

*Cuestra 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.**  
Coordina: Raúl Zarco

Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. This congregation is based securely in Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit. May you enjoy this family of God.

"La GRACIA de Dios dada sobre su vida, le hace a usted merecedor (a) de su amor y de sus múltiples bendiciones. / Because of the grace of God given to you, you are worthy of his love and his many blessings." Juan Montes

**Para poder seguir tengo, que intentarlo de nuevo**  
**To be able to continue, try again**  
Tito 2 :10-15

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer                      Coordinador / Leader  
Bienvenida / Welcome    Coordinador / Leader

**Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together**

Líder de Alabanza Para Hoy                                      Leonard Míreles  
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 Juan Montes  
*Gracia sobre Gracia #2 / Grace upon Grace #2*

Tiempo de Ministración - Peticiones / Time of Ministering & Praying  
Ujieres: Fernando Contreras, Guille Ibarra, Maxi Ambriz, Jesús Duran, Gerardo Aguilar.

**Hoy:**

5:00 p.m. Futbol hoy / Soccer today en el Sports Park

**Reserve estas Fechas:**

Febrero 22-29. Practica Alabanza Salón Social  
Febrero 25. Practica Worship Team  
Febrero 29. Deadline for Everence College Scholarships  
Marzo 1. 7:00 p.m. Reunión de Diáconos  
Marzo 8. 7:00 p.m. Reunión "Relid"  
Marzo 15. 7:00 p.m. Reunión del Concilio  
Marzo 24. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service  
Marzo 25. 7:00 p.m. Viernes Santo Santa Cena  
Marzo 27. 10:00-11:30 a.m. Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración Salón Social  
Marzo 27. 12:30 p.m. Compañerismo PIM en Burris Park  
Abril 15-17. 2da Conferencia Familiar "EDIFICANDO LA FAMILIA"

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, February / Febrero 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. Curso Cuidado Pastoral  
10:45 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano  
11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida (AFC)  
11:50 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración. Worship Services  
5:00 p.m. Soccer at the Sports Park  
6:00 p.m. Missions in Oklahoma with Marvin Kroeker

**Monday, February / Febrero 22**

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Fireside Room  
6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Salón Social  
7:30 p.m. Baptism Class

**Tuesday, February / Febrero 23**

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2

**Wednesday, February / Febrero 24**

6:00 p.m. Border Learning Tour Report  
7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos  
7:00 p.m. Kids Club  
7:00 p.m. MYF  
7:00 p.m. Prayer, Bible Study Young Adults "Bethel" PIM  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
8:00 p.m. Worship Young Adult "Bethel" PIM

**Thursday, February / Febrero 25**

6:00 p.m. Practica Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team Training

**Friday, February / Febrero 26**

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

**Sunday, February / Febrero 28**

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

**9:30 a.m.**

*The Mission of God in a World of Complexity*

**Living Ink: Finding Light in Dark Text -- Lent 2**

**Gathering**

Music for Gathering David Boldt

*Prelude in E Minor* (Bach)

Choral Introit Church Choir

*Holy Holy Holy* (Mendelssohn)

Call to Worship and Prayer Ruth Buxman

*Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?*

All: The Lord is the strong hold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

*Leader: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek;*

All: We seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.

Gospel Reading

*Luke 13:31-35*

Hymn of Faith

*O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns* WH 404

**Confessing**

Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

All: *Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and answer us. Do not turn your servants away in anger, you who have been our help. Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!*  
(Silent confession)

*Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path.*

Leader: God invites us to believe that you shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Scripture Reading

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Hymn of Faith

*Come and Be Light for our Eyes* SJ 5

**Hearing**

Reading from the Psalms

*Psalms 27*

Children's Story Barbara Ewy

Choral Anthem Church Choir

*Call to Remembrance* (Farrant)

Meditation Stephen Penner

*Hope in the Midnight Hour*

**Responding**

Time of Reflection and Communion

Prayer

*Leader: Midst the tumult of life we hear your Spirit's call.*

People: In the still of the early dawn we sense your touch.

*Leader: We turn our hearts and minds to you, our God. Hear our prayer.*

*People: Be near, O Lord, to those who are lonely, or feel pain, this day. (silence)*

*Leader: Be present to fellow travelers around the world who struggle this day. (silence)*

*Leader: We thank you for the sweet communion we know in this, our fellowship*

People: We pray for the strength to be faithful in thoughts, words, and actions.

*Leader: Give us power and peace in serving you, our God.*

All: Amen.

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings

**Blessing**

Sending Song

*When the Storms of Life are Raging* WH 558

Benediction

Postlude

*Voluntary in G* (Purcell)

**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 unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

**ISIS, Peace, and Non-Violence** Jim Fitz, farmer and former CPTer in Colombia, will be speaking next Sunday morning during the 11 a.m. Sunday School hour on "ISIS, Peace, and Non-violence." Jim will be meeting with the Koinonia class (meeting room in the basement). Jim is from Illinois and has a deep devotion to Jesus and the way of peace. Everyone is invited to attend this class which will surely generate interesting discussion.

**Marvin Kroeker**, retired professor of history who spent his teaching career at Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS, and East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, will speak on "General Conference Mennonite Missions in Oklahoma and the Cheyenne Peace Chief Tradition" this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Marvin and his wife Lily now live at Palm Village and attend College Community Church MB in Clovis. Marvin is a friend of Cheyenne Peace Chief and Mennonite Pastor Lawrence Hart and has worked together with him on different presentations and projects over the years.

**PSMC Annual Assembly** The annual assembly of our district conference, the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, is scheduled for March 4-6 in Phoenix, Arizona. The theme for the conference is "Together we Serve, Together we Grow." Alex Awad from the Bethlehem Bible College will be the special guest speaker. Registration forms are available on the tables in the entryways or you can use the online registration page to register at [www.pacificsouthwest.org](http://www.pacificsouthwest.org).

**Church Directory** A draft copy of the church directory is available on the back table for your review. Please make changes as needed. If you are a regular attendee, and are not in the book, please add your information.

**New E-mail Address** We have found it necessary to change the church's e-mail address. Please note that our new address is [fmcreedley1@gmail.com](mailto:fmcreedley1@gmail.com).

**Border Learning Tour Report** Steve Penner, Juan Montes, and Larry Harder will share about their recent experiences on the Border Learning Tour to Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Sonora, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, February 24, in the Fellowship Hall.

**Prayer Vine** Praise God for Margot and Stephen Longley's 30 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, first in Nepal and now in Korpo, Finland. Margot's degenerative neurological condition is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Pray for continued health as the Longleys retire in Korpo.

**Peace Center** Friday, February 26, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Paul Gilmore, professor of History at Fresno City College. Topic: The History of California's Infrastructure.

**Tom Neilson, Folk Singer and Political Satirist Benefit Concert.** Reedley Peace Center Special Event: Friday, March 4, 2016, 7:00 PM. Admission by donation. Fundraiser for Reedley High School - Students for Peace Club - College Scholarship Fund. Fellowship Hall, First Mennonite Church, 1208 L. Street, Reedley. Silent Auction & refreshments.

**Birthdays Being Celebrated This Week** Michael Linscheid (2/23), Robert Ewy (2/25), Ruth Buxman (3/26), Wyeth Buxman (2/27), Jean Unruh (2/27); Manuel Otero & Guillermina Ibarra (2/22)