

## Minister's Message

Saw this on a church marquee last week: "Being in a church building doesn't make you a Christian any more than being in a garage makes you a car."

It's a clever saying that I've seen similarly elsewhere. What is true about it, and what does it miss?

On the one hand, it's clear that some who attend church don't live Christian lives. There are countless people who sing hymns, listen to sermons, give money and take communion and then lie, cheat, steal, gossip, do nothing, get angry and live abusively in ways that embarrass the name of Christ. Those counterfeits will not receive mercy before God for two hours of piety on Sunday mornings. Jesus demands discipleship that extends to every day of the week.

On the other hand, it's less fashionable to attend church these days. There are still "churches of prestige" in Fresno/Clovis, but we're increasingly living into a world where there is little motivation to be in a church—unless one is truly a spiritual seeker. And spiritual seekers come in all shapes and sizes. They are not always moral, godly people who use right words, know how to manage money or have clean backgrounds. They may be broken folks who know they aren't perfect and recognize their desire to grow closer to Jesus.

So I think we ought not judge those who sit in church buildings. We ought to rejoice they are here and welcome all in the name of Christ.



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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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### September Collection Servants

*Brook Gale, Robert Gonzales, Roman Gonzalez, Caleb Gray, R. J. Buchanan, Fausto Hinojosa, Ken Hutchison & Adam Mason*  
**Coordinator: Roger Howell**

### FOR THE RECORD

#### Attendance

Worship (8/26)	216
Bible Class	146

#### Contribution Report

Last Week (8/26)	\$ 4,685
Weekly Average	\$ 8,621
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,770

### WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

### SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

#### Adults

**Teacher: Fausto Hinojosa** Rm 405  
*Living with Distinction: Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount*

**Teacher: Lee Smith** Rm 411  
*Who Is the Holy Spirit?*

**Teacher: David Morris** Rm 700  
*In Him All Things Hold Together*

#### 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

*Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar Ave @ 7 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.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. (Psalm 103:11-13)

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.

### This Morning's Order of Worship Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*Lord, We Come Before Thee Now  
Lord, You Have My Heart  
The River  
Shout Hallelujah!  
The River*

### Invitation to the Lord's Table ~ Fausto Hinojosa

**Offering ~ D'Andra Buchanan**  
*Complete  
As the Deer  
It Is Well*

### Church News & Prayer for Illumination ~ Theresa Pafford

### Message ~ Jason Locke "Why We Forgive #5: What to Do with a Hard Heart"

**Time of Response**  
*Here's My Heart*

### Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke *The River*

*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.*

## September 2, 2018

## Who We're Praying For...

### Church Member Updates:

**Deb Leahy** is discontinuing treatment for her pancreatic cancer.  
**Blake Sheehan** asks for prayers as he recovers from an ear infection.  
**Marvidean Joslin** is in the ER at Fresno Community Hospital.  
 We give thanks for **Jamie & Rain Ogle** who gave their lives to Jesus in baptism on Sunday.  
**Juana Ramirez** is in Fresno Community Hospital with an infection.  
**Terry Hutchison** asks us to pray for **Janice Kelley** (Golden Living Center downtown) and the **Joslins** as they deal with dementia.  
**Lee Smith** requests prayers for **Sue's** eyesight.  
**Jason Locke** asks for prayers for healing after his sinus surgery.  
**Nick Harrison** returned home; is receiving palliative care.  
**Monique Turks** requests prayers for her daughter **Miracle King**: life situations including boyfriend, job, kids & housing.  
**Larry Wiseman** had a bone biopsy last week to assess his cancer.

### Ongoing:

**Louise Fraley, Stephen Shelley, Judy Jarman, Jack Gross, Al Ramirez, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Alice Farris, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley & Jim York**

### Expecting Mothers:

**Weezy MacDougall**

### Extended Family News:

**Grace Pendleton** requests prayers for their daughter, **Lori Ferguson**: pregnant with their 3rd child, a girl.  
**Mel Mason's** mom **Sandra** is out of rehab following her stroke; she is staying with Mel & Terri for now.  
**April Balch** asks us to pray for friend **Sandy Arroyo**: health  
**Sylvia Minjarez** asks for prayers for her friend/coworker's son: a 19-year-old with possible leukemia  
**Jay & Alice** ask for continued prayers for their granddaughter **Ali Rash**: chemo  
**Jennifer Hartman** gives thanks for surviving a near mishap on the highway.  
**Terry Hutchison** asks us to pray for **Ron Scott**: Fresno City Baseball, kidney-stone surgery

## Activities, Events & Church News

### Wednesday Night Dinner September 5

On the menu:  
**Jason Locke** will be preparing his famous Spaghetti all'Amatriciana, fresh salad, garlic bread & homemade sheet cake for dessert. *Bring a friend!*

Dinner is from 6-7 p.m.

Adults ~ \$4 Kids & Students ~ \$2



Items are regularly left behind and end up in the church office. If you have misplaced anything, you may be able to find it in the Lost & Found box located near the Kid Check area in the foyer.



### Mark Your Calendar

- UPCOMING EVENTS
- 9/5 Men's Breakfast; Wednesday Night Dinner
  - 9/7-9 Men's Retreat
  - 9/18 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class
  - 10/1 Men's Fellowship Night



### IMPACT News!

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

**Tonight:**  
 There will be NO TNT tonight.

9/9 TNT: youth room @6 p.m.

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



### Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

When you read about the early church and consider all the odds against them...how did they launch their movement? They had the best gift ever. This year we will be studying *The Holy Spirit (The Parting Gift)*. Our study will be in John 14-16. What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit? Hope you can join us this year. Start up date is **Tuesday, September 18 @ 9:45 a.m.** in room 405 at College Church.

## Children's Ministry: Uptown

As we move into the new school year, we are faced with the challenge of finding volunteers to help support our Uptown ministry. Uptown is completely staffed by volunteers. This is a good time to review the format and primary roles of the volunteers.

As the children come into Uptown each week, they go to their small group (circle) based on age. They are greeted there by a guide. This guide is an adult, or occasionally a teen, whose job it is to interact with the children while talking about their week, challenges in their lives, etc. The guide then leads/models prayer. Circle time is really about building relationships. After prayer there is time to work on study guides and memory verses. Guides usually make a two month volunteer commitment. We specifically need someone to serve as the guide for the kindergarteners in September and October.

Then another volunteer comes in to give the circle time lesson for the week. This lesson is tied to the theme for the month. In August, we focused the circle time lessons on Saul, Israel's first king. In September, we are moving on to David. Teachers and former teachers make great volunteers for this job. This volunteer usually makes a one month commitment. Currently we need a circle time speaker for October.

After circle time the kids are released to the studios. There is a studio for arts and crafts, geography and culture, theater and games. Each age group rotates through a different studio each week. The studio lessons are tied to the monthly theme. We need volunteers to lead and teach during studio time. The materials are prepared and sent to you ahead of time. Materials are set up in the studio for you to use. Right now we are in need of a studio leader for theater for September and October. We welcome couples to team teach the studios.

Can you help? Thank you for prayerfully considering what you are able to do to support our Children's Ministry. Call **Robyn** at 288-8773 or **Amber** at 940-4931 if you have questions or would like to volunteer. We also want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have consistently supported Uptown through the years. We are so grateful for your willingness to say yes when we call.

Children's Ministry,  
**Robyn Gonzales**



Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/2/2018

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Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail): \_\_\_\_\_

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