

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! 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. Pastor James continues our sermon series *Following Jesus at NFC*. Connie N, Candidate for Associate Pastor of Children's Ministries, shares her story. We celebrate communion in both services.

Next Sunday Pastor James preaches.

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

All are invited to the Sunday School series exploring our core distinctives as followers of Jesus at NFC. This class parallels Pastor James' sermon series. **Come to Room 309 at 10:00 a.m.** to join the discussion.

Everyone is invited to the luncheon today at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Center to get to know Connie N, our Associate Pastor of Children's Ministries candidate. There will be time for questions and answers.

Baptism and Membership: If you are interested in baptism and/or membership at NFC please contact Pastor Loren or join the *Following Jesus at NFC* Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room).

Women of Worth (Widow's Small Group) meets TODAY, February 4 for the Candidating Pastor Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Center. After the luncheon we will meet in the Conference Room to discuss chapters 3 – 6.

Grief Share will not meet THIS EVENING. Our last session will be next Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Call Jenny A if you have questions.

Girls Night In for 5th – 8th grade girls is this Friday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Julie M's home. For more information, please contact Jamie M, Interim Children's Ministries Director.

Recruitment for Micah Project Year 6 is underway! Application deadline is March 13. Contact Rhonda Dueck, Micah Project Director, or go to themicahproject.wordpress.com for more information.

Domino King Tournament is next Sunday, February 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Center. The cost to register is \$80 for a team of 2 and \$40 for an individual. This tournament is to raise money for NFC youth. Contact Pastor Vanna to register.

In preparation for Men's Breakfast (Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant) **on Thursday, February 15** at 6:30 a.m., contact **Bill H** for a book.

Coming Events:

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.: Discovery: A Comic Lament here at NFC

SERVE

Associate Pastor Candidating Schedule for Connie N:

TODAY, February 4

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Connie sharing in both services

10:00 a.m. With the children in Sunday School

12:30 p.m. Luncheon in the Family Center. Opportunity for Q & A.

If you have any questions contact Jill B, search team chair, or Pastor James.

Any parents interested in participating in a parent/child dedication in the next few months, please contact Jamie M, Interim Children's Ministry Director, or Pastor James.

NFC sends out a weekly email with information for the church family. To subscribe to it, email Mike K.

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.

Discovery: A Comic Lament will be performed by Ted & Company Theater Works on Friday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. here at NFC. Adult ticket is \$10.

The Reformation and the Twenty-First Century Church Lecture Series is February 27-March 1. Robert C. S, Professor at Christian Theological Seminary, and John D. R, Professor at Goshen College, will give the lectures. For more information, contact Dr. Lynn J.

The West Coast Mennonite Men's 120 Voice Chorus concerts include Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Riverpark Bible Church in Fresno and Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church in Reedley. A freewill offering will be taken for Mennonite Disaster Service.

"Thank for your cards, thoughts, prayers, and support on the passing of our dad/papa, Bret's father, Glenn M. We appreciate the love we have felt from our church family." **Brett and Michelle M, and Mitchell**

Attendance for January 28, 2018: 308

Offering for General Budget for January 25, 2018: \$21,086

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.

Following Jesus at NFC: Room 309

THIS WEEK AT NFC: FEBRUARY 4 – 10

Sunday

Getting to Know Associate Pastoral Candidate,
Connie Nicholson, Luncheon, 12:30 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.
Worship Team Rehearsal, 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.

Saturday

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

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Elizabeth J-W; Grant and MaryLyn J-W; David and Valerie E K; Frieda K; Bret and Sue K; and Jason and Kristina K.**

Pray for **Dotty and Al W, Jennifer and Peter O, Bethany and Rachel** as Jerry P, Dotty's brother and Jennifer's uncle, died recently.

Pray for **Bob and Elaine F**, as Jim F, Bob's brother, died recently.

Pray for **Evelyn and John S, Morgan and Tyler**, as Evelyn's father, James S, died on Tuesday, January 30.

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

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Steve and Anne and family** as Steve gives leadership at NFC in the areas of worship and music, and Life Groups. Pray that God will give him wisdom, strength, love, and energy.

Pray for **NFC's Children's Pastor search, our candidate, Connie N, and the candidating process.**

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, **New Heights Church** (at the corner of N. Fresno St., and Sierra Ave.) and **Bethany Mennonite Brethren 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 **PK and C who are NFC partner missionaries with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Southeast Asia.** Pray for them as they mentor many pastors and leaders.

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 NFC Office or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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: *"Fugue in A minor"* by Bach Stephen V
"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" by Williams

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymn #43

GREETING Pastor Milt

"We Are God's People" Hymn #283

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"He Hideth My Soul"* by Kirkpartrick
"Beautiful Savior" Choir

SHARING BY CONNIE N, PASTORAL CANDIDATE

"Oh, How Good It Is" Congregation
*Children, 3 years through 2nd Grade, are invited to Children's Church.**

MESSAGE: *"Community Is the Center of Our Lives"* Pastor James

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNION

"In Christ There Is No East or West" Hymn #285, v. 1, 2, 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* by Hustad 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.

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP
"We Believe"

OFFERING

SHARING BY CONNIE N, PASTORAL CANDIDATE

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Deliverer"
"Victory in Jesus"
"Oh, How Good It Is"

MESSAGE: *"Community Is the Center of Our Lives"* Pastor James

PASSING THE PEACE

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Make Us One"

COMMUNION

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Revelation Song"
"Shine"

SENDING

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

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