

## Minister's Message

Fresno City Fest provides an amazing opportunity for our church. Over 200 Fresno-area churches are working together to make an impact on our region. Through service, outreach and prayer, churches like ours can turn outward as we befriend our neighbors for the sake of Jesus.

This past week, several of us sat through a training session with H Spees, Mitch Ribera, Dale Olquist and other community & church leaders to talk about the plans for Fresno City Fest, April 1-2, at the Save Mart Center. This big event is just a good excuse for us to share the good news of Jesus with our family members, classmates & co-workers. We'll be sharing more information in the coming weeks about how you can get involved.

Several of us sat through a different training last weekend as we thought about how to partner with a neighboring school. After much deliberation, we're thinking that Eaton Elementary is best place to start. Artie Paddilla and Every Neighborhood Partnership will help us get this rolling. We'll let you know about the possibilities for volunteering after we find out how to best come alongside.

Finally, we're happy to welcome **Hannah & Jay Parmelee** and their 3 girls this weekend. Hannah & Jay are becoming good friends to our church. Hannah, out of her experience at Pepperdine, is helping us think through the possibilities for re-launching a campus ministry to Fresno State. God is at work!



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Welcome! If you're **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & basic information on the card below. **Tear it off and place it in the offering basket** later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about joining this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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## People, Times & Places

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### WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

**Nursery** Rm 303  
**Space for Moms** Rm 306  
(For kids from birth up to 2 years)

### SUNDAY CLASSES

(10:40-11:30)

#### Adults

Teacher/Topic: **Clora Ann Crum & Mike Jarman** "The Fruit of the Spirit"  
Rm 405

Teacher/Topic: **Jason Locke**  
"The Theology of Pop Music"  
Rm 411

Teacher/Topic: **Aaron Roland**  
"How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth"  
Rm 305

Teacher/Topic: **Greg Ruland**  
"Proverbs"  
Rm 700/701

#### College Age

College Rm 703

#### Youth Group

High School & Jr. High Rm 600

#### Kids' Classes (10:20-11:30)

**Nursery** Rm 303  
**Pre-School—Grade 6** 500 Wing  
(aka **Uptown**)

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday

Sermon Study  
Room 305 @ 5:00 pm

#### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class  
Room 405 @ 9:45 am

#### Wednesday

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
@ Denny's on Shaw/First  
7-8 am

Wednesday Night Dinner  
6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall



The College Church of Christ exists to encourage & equip Christ-followers as they live out the mission of God in their homes, schools, work-places, and neighborhoods.

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor 13:4-7)*

*After the sermon, we have a Time of Response. Folks will be available to encourage or pray with you. You can respond by moving to one of the aisles.*

### This Morning's Order of Worship

*Here and Now*

#### Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*Here and Now*

*Great Are You, Lord*

*A New Anointing*

*Great Are You, Lord*

*Shepherd's Prayer*

#### Communion Conversation

#### Invitation to the Table ~ AJ Sanchez

*Worthy Is the Lamb*

#### Offering

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*The River*

#### Message ~ Jason Locke

#### "7 Vices & Virtues: Greed & Charity"

#### Time of Response

*All to Us*

#### Blessing ~ Travis Campbell

*The River*

*Preschool children should leave for class during the Time of Response. Children K-6 can head toward their Sunday school classes during the final song.*

**January 22, 2017**

## Who We're Praying For...

### Special Interest:

**Tom Howe** back in Kaiser Permanente with pneumonia. They're watching his oxygen levels & getting his strength back.

**Lety Saldate** wants us to pray for their family and their future

**Alice Farris:** daily IV treatments for lung infections

**Deb Leahy, Marie McHone & Nick Harrison:** chemo

### Ongoing:

**Frank Geary, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Richard Campos, Ron & Marsha Rocha, Marilyn Green, Terry Tuell, Al & Juana Ramirez, Louise Fraley, Marge Howie, Faye Gresham, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo and Gloria Chisley**

### Other:

**AJ Sanchez** would like us to pray for his mom **Adalia Sanchez**. She now has Type 2 Diabetes and a possible liver problem.

**Jessie Campos** asks us to pray for **Josie Galoila** who's in hospice care after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Her husband **Gilbert** is also struggling through a broken arm and infection. This is **Richard Campos'** brother and sister-in-law in Arizona.

## Adult Classes ~ Through March 26

Class A Teacher/Topic: **Clara Ann Crum & Mike Jarman**  
**"The Fruit of the Spirit"**

Hosts: **Tannon & Theresa Pafford**; Location: **Room 405**

Class B Teacher/Topic: **Jason Locke "The Theology of Pop Music"**

Hosts: **AJ & Victoria Sanchez**; Location: **Room 411**

Class C Teacher/Topic: **Aaron Roland "How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth"** (Jan 8-Feb 19)

Host: **Aaron Watson**, Location: **Room 305**

Class D Teacher/Topic: **Greg Ruland "Proverbs"**

Host: **Gary Pendleton**; Location: **Room 700/701**

## For the Record

### Attendance

Worship (1/15) 246  
 Bible Class 226

### Contribution Report

Last Week (1/15) \$ 8,769  
 Weekly Average \$ 9,933  
 Weekly Budget \$11,825

### Totals: Jan 1-Nov. 31, 2016

Donations \$453,699  
 Expenses \$485,664  
 Deficit \$ 31,965

## Wednesday Night Dinner ~

This Week's Menu: Prime Rib  
 French Dip on Fresh Peda Bakery  
 Rolls, Salad and Dessert. Dinner is  
 at 6 pm, and we finish by 7 pm.  
 Adults are \$4. Kids & students \$2.

## January Communion Servers

**Randy Southall, Dale Stuckert, Justin Sue, Gene Sue, David Tolleson, Frank Unruh, Jeff Vogel, Aaron Watson. Coordinator Dave Lopez.**

## Activities, Events & Church News



### Pepperdine Bible Lectures

The 74th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures is scheduled for May 2-5, 2017. Register and learn more at [www.pepperdine.edu/biblelectures](http://www.pepperdine.edu/biblelectures)

### Church-Wide Potluck

Each month all the birthdays and anniversaries of the congregation will be recognized with a church-wide potluck. Folks who wish to join can gather in the fellowship hall on the last Sunday of each month starting Jan 29. A-M bring main dish and salad/side dish. N-Z bring main dish and dessert. See Rosana Cummings with questions.

## For Your Calendar

1/29 Church-Wide Potluck  
 2/11-13 Teen Winter Camp  
 3/10-12 Renew Conference  
 3/24-26 Women's Retreat  
 4/1-2 Fresno-City Fest  
 5/2-5 Pepperdine Bible Lectures  
 5/7 Car Show  
 7/16-22 Church Camp @ YBC

## Youth Group News

**Today in Class:** "gods at war". Defeating the idols that battle for your heart. Come find out why idolatry isn't "an" issue- it is THE issue.

**Tonight:** TNT 6-8 pm at the home of Chris & Cindy McGrady (20 N Anderson)  
**1/29:** guys/girls devotionals from 6-8 pm. Girls at the home of Ambri Campbell (82 N Helm). Guys at Jon Frame's house (3362 N DeWolf).

**2/5:** Super Bowl Party at the home of Bruce and Cathi Ferri (7424 N Laguna Vista Ave). From 3:15 pm until the game is over. Free Food!!

**2/11-13:** "BREAKING CHAINS" aka Winter Camp at YBC with Squaw Valley. Grab a flyer in the teen room. Cost is \$30. Money and Registration form due by FEBRUARY 5. NO LATE SIGN UPS! Transportation will not be provided from the building. If you need a ride or financial assistance or can help with chaperoning contact Travis Campbell.

**2/19:** TNT in the teen room. A night of prayer, meditation, and reflection over Winter Camp. With free food of course.

**2/26:** TNT 6-8 pm. at the home of Jason & Julie Locke (718 E Warwick).

## RENEW

The 2017 Renew Conference is March 10-12. The cost is \$25 and includes the Church Leaders Session and Banquet. Attending Saturday/Sunday session is free. Visit our website to see the full schedule and register.

### Women's Ministry Events Retreat in Cambria

March 24-26 at the Cambria Pines Lodge with speaker Rici Skei from onramps church. Get registration forms and make deposits in the church office.

### IF: Gathering

A group from College Church will be attending the IF Gathering in Fresno (Feb. 3 & 4 at The Bridge Church 3438 E. Ashlan Ave) The vision of IF: Fresno 2017 is for women of all ages, cultural backgrounds, and different churches across the area to gather as one body, connect with and learn from each other and worship together. You'll need to register online at [register.ifgathering.com/event/iffresno](http://register.ifgathering.com/event/iffresno). This event is free. See Grace Pendleton with questions.

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By Worship Minister, Sandra Henderson

**R**ingling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus is shutting down. Maybe you heard this news and felt a tinge of sadness as an era is closing. Or, maybe you didn't know this and feel nothing from the news. I read a wonderful post from a blogger about this subject.

She talked about the fact that, even though she marveled at the circus as a child, it now seemed dated and un-relatable. Even worse, was the fact that we learned some of the tricks were achieved through animal cruelty.

Life is a circus and some enjoy the "crazy" of three rings going full speed at the same time. Some prefer one orderly ring on the tame and quiet side.

But whatever your preference, what can we learn from the circus?

- Cruelty might seem to get results, but in the long run, somebody notices that the elephants are in pain and it's evil.
- It's better to have one ring of excellence than three rings of mediocre.
- The casual observer wonders how someone can possibly fling herself off a trapeze and live. But that trapeze artist is – in fact – A) an artist and B) extremely well-rehearsed. Skills require lots of practice. And sometimes good work is simply a hard sought after art.
- Clowns are scary.

And so, my friends, find your spot. Find your gifting and do it well. Don't try to be everything to everyone. Find what God is pulling you toward and be excellent in that ring.

Remember that cruelty is never part of the success of a Christ follower. Even when you're scared or angry or feel justified. Mercy and grace don't mix with cruelty ~ ever.

And I don't care what anybody says, clowns are scary.

(credit to Jan Edmiston @ achurchforstarvingartists)

Prayer Request Card:

Date: 1/22/2017

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

