



## August has arrived!

I hope this month's newsletter finds you and your family well!

We're gearing up this month for our Fall Ministries! We're heading into fall with a bunch of ideas and would LOVE your involvement as God is moving in our Children's Ministry. **All our volunteer needs are listed in PURPLE** so as you read through the below newsletter to stay connected with events and opportunities for you and your child, also be sensitive to the drawing of the Spirit on your heart for a specific ministry to get involved in. We'd love for everyone who calls North Fresno Church their home, to be involved in service here. Last Sunday, Phil Skei made a statement that I really liked, "May the time we are gathered lead us to how we are to be scattered." As we are growing in the love of God, that love expands to those nearest us and then works it's way through us to our NFC Neighborhood and beyond. I remember when I was pregnant with my second child and wondered if I could love another child as much as I love my first child. What I've since discovered is that love does not divide- but expands...exponentially! As we practice love among us through service, our love blossoms and grows to include others! I so appreciate that North Fresno is a church that is making an active difference in our community, but I also see the need to continue to invest in our church family as well. Please call, email, or text me anytime with questions, ideas or concerns with how to grow in service among us so we be better serve outside of us!



In both our Children's Church Services we are continuing our study of the Life of Jesus through Group Curriculum. Each Sunday, our children hear a story from the Life of Jesus, enjoy a snack, make a related craft, work on memorizing a related scripture and then pray together. The time is QUICK as we have fun together and make relationships with one another!

**8:30 Service** - We are in need of **one 1st Service Children's Church Teacher**.

**11:00 Service** - We are in need of **five 2nd Service MVP (Memory Verse & Prayer) Leaders and one Craft Leader**. The MVP Room used to be our "Game" Station, but it's undergone some transformation and now includes space for following up with the weekly Memory Verse and also teaching children to pray for one another. Sometimes a wiggly activity is included as time allows. If you love prayer and helping children learn Bible Verses, this would be a fun place to serve! Our leader's serve two Sundays in a row out of a ten-week schedule. We'd love to have you join us!



Where kids learn with our heads,  
grow with our hearts, and serve with our hands.

Our Fall Sunday School will start back up again on Sunday, September 16th! We have a planned combined service on September 9th and then the following Sunday will begin our Fall routine. Though we've combined age-groups for summer (a shout-out to Carol Jones for continuing to teach our Preschool class all through the summer months and Christa Wiens for picking up a few Sundays for the K-2nd!), we'd like to get back to our age-focused classes. These smaller "school" environments are the places where deeper faith foundation and relationships are made. Our teachers teach through the Mennonite Brethren, SHINE, curriculum during the 2018-19 School Year. It would be awesome to find a few parents/adults to work in teams so the responsibility can be shared. This 45 minute time goes by so fast, but is important for helping your child solidify their faith and friendships. Our class distribution this year will depend on both child involvement as well as volunteer response.

**Preschool (2-3 people)**  
**K-2nd (2-3 people)**  
**3rd & 4th (2 people)**  
**5th & 6th (2 people)**



I am thrilled to begin our Wednesday ROTATE program on Wednesday, September 5th! Wednesday ROTATE is from 6:30-8:00 p.m. here at North Fresno Church campus. This is a great place for kids to invite friends! We will be using The Meeting House Curriculum which will focus on a specific book of the Bible, beginning with Ephesians, learning about being part of God's Family. Each night, our children will rotate between a Game Station, Video Station, and Small Group Station. The video element includes a My Story and God's Story segment with testimonies from children across the globe living out their faith in service. During our Small Group time, we'll be challenging the kids with life-applications to our faith, sharing our faith with others (Gospel Fluency) and praying for pen-pals from Portugal.

Last year, our Rotate was for children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. We have A LOT of 3 and 4-year old's and I would SO love to involve this young age-group in our ROTATE program. The Little ROTATE group would begin in the Nursery and then get pulled out for a age-appropriate lesson, craft and snack, then return for more free-play time in the Nursery until pick-up. 8:00 can get late for our little ones, so playing at the beginning and end would work best. Children are little sponges at this age and I believe we need to be intentional about involving our 3 and 4-year-old's into our Wednesday learning environment. Let me know if you'd like to help in this age on Wednesday nights!

Here are our Wednesday Rotate Needs:

**Nursery Team (2-3 people)**

**Preschool Leaders (2-3 people)**

**K-2nd Grade Leaders (2 people)**

**3rd-6th Grade Leaders (2 people)**

**Game-Maker (1 person)**

As you can tell, we have lots going on and even more coming up! Be sure to check the NFC Bulletin Board in the downstairs hallway for weekly updates and upcoming events.

Keep sending in your **Flat Jesus** pictures! We have a bunch of cute pics in the hallway showing where Jesus has traveled with us this summer - from our own backyards all the way to Paris!

If you'd like to get involved in our Children's Ministry, I attached our **Volunteer Application** (below). I'll be making some phone calls in the next few weeks to see how you'd like to get involved. :)

If you have a child who will be participating in our Wednesday Night Rotate ministry or any other outside-Sunday event (Community Carnival, Christmas Program, Easter Eggstravaganza, etc...), this coming School Year (Sept.-Aug.) please complete the attached **2018-19 Medical Waiver**.

May God's peace and grace be with you as you enjoy the last few weeks of summer with your children!

With Love,  
Pastor Connie