

ROCK (Senior High) and EDGE (Junior High) students are invited to stay after the church lunch this Sunday to do some detail work on the 3rd Floor. We are meeting 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. to continue our renovation project as a team. For more information, see Pastor Matt.

The Assurance Group will resume weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 7 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the NFC library. The group is open to those who have or have had an illness that has impacted you and/or your family. Contact Deb Friesen at _____ for more information. We are here for you so please consider joining our support group.

Quilting will resume Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon starting September 8. Finished quilts are donated to the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale. Anyone interested in participating is invited to join in the fun and satisfaction of producing beautiful quilts.

Attention, Ladies! Women's Bible Study begins this Wednesday, September 8. You are invited to join us as we study *A Love Worth Giving* by Max Lucado. This book examines God's incredible love for us, and teaches us how to love each other with the love of God, even in difficult circumstances. Books will be available for purchase the first evening of the study. For questions, please call Lorlyn at _____.

ROCK (Senior High) and EDGE (Junior High) students are invited to the Second Annual Hula Bowl this Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Robinson Park.

Wednesday evening programs start this week at 7:00 p.m. For children: Little Rotate, Rotate, and Club 56 **For teens:** See above announcement **For men and women:** Men's Bible Study, Men's Recovery Group and Women's Bible Study **For singers:** Choir Practice

New Adult Sunday School classes are beginning next Sunday. See insert for complete list and start dates.

Ladies Salad Supper is Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center. All ladies are invited to bring a favorite salad to share. The guest speaker is Ellen King. Child care is provided. For information, please contact Hallie Rojas at _____ or MaryLyn in the office

Primetimers Fall Potluck is Friday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Bring a favorite ethnic dish. Harmonica player, Dan Ray, will play after dinner. Contact Chet or Irene Pauls at _____ if you have questions. See insert for specifics on Primetimers events.

Save the Date:

Beyond Suffering: Christian Views on Disability Seminar – October 1 – 2 at Fresno Pacific University. For more information contact Pastor Krystal.

Men's Retreat – Friday, October 1 – Sunday, October 3 at Shaver.

NFC Student Ministries Golf Tournament – Saturday, October 16.

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

FPU Business Forum on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 a.m. Special speaker is Blake Mycoskie, Founder and Chief Shoe Giver of Tom's Shoes. Contact Pastor James if you would like to attend with others from NFC.

SERVE

Sermon on the Mount Drama Presentation – We now have a cast of presenters who are practicing. We have needs in the areas of: props, set construction, costumes, sound, lights, PowerPoint, video, and theatrical lighting equipment. Please contact George Akina _____ if you would like to help in these areas or donate money or materials.

North Fresno Church is accepting resumes for Pastor of Worship and Music for our contemporary service. Resumes can be submitted to Christa Wiens, Search Team Chair, at _____. Please contact Christa for more information

I appreciate very much all the care, concern and prayer on my behalf as I underwent surgery following my return from Thailand. Reports came back great! Thank you to our North Fresno Church family. **Ken Willems**

Thank you to our church family for the food, prayers, support and outpouring of love since the passing of our mother and grandmother, **Shilanda. The Cumbry Family**

The flowers by the cross are in honor of Rae and Marj Saltzman's 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

The NFC office will be closed tomorrow, September 6.

INTERSECT

Choice Books of the West Coast Banquet – Dr. Kevin Leman will be the featured speaker at Choice Books Banquet on Thursday, September 23 at 6:15 p.m. at Grand Occasions. Reservations can be made by calling Steve Isaak at _____ by September 13.

Celebrate Mission Night will be Sunday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church (9161 N. Maple, Fresno). Northern Thailand will be the focus. Contact Gary Lentell, Missions Commission Chair, for more information

All are invited to the 11th Annual Palm Village Retirement Community Fundraising Cinnamon Jamboree Family Carnival on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 703 W. Herbert in Reedley.

NFC is supporting a booth at the Fresno Fair (October 6 – 17) for Choice Books this year. Volunteers are needed for one or more shifts. For more information, contact Gary Lentell at _____

A Place For YOU To Connect!

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes next week 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

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

Junior & Senior High

Grades 7-12: Room 302

ADULTS, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

Grief Share: Room 301 B

ADULTS, 9:45-10:50 a.m.

Sermon on the Mount Drama Practice: Room 201

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

1st John: Room 207

Book of Luke: Room 208 A

Stewardship Solutions: Room 301 A

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

Elementary

Grades 1-2: Room 101

Grades 3-4: Room 203

Grades 5-6: Room 202

THIS WEEK AT NFC (SEPTEMBER 5 – SEPTEMBER 11)

Monday

Labor Day – Office Closed

Teen Boys Basketball, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Children's Council, 5:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Pastoral Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

EDGE and ROCK Hula Bowl, 6:30 p.m.

Rotate, Club 56, Men's and Women's Bible Studies,

Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Board of Spiritual Ministries, Worship Team Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Friday - Sunday

ROCK (Senior High) Students Fall Retreat

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to our Fall Kick-off! A few times a year, 1st and 2nd Services join together in one combined service. Today is one of those special celebrations and marks the beginning of our ministry year. The service will be followed by a luncheon in the Family Center. All are welcome to join us.

Bob Plett and the Celebration Choir and Chris Becker and the worship team are leading worship and music. Pastor James is preaching. We are also celebrating communion.

Attendance, August 29, 2010: 387

Year to date giving: \$436,816; Year to date budget: \$480,758

2009 Year to date giving: \$450,112

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.

Parking Lot Reminder – As you arrive at NFC, especially Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, please respect the parking stalls reserved for handicapped parking. If you do not have a handicap placard on your vehicle, do not park or idle in a handicap parking stall.

For parents of ROCK (Senior High) students and EDGE (Junior High), see the Student Ministries tower in the Sanctuary Lobby for details about ROCK and EDGE events.

Everyone is invited to come today to the all church lunch in the Family Center at 11:30 a.m. right after the service.

This fall NFC has four Fresno Pacific University and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary interns serving here. Ashley Irvine will continue to serve with our EDGE (Junior High) ministry and will be supervised by Pastor Matt. Melody Whiteaker will help run an after school tutoring program and serve on ROCK (Senior High) staff. Pastor Loren will supervise her. Phil Schmidt will serve in various pastoral and congregational roles alongside Pastor James. He will also be on ROCK staff. Chris Becker will serve as an intern helping give leadership to our 2nd Service worship and music team. Pastor James will supervise him.

Worship Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

Everyone is invited to use the Connecting Cards to let us know you are here, share your prayer requests, or give other information. **Newcomers** are also invited to use the Connecting Cards, place them in the offering bag, and stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a gift. Thank you.

PRELUDE
Phyllis Martens
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus" Larry Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP "Great Is the Lord Almighty" Celebration Choir

"How Great Thou Art" Hymn #4, refrain, v. 1, 4
"I'll Fly Away"

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor James

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

INTRODUCTION OF NFC INTERNS

PRAYER Pastor Loren
OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Hallelujah to the Lamb" Celebration Choir

AN NFC STORY
"Amazing Grace" Hymn #202, v. 1, 2, 5

AN NFC STORY
"Blessed Be Your Name"

MESSAGE "Sermon on the Mount, Living in the Valley" Pastor James
Matthew 5:48

COMMUNION
"Be the Center"
"Be Thou My Vision"

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Infants and toddlers through age 36 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagars are provided to parents in case their child has a need.
*Children ages 3 – 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church on the First Floor of the Education Building. Children in grades 3 – 5 are invited to stay for the whole service.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: Albert and Christina Loza, Gino; Randy and Jamie Mack, Audrey, Isaac and Violet; Brett and Michelle Mar, Mitchell; Brian and Cindy Martens, Drake and Audra; and Elmer and Phyllis Martens.

Pray for those who are a part of the NFC community who are looking for employment: **George Akina, Brian Henderer, Dasha Henderer, Amarina Pugh, Mike Simpson and Mike Spinelli.** *Contact the church office if you would like your name listed here.*

Pray for those who are recovering from surgery: **Colleen Campbell, Mike Groft, Roy Kliewer, Evelyn Koop, Loren Miller, and Chuck Rayburn.**

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Joyce Abney, Lori Beck, Charles Ewell, Connie Freeland, Ron Harton, Tim Henson, Anthony Johnson Jr., Hans Kasdorf, Kris Klein, Kaleah McLaughlin, Ethel Ratzlaff, Moira Schmidt, Kay Spencer, and Roganne Wegermann.**

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

NFC, COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for the ROCK (high school) students and youth leaders as they go on the Fall Beach Retreat next weekend.

Please pray for our search team as they seek to find a Worship and Music Pastor for our 2nd Service. The team consists of **Pastor James, Jennifer Eastwood, Lois Ewert, Arnie Prieb and Christa Wiens.** **You are invited to join in prayer and fasting each Thursday** as we intentionally seek God's guidance and direction in regard to our 2nd Service and the worship and music leadership vacancy.

The pastors and the Board of Spiritual Ministries 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, speak to Pastor James or just show up.

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