

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church. Pastor Matt is preaching from Philippians 3:17 – 41. Arnie Prieb is leading music and worship in the 1st Service. We welcome the Bach Youth Chorale directed by Valerie Quiring to both services. Tim Neufeld and team are leading music and worship in the 2nd Service.

Next week Pastor James is preaching. 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13 will be our text for reading and reflection. We will also celebrate communion.

The table at the front of the sanctuary continues to grow with imagery: the burlap signifies humility and repentance, and the ashes our mortality and need for Jesus. Today a lamp is added, which is a sign of waiting diligently and with hope. We will continue to have a prayer station at the cross each Sunday until Easter. It is a place for you to go and pray intentionally for a friend or a loved one that needs a touch from God. A book is located there for you to write the person's name.

Attendance, February 21, 2010: 336
Giving for February 21, 2010: \$9,167

If you are a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here. Please complete a Connecting Card, drop it in the offering bag and visit us at the Welcome Center where a welcome gift awaits you.

CONNECT

Look around and extend a welcome to people around you today. If you don't know their name, introduce yourself and start getting acquainted.

Missions 2010 team meeting is today at 10:00 a.m. in the ROCK Room (Room 309).

Crossroads (college age group) is meeting for dinner today at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Aaron and Christa Wiens
Contact Pastor Matt for more information.

Young Married Group is meeting this evening for dessert at 6:30 p.m. at Corey and Krystal Klaassen's home

ROCK (Senior High) and EDGE (Junior High) students are invited to go bowling at Fresno State this Wednesday, March 3. Bring \$5.00 dollars. Meet at the Taco Bell on Cedar, just north of Shaw at 6:30 p.m. and then be picked up at 9:00 p.m.

Children's Council is meeting this Tuesday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 101.

Missions Update Sunday School class is Sunday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 with Susan Lee Chomi from the Philippines serving with Haggai Ministries.

Mexico Orphanage: Everyone interested in the Mexico Orphanage is invited to a **potluck lunch for a time of fellowship and prayer at the home of Marvin and Mary Ellen Friesen** on Sunday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Fresno/Clovis Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Contact Pastor James if you would like to join him and others from our cities at this inspirational prayer event. Tickets are \$27.50.

NFC's Spring Women's Retreat on March 12 and 13 is at Casa Pacifica in Shaver (Cost \$50.00). There are 2 more openings. Today is the last day to register in the Lobby. Contact Lorlyn Bartel or Carla Blodgett for more details.

Rejoice! Devotionals are available in the Lobby. The cost is \$5.75. The box for donations is attached to the wall just above the devotionals.

SERVE

Help Haiti by buying lemonade in the Family Center after both services today and Sunday, March 7 from the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class. The money raised will go to the Haiti Relief Fund.

Words cannot express our appreciation for the prayers, meals, offers of help, love and generosity from our church family during the recent loss of Paul. He loved this church for 28 years, and we know your hearts ache just like ours do. Thank you all for helping us see God's hand in all of this. **Lori, Jacob, Jeremy, and Kristina Regier**

INTERSECT

All are invited to a Congo benefit dinner to support MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Congo health 5 year campaign. The dinner will be held Saturday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Please RSVP tomorrow to

If you would like to serve and make a difference, Central Valley Joni and Friends invites you to be a one week volunteer helping a person affected by disability from March 29 – April 2 at their Family Retreat. For more information call

Central California Mennonite Residential Services is sponsoring a fundraising concert on Monday, March 22 here at NFC at 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

A Place For YOU To Connect!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes are in the Education Building unless otherwise noted.

NURSERY, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ages 0 – 36 months

CHILDREN, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Preschool

Ages 2-3: Room 103

Ages 4-5: Room 102

CHILDREN, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Elementary

Grades 1-2: Room 101

Grades 3-4: Room 203

Grades 5-6: Room 202

STUDENTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Junior & Senior High

Grades 7-12: Room 302

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

Book of John: Room 207

Discipleship for Single Women: Room 301 A

Discovering Christ and the Church: Room 201

Knowing and Living Your Faith: Room 208

Missions 2010 Teams: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

THIS WEEK AT NFC (FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 6)

Sunday

Crossroads, 5:30 p.m.

Young Married Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Teen Boys Basketball, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Missions 2010 Planning Team, 5:30 p.m.

Assurance Group (Illness Support Group) Open to all, 6:00 p.m.

Missions Commission, March2Manhood, 7:00 p.m.

Men's and Women's A.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Boys Sports Club, 5:00 p.m.

Rotate, Club 56, EDGE, ROCK

Men's and Women's Bible Studies, Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Tutoring Club, 4:00 p.m.

Worship Team Practice, 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday

MCC Fundraiser Dinner for Congo Health, 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: Sharmaine Whitten; James and Eliana Wiebe, Jimmy; Lucille Wiebe; Aaron and Christa Wiens, Charlotte and Levi; Gary and Ruth Wiens; Leland and Grace Wiens; and Mark and Cindy Wiens.

Pray for those who are a part of the NFC community who are looking for employment: **George Akina, Jeff Bryant, Jedidiah Carpentier, Adrian Cumbry, Shilanda Cumbry, Ed Dobbs, Brian Henderer, Dasha Henderer, Cheryl Mimms, and Jorge Rodriguez.** *Contact the church office if you would like your name listed here.*

Pray for those recovering from surgery: **Karen Bowser and Jane Lindberg.**

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Lori Beck, Charles Ewell, Connie Freeland, Susan Harper, Ron Harton, Kris Klein, Vicki Posten, Kay Spencer, Roganne Wegermann, and Leland Wiens.**

Pray for those who are homebound and cannot attend Sunday worship services: **Mary Jane Evans, Dorothy Kroeker, Addie Ollenburger, Edna Quiring, Ina Roth, Garth and Tammy Schmidt and Jane Weisbrodt.**

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray that God would give wisdom, strength, and love to Pastor Krystal and Corey as she leads NFC in children and family ministries.

The pastors and the Board of Spiritual Ministries host **a time of healing prayer** in the Conference Rm. at 9:45 a.m. today and on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, speak to Pastor James or just show up.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for Bob and Chris Davis, our missionaries in Thailand with MBMS/I (Mennonite Brethren Missions Services International) as they lead the TREK team (group of young people on a short term missions assignment) who are working with them. Praise God with Bob and Chris as five people were baptized on February 14. Also on that day, they celebrated with the Thai Christians the 1 year anniversary of the Bethel building at Khlong Luang Peng. For more information, go to

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 Dodds

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. FEBRUARY 28, 2010

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PRELUDE Phyllis Martens

CALL TO WORSHIP *"This Is the Day"* Bach Youth Chorale

WELCOME AND GREETING Arnie Prieb

"He Touched Me" Hymn #504
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Hymn #414

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* Bach Youth Chorale

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Cecilia and
Luke 13:31 – 35 Rebeca Pessoa

"Fill My Cup, Lord" Hymn #398, v. 1, 2
"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" Hymn #515, v. 1, 2
"No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" Hymn #528, v. 1, 2

PRAYER Pastor James

OFFERING *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* Bach Youth Chorale

*Children 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church.**

MESSAGE *"The Paradox of Two Kingdoms"* Pastor Matt

BENEDICTION *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* Bach Youth Chorale

POSTLUDE Phyllis Martens

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Second Service

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11:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 28, 2010

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"O Worship the King"
"You Are Holy"
"I Will Do the Same"

SPECIAL MUSIC Bach Youth Chorale

PRAYER

WELCOME AND GREETING

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

OFFERING *"You Have Saved Us"*
"Our Love Is Loud"

PRAYER

*Children grades 3 – 6 grades are dismissed prior to the message for BLAST.***

MESSAGE *"The Paradox of the Two Kingdoms"* Pastor Matt

RESPONSE *"Sing to the King"* Worship Team

POSTLUDE Worship Team

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