

## Minister's Message

Forgiveness is an oil that lubricates the engine of human society. Within every normal, interpersonal relationship, mistakes happen. People say and do the wrong things. Folks sometimes act in less-than-ideal manners. Feelings get hurt. Trust gets broken.

If our human failings and mistakes were the end of the story, it would be a tragic story indeed. Not to mention very lonely!

That's where the gift of forgiveness comes in. Even in Genesis 3 after the fall of humankind, God provided forgiveness. And in Gen 4 when Cain murdered Abel, God again provided forgiveness. God's actions of mercy provide a model for how we are to act with one another. Forgiveness ensure the continuation and betterment of hu-

man society.

Forgiveness does not mean a removal of consequences.

Some mistakes require changes that sadly cannot be undone. As the saying goes, "You can't unring a bell."

Forgiveness may not remove mistakes, but it allows relationships to continue in spite of them. Forgiveness places the value of the relationship over a person's errors. It can require difficult conversations as you deal with the pain and hurt of flawed actions, but forgiveness can find a way forward even through difficulty.

For the next seven weeks, we'll be looking at forgiveness. I'll share practical messages based on scripture's challenging words. Join 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## People, Times & Places

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### FOR THE RECORD

#### Attendance

Worship (7/29)	175
Bible Class	119

#### Contribution Report

Last Week (7/29)	\$4,705
Weekly Average	\$8,605
Weekly Budget	\$7,770

### WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

### SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

#### Adults

**Teacher: Michael Rodriguez Rm 405**  
*How to Be a Christian Without  
Being Religious*

**Teacher: Dawn Frame Rm 411**  
*Reading Scripture Using the Five  
Common Topics*

**Teacher: Dale Drury & Sandra Henderson Rm 700**  
*Gender Roles in the New Testament  
& in the Church Today*

#### 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 classes in **Room 303**.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class

*Resumes September 18, 2018*

#### WEDNESDAY

Men's Breakfast

*Resumes September 5, 2018*

Wednesday Night Dinner

*Resumes September 5, 2018*



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

#### Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*O Draw Me, Lord  
Here's My Heart  
Forever Reign*

*What the Lord Has Done  
Loved by You*

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

~ Edgar Minjarez

#### Offering ~ Doug Pafford

*Have Mercy on Me, O God  
A Shield About Me  
In Christ Alone*

#### Church News & Prayer for Illumination

~ D'Andra Buchanan

#### Message ~ Jason Locke

#### "Why We Forgive #1: Have Mercy, O God"

#### Time of Response

*Mercy, O God*

#### Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke

*In Christ Alone*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

(Psalm 19:1-3)

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.

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.

## August 5, 2018

## Who We're Praying For...

### Church Member Updates:

**Larry Wiseman** has advanced bone cancer & will not seek treatment. Continue to pray for **Ashley Henderson's** recovery from the armed mugging she experienced at her house last Sunday. She is physically unhurt, but this is a difficult journey. Fresno PD has apprehended the apparent culprits.

**Deb Leahy:** latest CT scan showed possible spread of cancer to lungs; she will continue current therapy for 6 more weeks.

**Lee Smith** requests prayers for **Sue:** that God would restore her vision.

**Michael Rodriguez** suggests that we all pray for a successful school year!

Let's provide assistance and prayer for **Louise "Weezy" MacDougall.**

She is due in 8 weeks and needs supplies for her baby girl. **D'Andra Buchanan & Darla Mason** have volunteered to help coordinate.

**Annie Gardenhire** is in need of a front-facing, 5-point harness toddler car seat. Please contact her @ 559-273-7472. Thank you for your help.

### Ongoing:

**Bill & Marvidean Joslin, Janice Kelly, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Juana Ramirez, Al Ramirez, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley, Alice Farris, Larry Wiseman & Jim York**

### Expecting Mothers:

**Weezy MacDougall**

### Extended Family News:

**Brook Gale** wants us to pray for the various issues with homeless folks in our area & for our church leadership.

**Mika Roland** wants us to pray for those affected by Typhoon Jongdari in Japan.

**Evelyn Howe** requests continued prayer for **Kim Sani** (Valley fever).

**Adalia Sanchez** (AJ's mom) has newly diagnosed liver disease.

Several folks requested that we pray for those displaced by the fires and for those who are having to battle the fires. Former members **Nathan & Kristin Robinson** live in Redding. All their family is safe so far but they are greatly concerned. **Amy Bezzerides'** brother **Clay Pafford** has a home in Lakeport very close to the Mendocino Complex fires.

Also remember to pray for all those who are traveling either to escape the heat & air or on various family trips.

**Ruth Geary:** suffered injuries in a car accident last Tuesday evening; underwent surgery on Wednesday; is stable & expected to recover

Thank you for participating in **Backpacks of Love.** Please bring backpacks & supplies either today or next Sunday. You can drop off supplies or funds at the church office Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### Here is a list of items to donate:

- ☞ 1—girl's or boy's backpack
- ☞ A supply box to hold pencils and crayons
- ☞ 1—box 8-large size washable markers
- ☞ 1—pair blunt-end scissors
- ☞ 1—box of tissue
- ☞ 1—box 24 Crayons
- ☞ 2—#2 pencils
- ☞ glue stick



## Activities, Events & Church News

### New Classes for August—September

Room 405 ~ August 19—September 30

**Fausto Hinojosa**-Living with Distinction: Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount

Room 411 ~ August 5—August 26

**Dawn Frame**-Reading Scripture Using the Five Common Topics

Room 700 ~ August 19—September 30

**David Morris**-Why Christians Have Nothing to Fear from Science



### IMPACT: Youth Group News

#### Today:

IMPACT class time ~ youth room @ 10:40 a.m.

#### Tonight:

TNT will be at the home of **Jason & Julie Locke** (718 E Warwick Ave, Fresno 93720). Dinner & swimming! 6—7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

Last Mid-Week Gathering from 6—8 p.m.

**Be sure to visit the Youth Board near the Nursery!**

### Youth Group Mid-Week Gatherings

Join us for the last Mid-Week Gathering for the summer on August 8. See **Tannon Pafford** or **Lex Henderson** to make sure you are on the *Text Message Information* list for updates.



## Mark Your Calendar

#### » UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/7 Glory Chasers Women's Summer Bible Study
- 8/19 Fellowship Dinner
- 8/26 Back-to-School Sunday
- 9/5 Men's Breakfast; Wednesday Night Dinner
- 9/7-9 Men's Retreat
- 9/18 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

### Fellowship Dinner

**Sunday, August 19 @6:30 p.m.**

There will be a church-wide fellowship dinner the evening of August 19. We'll have hot dogs, chips & coleslaw. Men, we're inviting you to participate in a homemade ice-cream contest that night. Bring a container of homemade ice-cream for everyone to enjoy – and let us pick the winning flavor!

## Uptown—Children's Ministry

In August we will be moving on to study the first King of Israel, Saul. Although God had given the Promised Land to the Israelites approximately 300 years earlier, they continued through multiple cycles of disobedience and repentance under the leadership of the judges.

God repeatedly allowed the Israelites to be overrun and taken captive by the people they had refused to run out of Canaan. Rather than recognize their own disobedience as the cause of their failure and losses, the Israelites longed for a king to fix their circumstances. Although their motive for wanting a king dishonored God and displeased Him greatly, He agreed to appoint a king over Israel. Initially King Saul looked like a king and acted like a king but gradually his insecurities caused him to make impulsive and foolish decisions. His desire to gain the esteem of other people caused him to disobey God and eventually led to God withdrawing his favor from King Saul.

This month we will be learning that God gives us free will to choose to obey-or not. God wants our obedience to Him to be prompted by our love and devotion rather than by fear, duty and obligation. Because of God's love for us and our love for Him, we have faith and trust that He wants the best for us. This causes us to submit to God and His wisdom and will for our lives. Memory verses this month will be Mark 12:30-31, 1st Samuel 15:22b, 1st John 5:3a. Incentive Sunday will be August 26th.

Children's Ministry,  
**Robyn Gonzales**



Prayer Request:

Date:8/5/2018

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

