

Announcements

WORSHIP

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

Next Sunday, Don M, US Mennonite Brethren National Director, is preaching.

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

TODAY the three Adult Sunday School classes at 10:00 a.m. are *The Book of Jeremiah* in Room 207 with Donn R teaching, *Sharing on Reconciliation* in Room 208 C with Grant J-W and Susan G facilitating, and *Introduction to 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting* in Room 309 facilitated by Pastor Loren.

Women of Worth (NFC Widows' Group) meets **TODAY, January 7 at 12:45 p.m.** at the home of Grace W. Please call for more information. We will discuss the book, *Widow's Might* chapters 1-3.

Grief Share restarts THIS EVENING at 5:30 p.m. in the NFC Conference Room. Anyone can join at any time.

Wednesday evening programs are restarting this Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. **For Children:** Explore for Children (Ed Building). **For Junior High and Senior High Students:** EDGE (Room 301) and ROCK (Room 309). **For Adults:** Women's Bible Study (Room 207) and Men's Bible Study (Room 203). **For Singers:** Choir (Choir Room).

NFC is joining other Fresno/Clovis churches to start the 2018 year with 21 Days (January 8-28) of Prayer and Fasting. Prayer and fasting guides are in the Lobby as are a list of churches that will have daily evening prayer meetings during this time.

Sunday, January 21 is the Combined Service, congregational business meeting, and all church luncheon. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. The congregational meeting will follow and includes a financial summary of 2017 and a proposed 2018 budget. **Copies of the proposed 2018 budget are available in the Lobby. All are invited to the luncheon at 12:30 p.m.**

Coming Events:

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. – Wednesday Evening Programs
Restart for All Ages

Sunday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. – Combined Service followed by
Congregational Business Meeting

SERVE

Some of the quilts NFC quilters have made for this year's West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale are now showing in the Art Gallery in the Lobby. You can get a small taste of what will be happening on April 6 – 7 at the Sale and Auction at Fresno Pacific University.

Reading the Bible in 2018 – There are two different Bible reading plans on a table in the Lobby for those that want to use them in 2018.

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

Missionary letters from Greg and Sara A, and Bob D are in the Lobby.

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.

Inviting all men who love to sing: Come to the kickoff barbeque for 2018 West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church (1362 L St.) starting at 4:00 p.m. with registration on Saturday, January 20. Monday evening practices begin on January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church. Contact Pastor Milt, Leon T, or Gerald K for more information.

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.

Thanks for your generous giving in 2017. A full update will be given on Sunday, January 21 at the Congregational Business Meeting.

Attendance for December 31, 2017: 212

Offering for General Budget for December 31, 2017: \$13,556

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

Introduction to 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting: Room 309

Sharing on Reconciliation: Room 208 C

THIS WEEK AT NFC: JANUARY 7 - 13

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, 6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children,

EDGE, ROCK, Men's &

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

Thursday

Spiritual Ministries Committee, 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.

Friday – Monday

Micah Project Winter Retreat

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Lydia G, Elliot; Judy G; Don and Nancy G; Mike and Harriet G; Tony G; Monica G, Xavier, Dominic, and Sallie; Bill H; and Phil H.**

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 Micah Project Interns **Alex C, Jessica C, Haley M, Karina R, Julie R, Stacie W, and Pastor Rhonda** as they will be on a winter retreat this weekend, January 12 – 15.

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, **First Chinese Baptist Church** (on Angus, just north of Bullard) and **New Hope Church**, 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 **Greg and Sara A and family**, as **Greg and Sara are NFC partner missionaries in Europe.** Pray for them as they befriend students and neighbors. A prayer letter from Greg and Sara is in the Lobby.

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

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 Congregation & Leader

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hymn #1

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

“As With Gladness Men of Old” Hymn #163

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Vanna

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“We Three Kings”* and *“Give of Your Best”* (Combined)
Larry W

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Congregation
(to the tune of Hymn #174)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

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

MESSAGE: *“Road Trip!”* Pastor James

COMMUNION

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Hymn #138, v. 3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Evelyn K

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagery 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, JANUARY 7, 2018

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Land of My Father”
“Grace Wins”

OFFERING

“I Hear the Bells on Christmas Day”

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Vanna

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PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

“Eternal One”
“Apostles’ Creed”
“We Believe”

MESSAGE: *“Road Trip!”* Pastor James

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

“Come As You Are”
“Land of My Father”

SENDING

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

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