

Minister's Message

Jesus came to declare the arrival of God's Kingdom. This Kingdom offered a stark contrast to the kingdom of Rome. Through superior military might and brilliant economic strategy, the Romans brought peace and prosperity to the Mediterranean world. Participation required a few compromises: turning a blind eye to injustice and endorsing some "necessary evil for the greater good."

Jesus called people to a different way of life, one defined in the Sermon on the Mount. His followers were to politely respect worldly powers, but they were not to be defined by them. For example, he taught that "if [a Roman soldier] forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile" (Matt 5:41). In other words, they were to resist

worldly powers by out-doing them in kindness and generosity.

He called folks to be radically dependent on God. "Do not be like [the pagans], for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matt 6:8). Jesus taught to have less concern for one's own welfare than the welfare of others.

Does the world of Jesus' Kingdom sound like a strange fantasy or a utopian dream? Not to Jesus. This is the world he envisioned, a way of life for which he died. If we dismiss this as unrealistic, then we negate the value of his death. But if we can imagine that this Kingdom is for us and our descendants, then nothing will be impossible through God's power that's at work in the world and in us.



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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: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Comments: _____

People, Times & Places

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For the Record Attendance

Worship (2/11)	248
Bible Class	185

Contribution Report

Last Week (2/11)	\$ 8,485
Weekly Average	\$ 9,929
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,770

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40-11:30

Adults

Teacher: **Shane Mason** Rm 405

"They Like Jesus but Not the Church"

Teacher: **Mika Roland** Rm 411

"Radical Hospitality"

Teacher: **D'Andra Buchanan** Rm 700

"Understanding the Millennial Church"

College Age/Young Professionals

Teacher: **Kyle Mason** Rm 406

"TBD"

Youth Group

Jr. High & High School Rm 600

Kids' Classes — aka *Uptown*

(10:20-11:30)

Nursery Rm 303

Space for Moms Rm 306

Pre-School—Grade 6 500 Wing

Nursery

Our nursery for children up to 30 months is available during worship and class in **Room 303**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class

Room 405

@ 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Men's Breakfast

Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar Ave.

@ 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Fellowship Hall

6 p.m.



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.

This Morning's Order of Worship

O Draw Me, Lord

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

O Draw Me, Lord

Loved by You

Jesus Loves Me

Be Unto Your Name

What the Lord Has Done

Invitation to the Lord's Table

~ Edgar Minjarez

Offering ~ Cindy McGrady

10,000 Reasons

A Shield About Me

Church News & Prayer for Illumination

~ Shane Mason

Message ~ Thien Dang

Time of Response

Just As I Am

~Blessing~

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the time of response. Teachers will guide them to their classes. K-6 kids can leave during the final song.

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

(Psalm 16:8-10)

After the sermon, we have a Time of Response. Folks are available to visit or pray with you. You can respond by moving to edge of the worship center.

February 18, 2018

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Mika Roland asks us to pray for **Josiah & Elijah** as they prepare to live in Japan for three months.

Deb Leahy started chemo treatments on Wednesday.

The Alfaro Family: buying/selling homes; prayers that everything keeps moving smoothly

Jim York will need a PET Scan to make sure the tumor has not spread. Please pray for discernment, comfort, and peace as he prepares to make a decision as to what to do next. Radiation, chemo or surgery are all possibilities.

Marsha Rocha is still waiting on approval for treatment.

Larry Wiseman: successful recovery so he can go home from rehab

Pat McKinzie asks that we pray for **Daryl** who is on the road in Texas.

Clara Ann Crum requests prayers for **Dennis** as he is recovering from the flu.

Gracie Tejada asks for prayers that she will be able to find the right caregiver for her mom as she searches for a job.

Kelly Gresham: prayers during her discipleship training on Maui.

Grace Pendleton asks us to pray for the upcoming women's retreat.

Ongoing:

Devin Leonard, Stephen Shelley, Louise Fraley, Stan Watson, Jack Gross, Carol Hartsell, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Terry Tuell, Carolyn Wilson, Al & Juana Ramirez, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley, Alice Farris, Ron Rocha, Nick Harrison, Larry Wiseman & Bev Drury

Expecting Mothers:

Jazmine Minjarez, Marianne Anderson

Extended Family News:

Ali Rash (granddaughter of **Jay & Alice Farris**): cancer treatments

Wayne Massie asks us to pray for his sister's health.

Denise Soliday requests prayers for perspective for **Suzann**.

Grady Billington, an elder at Madera Church of Christ, passed away last Monday morning. He also served as a board member for Yosemite Bible Camp and was a school principle. Please pray for comfort as the family mourns the loss of Grady.



Dear College Church Family,
We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your thoughts, cards, well wishes, and especially your prayers during this time of illness. Dad has received excellent care at both the Veterans Hospital and now at Willow Creek Rehab. Coupled with your prayers, God blessed dad. We give the praise to God for Dad's recovery. Thank you for your continued prayers for his kidney function to return. Dad feels blessed by you all.

Sincerely, The Family of Larry Wiseman

Activities, Events & Church News

Wednesday Night Dinner ~ February 21

On the menu: **Judy Mason** will be preparing chili verde with beans, rice & tortillas. *Bring a friend!*

Dinner is from 6-7 p.m.

Adults ~ \$4

Kids & Students ~ \$2



Women's Retreat in Cambria March 16-18, 2018

Ladies, **final** payment for the upcoming Women's Retreat is due **today**. Please remit to **Grace Pendleton (559-288-5727)** or to the church office as soon as possible.

IMPACT: Youth Group News

Today: IMPACT class time in the teen room.

Tonight: TNT! Come join us!

2/21 Wednesday Night Dinner! 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

*Talk to **Tannon Pafford** or **Lex Henderson** to make sure you are on the Text Message Information List.

For Your Calendar

- 2/20 Women's Bible Class
- 2/21 Men's Breakfast; Wednesday Night Dinner
- 3/3 The Freedom Project
- 3/16-18 Women's Retreat in Cambria
- 5/1-4 Harbor 2018: Pepperdine Bible Lectures
- 5/6 Sunday Spring Classic Car Show

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—SAVE THE DATE—

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 6.**



The Freedom Project ~ March 3

The Freedom Project is a night of worship and teaching with author and speaker **Jennie Allen** and Worship Leader **Christy Nockles**. We'll discover how to live free, be free, and set free. We'll also be joined by **IJM (International Justice Mission)** and leaders on the front lines in the fight to end human trafficking. This tour is being hosted by **Reclaimed**, a local nonprofit with the heart to support local and global ministries, as well as serve people outside of church walls. What an opportunity to come together with other women to worship and hear Jesus preached. Bring friends that know God, bring your friends that don't. Grab dinner beforehand and come be part of this experience. This event will happen **March 3, 2018** at the **Wilson Theatre, 1445 Fulton Street, Fresno** at **6:45pm**. Price of tickets at the door are \$15 or see **Grace Pendleton** to purchase tickets for \$13.

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Many of you know I'm adopted. I was born, hung out in the hospital with the nurses for a few days, and then my new forever parents took me home to live with them. As a child, I remember my father coming in to my room at bedtime to tell me a story. Every single night. The story was essentially the same story each night. He always started, "Once upon a time..." The beginning and the end were always the same. "Once upon a time, there was a special little princess. The King and Queen were sad because they couldn't find her. She was lost."

The story would take a variety of turns each night, but he always ended with, "And they lived happily ever after because they had found their girl. And her name was...Sandra. Jean. Thurman." What I didn't realize until just a few years ago was that every night my dad claimed me as his and he named me. Every single night. I never felt odd or like I didn't belong. I always felt loved and cared for and wanted. Although we are all from different homes and backgrounds, our stories are similar. We are all adopted children into the family of God. In our darkest times, in our deepest sin, in our ugliest moments of rebellion, it doesn't change. God, our Father, has named us his sons and daughters. God, our Father, has claimed us through the blood of Jesus. You are loved, cared for, and wanted. Don't ever forget that...

By Worship Minister,
Sandra Henderson



Harbor 2018: Pepperdine Bible Lectures ~ May 1-4

Join us for this special anniversary year. The 2018 Harbor theme, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, is **"The Spirit-Filled People of God."** For more information and to register, visit pepperdine.edu/spiritual-life/church-relations/biblelectures/

Prayer Request:

Date: 2/18/2018

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

