

Nuestra Visión es / Our Vision is:
"Hacer Más Y Mejores Discípulos Para Jesucristo"
"Increasing Disciples for Jesus Christ in Depth and Numbers"
Our Mission: Vehículo de Movilización / Mobilization Vehicle of: "PESCAD"

11:55 a.m.
Coordinador / Coordinator
Varios Jóvenes / Several Youth

"Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. In this secure congregation of Christ, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, everyone is invited to enjoy this family gathering with God."

Zambúlete en las misericordias de Jesucristo
Dive into the mercies of Jesus Christ

"Una buena renovación de votos, es buena, si se hace con la misma persona con que estás viviendo. / A good renewal of vows, is good, if done with the same person with whom you are living."
JV Montes

Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer Coordinador / Leader
Bienvenida / Welcome Coordinador / Leader
Lectura Bíblica / Bible Reading Efesios 5:24-25;33. 1ra Pedro3:1;7-8

Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together

Cantos de Alabanzas - Celebración Grupo de Alabanza
Singing of Praise - Celebration Worship Team
Cantos de Adoración Grupo de Alabanza
Songs of Adoration WorshipTeam
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings Coordinador / Leader

Oigamos la Palabra de Dios / Let us Listen to God's Word:

Predica / Sermon Pastor J. V. Montes
Renovación De Votos Matrimonios Existentes
Renewing Your Marriage Vows

Tiempo de Ministración - Peticiones / Time of Ministering & Praying
Ujieres: Fernando Contreras, Guille Ibarra, Maxi Ambriz, Jesús Duran,
Gerardo Aguilar, María Mejía, Alfredo Mejía, Nohemí Palma y Juan Hernández

Hoy Por La Noche:

2:30pm. "Cena Matrimonial Brook Ranch /Marriage Supper at Brooks Ranch
5:00 pm. Acompáñenos al parque al jugar soccer - también jugaran niños /
Join us to play soccer at the park, bring the children

Reserve su Estas Fechas / Save These Important Dates:

Diciembre 24, 7:00pm. Aprovechando las puertas abiertas de Diciembre.
Diciembre 30, 7:00pm Loan Committee
Diciembre 31, 6:30pm Servicio y Santa Cena Fin De Año 2014.
Febrero 27/28, 2015. 1ra. Confraternidad en el Valle Central.
"EDIFICANDO LA FAMILIA." Proverbios 24:3-4

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December / Diciembre 21

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
9:30 a.m. English Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Estudio de Apocalipsis
11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida
11:40 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
11:50 a.m. Academia de Formación Cristiana (AFC)
11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración /
Spanish Worship Service
4:30 p.m. Caroling at Sierra View Homes

Monday, December / Diciembre 22

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Fireside Room
6:00 p.m. Practica del Grupo de Alabanza (Miércoles)
7:00 p.m. Comisión de Planeación

Tuesday, December / Diciembre 23

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2
6:00 p.m. Tiemplo Servicio de Oración / Prayer Time

Thursday, December / Diciembre 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Saturday, December / Diciembre 27

5:00 a.m. Oración Matutina / Morning Prayers

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December / Diciembre 21, 2014

Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.

On the Way
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Reveal Your Love

Gathering

Music for Gathering Eleanor Friesen and Andrea Friesen

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Advent Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus WH 178

Call to Worship and Invocation Christine Moyer

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship. Redeeming God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with your redeeming love.

People: Oh, that you would reveal your love to us, O Lord.

Leader: When Mary was sent away, she found an embrace in your arms.

People: When we feel isolated by the world, we find security in your kingdom.

Leader: The world does not see us as the Lord does.

People: They do not value us as the eternal One does.

Leader: The world cannot love us like the Lord does.

People: They cannot comfort us as our Creator does.

All: When others abandon us, God makes a home with us.

Songs of the Season

The Angel Gabriel WH 180

Lo, How a Rose e're Blooming WH 211

Confessing

A Confession for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Leader: Today in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. In your presence we focus on your worldwide church and its story across the centuries of church history. We offer confession on her behalf because her story is also our story. At times we have killed enemies with whose faith or politics we have differed, instead of loving them. We have been the agents of slavery instead of freeing people to live within your reign of righteousness. We have perpetuated racism and devalued those you call your own.

People: We have acted in your name, but have often failed to reflect your nature.

Leader: Most of all, we have failed to demonstrate to all God's people the boundless love of God in Christ. We confess these heavy sins to you, Lord, knowing we cannot carry the burden of these sins committed in your name. We pray that you would remove the weight of the church's sin from our shoulders.

People: Restore your love in us, part of your worldwide church. Grant even to us the expansive love revealed in this holy season.

All: Restore our love, Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Silence

Assurance

Leader: The Lord declares, I will gladly restore my love in you, my never-ending love for the church and for all peoples.

Praying

Sharing our Joys and our Concerns

Morning Prayer

Choral Anthem

What Sweeter Music (Hopson)

Proclaiming

Time with our Children

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Choral Anthem

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt (Schalk)

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred,
But there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find him as they said,
Sweet new-born babe, how frail, and in a manger bed,
A still small voice to cry one day for me.

Can I, will I, forget how love was born and burned
Its way into my heart, unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live and not alone for me.

Meditation

Let it Be

Responding

Singing our Faith

Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song

SJ 14

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Sharing our Gifts

Sending Litany

All: As we go from this house we remember that the world is vast and that we are small.

We see and know only in part.

We remind ourselves that God's love is stronger than all evil.

We remember that nothing can separate us from God's love.

So, this week we will wait for the Lord in the small places, within conversations, in the earth's beauty, in the world's pain, and in the wonder of all that is to come.

This is our prayer.

Leader: May the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit, rest upon us all, until, in God's providence we meet again.
Amen.

Postlude

Welcome to Our Service of Worship We are so glad you have joined us today to participate in this service of worship. Please know that regardless of where you have come from, or what you have experienced in the past, we welcome you. If you have a particular prayer concern, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of the deacons or pastors. If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here.

Nursery Workers The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. An un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. The following people are scheduled to work during the early service: December 21 - Gail Harder; December 28 - Christy Zimmerman; January 4 - Edith Montano.

Christmas Caroling at Sierra View Homes Our church's annual caroling at Sierra View Homes is this evening. Meet at 4:30 p.m. near the dining room at the front entrance. Refreshments will follow.

Christmas Day Worship Our Christmas Day worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus will take place this Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. We will sing the songs of Christmas, hear the Christmas story, and absorb a series of special numbers sung and played by different people in our church. It's going to be a great service. Come and join us!

Next Sunday Morning, on the first Sunday after Christmas, Suzi and Barbara Ewy will be sharing their musical gifts with us. Stephen Penner will bring the morning meditation and we will again share at the Lord's Table.

Steve and Glenna Penner are Going to Bolivia Early on the morning of January 5, 2015, Steve and Glenna Penner will be flying from LAX to Bolivia. They will return to California on February 23, 2015. Steve and Glenna's son Jordan and his wife Jenny are serving with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Bolivia, living in Cochabamba. The purpose of this long time away from Reedley is to visit their children and to do some Spanish language study. Our church grants our pastors sabbatical opportunities. Steve will be using a month of his time in Bolivia as sabbatical time in order to improve his limited Spanish language skills. Both Steve and Glenna will be taking Spanish language classes at a Spanish language school in Cochabamba.

Prayer Vine Alfonsina Oyanguren, who serves in Argentina with Mennonite Mission Network, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for husband, José, and their four children as they miss Alfonsina at home.

Treasurer's Note In December we typically receive special giving as our members plan their year-end contributions. Our budget has a \$9,500 deficit at the end of November, so let's all remember our church's ministries as we plan our giving. The Church Council has established a special fund for anyone wishing to contribute to help our pastors with sabbatical and other professional growth expenses. The Deacons will be over-seeing the distribution of money contributed. Be sure to get your donations into the church office or postdated by December 31, 2014 to receive a tax-deductible receipt for this year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Being Celebrated This Week Alexis Sandoval, Scarlet Sandoval, Manuel Otero, Alma Rodriguez.

