

A weekly thought from our senior minister, Jason Locke.

Minister's Message

After a few days of travel, it's always good to come home. Last Sunday, several of us worshiped with the Košice Church of Christ in eastern Slovakia. Our faith heritage may face numerous challenges, but it's good to experience our shared commitment to Jesus Christ.

Where on this earth can you go to escape the loving care of your heavenly Father? If you were to drive south into the dense forests of Central America, would you be beyond God's reach? If you were to fly across the ocean into a remote village that you had never heard of and where no one speaks your language, do you think God would be there, too?

Jonah thought he could run away from God. He didn't like the

fact that God told him to go preach to some despised foreigners. So instead of doing what God asked, he hopped on a ship and went the opposite way.

While on the boat, a violent storm came up. All the sailors feared God. They assumed they had done something to anger God. Sheepishly, Jonah admitted that he was running from God. They were horrified but kept trying to sail for safety.

Finally, Jonah convinced them to throw him off the ship. As he sank to the bottom of the ocean, do you know what Jonah discovered? God was even in the deepest ocean.

God's loving mercy is inescapable. So why not embrace it?



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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 (9/15)	180
Bible Class	153
Shabach (9/8)	98

Contribution Report

Last Week (9/15)	\$ 4,763
Weekly Average	\$ 8,701
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,454

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

Adults

Teacher: **Dee DellaMaggiore** Rm 405

Crashing Waves:

What Gets Between You & God

September 1—29

Teacher: **Amanda Mason** Rm 411

The Five Love Languages

September 1—29

Teacher: **Michael Rodriguez** Rm 700

Francis Chan's Letters to the Church

September 1—29

Bible Study Fellowship Rm 207

Group Leader: *Brook Gale*

September 2019—May 2020

September Book Club Rm 305

Hosts: *Mika Roland & Cassandra Stafford*

Brené Brown's Braving the Wilderness

September 1—29

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class

Resumes September 24, 2019

Taco Tuesday

Fellowship Hall

@ 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Breakfast

Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar Ave

@ 7 a.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.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)

During the Lord's Supper, we have a space dedicated for prayer. Some of our leaders will be in the back corner (in front of the nursery) to pray with or for you.

This Morning's Order of Worship

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

Forever Reign

There's a Stirring

Complete

All the Heavens

What the Lord Has Done

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Offering

Psalm 139:1-14

Loved by You

You, Oh Lord, Are My Refuge

The River

Church News & Prayer for Illumination

Message ~ Jason Locke,

"The Secret of You"

Blessing

The River

Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the blessing, just before the final song. Their teachers will meet them and lead them to their classes.

September 22, 2019

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Pat McKinzie is now residing at Noble Servant Care Home located at 4140 W Capitola, Fresno 93722. Pray that she will be encouraged through her healing process as Pat continues to recover and rehabilitate following hip replacement surgery.

Stephen Shelley is at Willow Creek (650 W Alluvial, Clovis 93611, Genesis building) in Room 115. Prayers for Stephen and his family that they may be comforted and be at peace. Visitors and cards are welcomed!

Continue to remember **Sue & Lee Smith** and **Larry & Terry Cowger** as they deal with ongoing health issues.

Healing for **Aubrey Alfaro's** Achilles tendon as it is not progressing as it should.

Prayers for **Pam Caples** on the anniversary of her father's passing as well as prayers for Pam's mom **Verlene Burns**: declining health.

Jeannie Jay asks us to keep all the students starting school this fall in prayer.

Aaron Roland requests prayer for a new job as his current company is closing.

Roman Gonzalez is experiencing dizzy spells.

Bee Xiong is grieving the death of his wife.

Ongoing:

Marvidean Joslin, Janice Kelley, Stephen Shelley, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Alice & Jay Farris, Florence Bedoian, Al Ramirez, Gloria Chisley, Alicia Rivera, John Jacobo, Pam Caples & mother Verlene Burns

Extended Family News:

Pat & Jennifer Bryan requests prayer for **Meghan Bryan**: follow through with drug rehab.

Ralph Amezcua requests continued prayers for his brother **Tony**.

Terry Cowger's cousin's husband **Tom** is now in hospice care in Lubbock, TX.

Continued prayers for **Jim & Margie York**. Jim is now in a Hospice Program at home.



Bee Xiong would like to express his appreciation for the gifts, cards, prayers, and support you have shown to him and his family after the passing of his beloved wife, **Sao**. He is deeply grateful for your love and kindness.

September Collection Servants

Brook Gale, Austin Mason, Roman Gonzalez, Caleb Gray, Sean Gresham, Fausto Hinojosa, Ken Hutchison & Adam Mason
Coordinator: **Roger Howell**

Activities, Events & Church News

TACO TUESDAY

Fellowship Hall @ 6 p.m.

Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian tacos with beans & rice.

Adults \$4 Kids/Students \$2



9/24 Ladies Bible Class Resumes;
Taco Tuesday

9/25 Men's Breakfast

10/31 Trunk or Treat

College Age Group

When: TONIGHT @ 6 p.m.

Where: The home of **Kyle & Judy Mason**, 2630 W San Ramon Ave, Fresno 93711

NOTE: Dinner, swimming & continued discussion on the book *Letters to the Church* by **Francis Chan**

YOUTH GROUP

Today @ 10:40 a.m.
IMPACT class time ~ Youth Room
The Bible Doesn't Say That: Strength, Weakness

TNT @ 4 p.m.—5:45 p.m.
Forestier Underground Gardens
Where: 5021 W Shaw Ave, Fresno 93722

Cost: \$5 entrance fee; students will also need money for dinner at McDonald's.

Reminders:

9/24 Taco Tuesday

9/29 TNT: Youth Room Basketball Games

Be Sure to Visit the Youth Photo Board Near the Nursery!



The **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** will be gathering ideas for serving our city and our community. Sometimes, the hardest part of serving is figuring out what to do. So, please come and join us **Tuesday, September 24** at **9:45 a.m.** in **Room 405** to pray, collect ideas, and listen to God's leading.

Upcoming Events



Inter-generational Mentoring Meeting
TODAY after class in the Worship Center.

The purpose of this Mentoring Group is to acknowledge and encourage our K-6th graders and Jr. High students. **Evelyn Howe (559-708-5363)** and **Linda Snow (559-269-2898)** will hand out cards with a student's name and information for you to take. Should you not be able to attend this one-time meeting, please contact Evelyn or Linda to sign up.

SMALL GROUPS

Here are a list of group hosts:

Jon & Dawn Frame	Sunday, September 29 @ 6 p.m. (gathering will be at the church building for youth group parents)
Fausto & Maria Hinojosa	Sunday, September 22 @ 5 p.m. (first gathering will be at the home of the Pendleton's)
Kyle & Judy Mason	Sunday, September 29 @ 6 p.m.
Shane & Darla Mason	Sunday, October 6 @ 12:15 p.m.
Terry & Ruth Hutchison	Sunday, October 6 @ 12 p.m. (kids welcome)
Don Pierce & Amber Pierce-Elliott	Sunday, October 6 @ 6:15 p.m.

Prayer Request:

Date: 9/22/2019

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

