

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church. Pastor James is preaching from 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13. Bob Plett and choir are leading music and worship in the 1st Service. Tim Neufeld and team are leading music and worship in the 2nd Service. We celebrate communion in both services.

Next week Pastor James is preaching. 2 Corinthians 5:16 – 21 will be our text for reading and reflection.

The table at the front of the sanctuary continues to grow with imagery: the burlap signifies humility and repentance, the ashes our mortality and need for Jesus, and a lamp which is a sign of waiting diligently and with hope. Today 30 pieces of silver are added representing the betrayal of Jesus. 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 28, 2010: 447
Giving for February 28, 2010: \$12,613

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.

Next Sunday starts Daylight Savings Time. Before going to sleep on Saturday, put your clocks forward one hour.

Missions Update Class is today at 10:00 a.m. in the ROCK Room (Room 309) with Susan Lee Chomi from the Philippines serving with Haggai Ministries.

Mexico Orphanage: Everyone interested in the El Faro Mexico Orphanage is invited to a **potluck lunch for a time of fellowship and prayer at the home of Marvin and Mary Ellen Friesen** today at 1:00 p.m.

ROCK (Senior High) students: Come spend your Spring Break Wednesday, March 31 – Friday, April 2 building healthy community relationships. Return forms to Pastor Matt or to the Church Office by Sunday, March 21. For a registration packet, check the Student Ministries Tower in the Lobby or with Pastor Matt.

Come one, come all to see "The Amazing Magic of Kenny B" on Friday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. He will use several animals in his bag of tricks.

NFC's monthly newsletter, NFCconnection, is distributed electronically. The March edition is now online. Copies are also available in the Lobby.

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 from the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class. The money raised will go to the Haiti Relief Fund. Thank you for those who purchased lemonade last Sunday.

Please pick up a **package or two of empty Easter Eggs** for the Easter Eggstravaganza. Attached to the packages is a list of items with which they can be filled. Please return them by Palm Sunday, March 28. Thank you for helping out with our Eggstravaganza planned for April 2 at Robinson Park.

INTERSECT

Come help the **Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary on Saturday, March 13 with their Spring Campus Clean-up day** starting at 8:00 a.m. and working until noon. For more details, call

California Mennonite Historical Society Annual Dinner and Meeting is Saturday, March 13 at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary
at 6:00 p.m. Call for reservations or for more information.

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 "Spring Harmonies" on Monday, March 22 here at NFC at 7:00 p.m. There will be performances by local musicians. Contact Ben Jacobs at or if you have questions.

West Coast Mennonite Sale and Auction will be held on April 9 and 10 at Fresno Pacific University. Verenika makers wanted! Volunteers needed on Saturday, March 20 at 8:00 a.m. at Dinuba Mennonite Brethren Church. Call Rose Malamma at **Book and music CD donations for the Sale** may be deposited at the Butler Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church office patio For assistance call

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 Update Class: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

THIS WEEK AT NFC (MARCH 7 – 13)

Monday

Teen Boys Basketball, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Fresno/Clovis Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.

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

Board of Administration, 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, Board of Spiritual Ministries, 6:30 p.m.

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

Friday – Saturday

NFC Women's Retreat at Shaver

Saturday

Doc Downing Big Group Therapy, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: Violet Wigand; Elizabeth Willems; Frank and Betty Willems; Judy Willems; Ken and Janie Willems; Jeremy Winans, Claire and Emily; Dora Wirsche; and Fiona Yamamoto.

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.*

Praise God for the birth of **Jenny Janae Marie Small** on Tuesday, March 2 weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 22 inches. Pray for her parents, Shawn and Priscilla, as they parent and adjust to the changes that having a new born brings.

Pray for Moira Schmidt as she will have knee replacement surgery on Thursday, March 11.

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

The pastors and the Board of Spiritual Ministries host a **time of healing prayer** in the Conference Rm. at 9:45 a.m. 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 Otto and Marjorie Ekk, our missionaries in Portugal with MBMS/I (Mennonite Brethren Missions Services International) as they lead and offer encouragement to the leaders of five churches in the Lisbon area. One of our Summer Missions Teams will be going to help and learn from Otto and Marjorie.

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. MARCH 7, 2010

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PRELUDE Phyllis Martens

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Higher Ground"* Choir

WELCOME Bob Plett

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" Hymn #477, v. 1, 3
"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" Hymn #478, v. 1, 2
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymn #43, v. 1, 3

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:1 – 3; Psalm 63:1 – 8; Leola Loewen
 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13 Walt Heinrichs

SPECIAL MUSIC *"There's Life in Jesus' Name"* Choir

PRAYER

OFFERING *"Close to Thee"* David Dickie
 and Arnie Prieb

"God Will Make a Way" Congregation

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

MESSAGE *"Warning Signs"* Pastor James

COMMUNION
"God Will Make a Way" Congregation

POSTLUDE Phyllis Martens

Infants and toddlers through age 36 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 ages 3 – 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church in Room 101 of the Ed. Bldg.

Second Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M. MARCH 7, 2010

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC *"Forever Faithful"* Worship Team
"Freedom Song"

PRAYER

WELCOME AND GREETING
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WORSHIP AND MUSIC *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* Worship Team
 OFFERING *"I Believe in Jesus"*

"The Wonderful Cross"
 Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13

MESSAGE *"Warning Signs"* Pastor James

COMMUNION
 RESPONSE *"Forever Faithful"* Worship Team

POSTLUDE Worship Team

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