

Prayer Concerns

Prayer requests will be continued in the bulletin for three weeks. If you wish your request to remain longer, please call Cheryl Eaker (485-6460).



Pastor Nominating Committee, in their evaluation and interviewing of Senior Pastor Candidates.

Comfort and prayer for **Michael and Alice Timken and family** in the homegoing of her **father, Jack Paul**.

Pray for the health and fruitfulness of those in mission service...

Fresno Rescue Mission helps the homeless and at-risk individuals with physical needs and provides spiritual support from the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Scott Wothe, praise and thanks to God for Scott's safe return home from Afghanistan.

Pray for strength and healing for...

Homer Acosta, wisdom for doctors in treating him.

Jim Haman, prayer as he completes another round of radiation treatment for brain cancer.

Jeff Smith, prayer for healing from auto accident.

Rhoda Jarnagin, healing of broken ankle and discernment for treatment of heart issues.

Olivia Alvarez, prayer for healing after cancer surgery.

Carl Clark, complete healing from a stroke.

Marilyn Morris, mother of Cathe Scott, complete recovery from a stroke.

Delma Rodriguez, Custodian Freddie's wife, and **Rosemary Beza**, daughter-in-law, healing from cancer.

Grace Johnson, prayer for successful surgery on February 10.

Michael Woods, successful cancer treatment.

Kim Peltola, sustained health during chemo.

Dr. Ivan Ward Lasher, Cards of encouragement and cheer may be sent to his home: Windham, 1100 East Spruce Avenue, #171, Fresno, CA 93720.

That Our Church will continue to seek God's Peace and Presence.

Continued Prayers for Healing:

Paul Meadors.

Suzi Martin.

Madyn Frazier.

Anna Predmore.



1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God...5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:1, 5



WORSHIP *grow* SERVE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 5, 2012

Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Heritage Worship

9:40 a.m. Education Hour

Classes for Adults, Youth, & Children

10:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Message

"The Incomparable God"

Isaiah 40, Selected Verses

Rev. Lana J. Roberts

Website: www.fpcfresno.org

Christian Outfitters

“THE GOSPEL OF MARK”

Dennis DuPertuis in the Fellowship Hall

Adult Ministries

Singles and Friends: Single adults meet the last Sunday of every month for lunch. Call Laura Spongberg for details and to get our monthly newsletter of other activities.

Women’s Evening Bible Study (WEBS): Will meet again beginning February 27. Meets Mondays, 6:30-8:45 p.m., in the A-1 Building. No child care. Call Melanie Franz.

Morning Glory Bible Study Meets Tuesdays at 6:45-8 a.m., at Merlene Samuelian’s home, 521 West Morris. Enjoy a light breakfast (50 cents), prayer, fellowship, and Bible study. Contacts: Adrienne Kimball or Merlene Samuelian.

Thursday Morning Bible Study from 9:00-11:30 a.m., in the Adult Lounge. We are studying *The Patriarchs*, by Beth Moore. Child care provided. Book Cost: \$25. Contact Marilyn Minassian for more information.

Celebrate Recovery: Experience God's healing from addictive and dysfunctional behavior. Meets every Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Northwest Church (West and Barstow).

Pastors Prayer Partners: One Team prays every Sunday during services. We encourage you to join in prayer ministry for our pastors and congregation. Call Jim Herbert for more information.

Music Ministries

Chancel Choir: Rehearses Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Contact Julie Carter for more information, 485-6460.

Full Court Pres (Grades 3-6) Rehearses Sundays, at 11:00 a.m., Room 202. Contact Daphne Saul for more details.

Kid’s Praise Singers (Grades K-2) Rehearses Sundays, at 11:00 a.m., Room 206. Contact Roger Harabedian for more information.

Bell Choir: Rehearses Wednesdays, at 5:00 p.m., in the Patio Room. Call Carol Dice for more information.

Brass Ensemble Rehearses Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Music Room. Contact Bill Barbour for more information.

Life in the Church

Note from the Facility and Grounds Committee - Rock-chip damage has occurred to the pots on our water feature. To prevent further damage, please discourage children from throwing rocks into the pots. Thank you!

Change for Babies Opportunity: January 22nd, we invited you take home a baby bottle to participate in the Pregnancy Care Center’s annual Change for Babies fundraiser. If you missed it, you will find some in the narthex and you are still welcome to take one, fill it with change or dollar bills or even checks to support the ministry of PCC.

Connections Coffee - Join us in Common Grounds Café, Sunday, February 5, 9:40-10:40 a.m. New to First Pres or desire to be better connected? Please join us for coffee. Please stop by our table outside the Sanctuary door, before and after each service, to help us welcome and connect with you.

New Members Class - Are you new here? We are offering our Spring Orientation and New Members Class, February 19 through March 25. For information, or to sign up, e-mail Lana at staff@fpcfresno.org, or call the church office, 485-6460.

Freedom Week, February 19 - 26 - Join with local organizations seeking to raise awareness about and stop human trafficking in the Central Valley. Details & schedule on our website or contact Christina Davis, christinadavis13@gmail.com.

Can Prayer Save America? Join like-minded believers to be challenged, encouraged, and equipped, February 24-25, at Mountain View Community Church. Call 291-9199 for information, cost, and directions.

Bach to the Future - February 2012 is “Bach to the Future” month in first service, celebrating the rich music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Come “Bach” and worship the God of past, present, and future.

Session Prayer Time - Session Members gather each Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. in Common Grounds to pray for our church family. Past Session Members are invited to join us on the first Wednesday of every month.

ESA/Love INC needs Christian volunteers 3 hours/week, answering phones in our Fresno Office, 9 a.m.-Noon, or 1-4 p.m., on a weekday. For more information, please contact Jan or Laurie at 244-0105.

Forgiven and Set Free: Healing the Heartbreak of Abortion - A Bible Study for Women of all ages. Call 237-0789, or e-mail for information at forgivenandsetfree@hotmail.com.

World Impact Thrift Shop Truck – Visit the WI Truck parked on M Street the first Sunday of each month to receive your gently used household items. To schedule a pick-up for larger items, call 497-1413.

“Off to Church We Go” - Need a ride? Willing to provide a ride? We would love to make the connection. Please call Frank Magnee, Deacon of Transportation.

When you welcome a new baby into your family, please call Cheryl at the church to start the process for meal support, a Rose on the Chancel and announcement, and Nursery Welcome.

Children's Ministries

Nursery:

8:30-Noon: Loving care for infants from birth to 24 months; located just off the patio under the green awning.

Preschool:

8:30-9:30 a.m.: Ages 2-5, meet in Room B9, at the bottom of the stairs.

9:30-9:45: Ages 2-5 meet in Room B9, at the bottom of the stairs for singing and offering.

9:45-10:50: Ages 2-3, meet in the back of Room B9. Ages 4-5, meet in the front of Room B9.

10:50-Noon: The 2’s class meets in Room B5. The 3’s class meets in the back of Room B9. The 4-5’s class meets in the front of Room B9.

Elementary Department:

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services: children worship with parents; K-2nd grades are dismissed to "Kids Alive" before the sermon. **Note:8:30 a.m.** children remain in the service at this time.

9:40-10:40: Children 1st-4th grades meet in the Treasure Chest Room 206 and are dismissed to rotation centers with their shepherds. 5th-6th grades meet in Room 201.

At 10:40, children K-2nd grades return to Room 206 to be picked up by parents. 3rd-6th grades are dismissed to meet their children on the patio.

AWANA: Meets Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15 p.m. For information, contact Craig and Ruth Hill.

Water's Edge Junior High Ministries

If you’re in junior high (grades 7-8), please join us every Sunday morning in the Junior High Room of the A1 Building from 9:40 a.m.–10:40 a.m. for a time of worship and learning.

Please join us for our regular Bible Study on Wednesday, from 6:30-8:15 p.m., in the Junior High Room. See you there!

Water's Edge Senior High Ministries

Go to fpcfresno.org for more information concerning Water’s Edge!

Wednesday Night Bible Study: We are meeting in houses and studying the Book of Romans. The boys will be located at the Barrow’s house, while the girls will be meeting at the Steele’s house. Bible study will be from 7:00-8:30 p.m.