
“Revelation Song” Worship Team

MESSAGE: *“The End of the Story?”* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

COMMUNION
“Come as You Are”
“Amen”

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

SENDING

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

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 accompanied by a parent or a guardian are invited to Children’s Church on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Children in 3rd – 6th grades are invited to stay for the whole service.