

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. The Bible passage for reading and reflection is Matthew 5:14-16. We welcome Yvette J as she preaches today.

Next week, Pastor James will preach. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Acts 5:1-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, and John 10:11-18.

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

The three Adult Sunday School classes today at 10:00 a.m. are Book of Jeremiah with Donn R facilitating in Room 207, **Book of Ephesians** with James C facilitating in Room 202, and **Parenting Class** with different facilitators each week. **TODAY** the topic is "Love and Logic" (basic discipline principles) with Christa W facilitating in Room 309 (ROCK Room).

Our Youth and Children's Ministries are hosting a "My Story" fundraiser TODAY. Come after 1st Service at 9:30 a.m. to the Family Center to enjoy freshly baked cinnamon rolls and bid on homemade desserts. After 2nd Service at 12:25 p.m. come enjoy sandwiches and bid on more silent auction desserts. Our youth and children will be sharing their stories of how involvement in ministry at NFC has had an impact on their lives. A free will offering will serve to build up the Children/Youth Scholarship Funds to help children/youth participate in upcoming camps and activities.

Parents are invited to participate in a Parenting Class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room). Each week will feature a different presenter and topic geared toward parenting elementary-aged children and younger (though all are welcome).

April 22, "Building a Culture of Connectivity in Your Family" with Pastor Loren;

April 29, "Caring for Children that have Experienced Trauma" with Jamie M & Valerie E K;

See complete list of dates and topics on a table in the Lobby.

NFC Men: Come to the Men's Breakfast at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant (3851 N. Blackstone, Fresno) this Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 a.m. To prepare, please read chapter 2. Contact Bill H, for more information.

A farewell to the Pastor Steve and Anne and family will be on Sunday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Center. All are invited. The Taco Truck will be there. A suggested donation of \$5 per adult and \$2.50 for children 6 to

11 years old. Contact Jamie Mack (974-1734 or jmack@northfresnochurch.org) for more information.

NFC's Primetime is having a Gilly Girls Concert and Soup Dinner on Friday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. The Gilly Girls Band is a bluegrass, southern Gospel, and old-time string band from the foothills nearby. **Contact Sheryl F** or see insert for more information. Buy \$10 tickets in the Lobby after both services today or April 22.

The FACE (Fresno Area Communities Enterprises) Banquet and Auction is coming on Thursday, May 3. The auctions begin at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Tickets will be sold in the Lobby after Sunday services. Tickets are \$15 and child care is \$5. If you have items to donate for our Silent Auction or Dessert Auction, contact Pastor Rhonda. See insert for more information.

Women of Worth (NFC Widows' Small Group) will meet on Sunday, May 6 at 12:45 p.m. in the Tea Room at Eddie's Bakery. They will discuss chapters 10-13 of the book *Widow's Might*. Any questions, contact Jenny A.

Coming Events:

Sunday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.: Taco Truck Dinner and Farewell to Pastor Steve and Anne and family

Friday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.: Primetime Event, Gilley Girls Concert and Dinner Soup. Tickets are \$10 per person

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.: FACE Auction and Banquet

SERVE

The NFC Quilters with their donations of quilts, afghans and tea towels raised \$25,380 for Mennonite Central Committee at the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale on April 6 and 7.

In the Art Gallery, Ruth W and granddaughter Lindsey M N are sharing an exhibit of their underwater photography.

Mennonite Disaster Service California Annual Meeting is Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church (400 Kern St., Shafter).

The 2018 Mental Health and Well Being Conference is Saturday, April 28 and starts at 8:30 a.m. at New Covenant Community Church Chapel. \$10 per person. Register at <https://fresnomentalhealthconference.eventbrite.com>.

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee with FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) is starting Thrift on Blackstone (a thrift shop on Blackstone, south of Herndon). They are looking for volunteers. For more information, contact Ilone K, Thrift Shop manager, (672-0977 or thriftonblackstone@gmail.com) or see insert.

Attendance for April 8, 2018: 277

Offering for General Budget for April 8, 2018: \$7,433

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

Book of Ephesians: Room 202

Parenting: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

THIS WEEK AT NFC: APRIL 15 – 21

Sunday

"My Story" Children & Youth Fundraising, 9:30 a.m. & 12:25 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.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
Explore for Children up to 6th grade, EDGE (Jr. High), ROCK (High School),
Men's and Women's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

NFC Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.
NFC Leadership Board, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Doug and Robyn O; Janice O; Chet and Irene P; Al P; Burton and Laurene P; Marilyn; and Onchanh P, Aydriana.**

Pray for **Garth and Tammy S** as they grieve the recent death of **Garth's mother, Evelyn Schmidt.** The memorial service was yesterday at Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church.

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Steve E, Carrie K, Jonathan N, Nalynn N, Sandy O, Tammy S, Lizzie T, and Richard U.**

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Vanna and Marly and family** as Vanna gives leadership at NFC in the area of youth. Pray that God will give him wisdom, love, and energy.

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, **Church of the Living Water** (on Bullard Ave. between N. Fresno & 1st Streets) and **Mountain View Community Church – Sunnyside**, 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, our NFC partner missionaries, who work in Southeast Asia with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission.** Pray for them as they mentor many pastors and leaders.

Pray for **Robinson Elementary, our local school. NFC and ENP (Every Neighborhood Partnership) served brunch** to the staff and teachers at Robinson this past Friday.

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

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 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 Evelyn K

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Hymn #59

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

"Be Thou My Vision" Hymn #382

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Connie

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"Walk with the Lord"* Larry W

"It Is Well" Choir

BIBLE READING: Matthew 5:14-16

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed" Hymn #455

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

MESSAGE: *"Available Light"* Yvette J

"Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy" Hymn #454

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. 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. SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Marvelous Light"*

OFFERING *"My Lighthouse"*

WELCOME AND GREETING

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

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Connie

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Grace that Is Greater"
"How Great Is Our God"
"Holy Spirit"

CHILDREN, 3RD – 6TH GRADE, ARE DISMISSED TO THE LOBBY PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE FOR BLAST.**

MESSAGE: *"Available Light"* Yvette J

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
"Shine"

SENDING

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

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 accompanied by a parent or a guardian are invited to Children's Church on the 1st floor of the Education Building.. **Children, 3rd – 6th grade, are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 in the Education Building.