

**Sunday, March 24, 2013**

**Today's Worship Schedule** \_\_\_\_\_

*Song*      *8*            *Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing*

*Call to Worship*      *Ken Perry*

*Song*      *118*            *God Has Smiled on Me vs 1 & 2, repeat 1*

*Prayer*                    *Tim Douglas*

*Song*      *2*                *We Praise Thee, O God*  
              *3*                *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*  
              *4*                *To God Be the Glory*

*Communion*            *Nick Linneman*

*Song*      *414*            *Anywhere with Jesus*  
                              *(Dismiss for Children's Worship)*

*Sermon*                    *Matt Phillips*

*Song*      *517*            *Heaven Came Down*

*Closing Prayer*      *Jeff Smith*



David Ramirez is having back surgery at the VA hospital on April 3rd. Please pray for him and his doctors.

New Address for:  
**Lester James**  
2072 S Willow Ave  
Fresno, CA 93727  
559 313 6183

**Betty Damron**  
1100 E. Spruce #243  
Fresno, CA. 93720

*House on the Rock* Need:

A Full or Twin Size bed with frame. See Cedric if you can help.

*Sunday Evening Services*

*Various Speakers*

## VISITORS

**Out of Town:** Roland Hendrix, Beauford, SC; John McAdams, Ashdown, AR; Joyce Thomas, Arroyo, CA; Victoria Fotopoulos, Madera, CA; Jon & Anita Bailey, Fontana, CA; Doran & Storm Families, Madera, CA.



**Local:** Madison T Madison, Norma Arenivas, Sharon Cantrell, Terra Ornelas, Cesar Duran

**Attendance: AM 738 Class 451 Sunday Night 169 Wednesday Night 348 Thursday Bible Study 25**

**Weekly Contribution: \$11,214 Weekly Budget: \$13,350**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chartered Bus Trip to Ronald Reagan Library on April 18th

There are a few seats still available. If you'd like to be part of this fun day, call Joe Boe. Costs \$85/person includes lunch and guided tour of library.

If you found a woman's ring in the auditorium last week, please turn in to the office or see Patty Houston. It belonged to her mother. *Thank you*

**No Children's Worship TODAY**



## GOD SQUAD News

Today, March 24th 12:00 noon (following class)  
Craft Service Day in Fellowship Hall  
Bring your own lunch!!!

April 13th — Elder's Appreciation Dinner

## COMING EVENTS

**Today—Annual WPCOC Corporate Meeting**  
Immediately following morning worship service.  
**Tonight—Greek Class Room 108 6 pm**

**3/27/13— PrimeTime Dinner — Fried Chicken, Pilaf, Salad, Veggies & Dessert**

**May 18, 2013—Ladies Day**  
**June 22-29—Yosemite Bible Camp**  
**July 7-10—Vacation Bible School**  
**July 20-26—Tahoe Family Encampment**  
**September 25-29—Spiritual Growth Workshop**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Rodessa Jones—Pray for my oldest son and keep me in your prayers.

Steve & Hilda Stoll— Please continue to pray for our adoption of Johnson.

Larry Cooley—Bless my mom for her health.

Vince & Stephanie—God I want to thank you for bringing Floyd Bryant into me and Stephanie's life. Please ease his pain. We love you so much Floyd. God bless all of you.

David Law— Pray for the continued growth and maturity in Woodward Park and our smaller sister churches.

Priscilla Valerie— Please pray for my school work to improve and give me strength to get through the school year.

Diane Sutherland— Please pray for surgical procedure on my spine. Thank you.

Diana Bennett— Please pray for my knee surgery on 3/28/2013.

MD Partain— Ill with the flu.

Betty Damron— I have moved to the Windham with the help of special Christians.

Casie Reddell— Please keep me in prayer as I search of a job. And the start of a new career.

Georgia Murphy— Pray for my son Rex Porterfield, he is still on life support.

Rod & Candy Hall— Our family will be traveling during the school break. Pray for our safety.

Cheryl Rowe— Love you Jesus and all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Joe & Lorry Boe— Praise God, Cody has come home safely from 2 years in the Ukraine. It is great to have him home.

Bonnie Farris— Thank you so much for your prayers.

Lynn Brown—Thank you all during my time of struggle, no one forgot me.

Julie Tipton— Pray for my husband and my behavior that I will honor God.

Glenna Gammel— Al Sanchez is not feeling well.

Bruce Lee— Please pray for me and my family. I will see a heart doctor.

Emilio Carrillo— Pray for my mom as she goes to Arizona to have a safe trip.

### Please be Aware of NEW PrimeTime Schedule:

All "To Go" containers will be filled after 6:15 pm. This will allow all the people eating at the building to be served first. If you choose to pick up "To Go" plates, please come at 6:15 til 6:30. *Thank you for your cooperation*

## SERVING vs RULING

*"He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs As he who serves."*  
Luke 22: 25

Our Savior tells the apostles that doing good is *more honorable* than being great. Doing good is the surest way to *be* great. Jesus wanted all his disciples to understand that the greatest honor would be to do *good* to all in the world. The greatest *good* comes from knowing Christ and so He instructed all believers to "go...teach, preach the *Good News*, baptizing all who believe in His name." Being "benefactors" trumps being "rulers."

It was never intended that anyone "in Christ" should rule over anyone other than by the power of Truth and Grace. It *was* the intent of Christ to show all believers (specifically in this case his apostles) a **rule of behavior** that was to be mirrored by them. *"He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger..."*

Experience, talent or knowledge is never to be used as an excuse to become complacent in the Body of Christ; in fact He expects just the opposite. Putting others first was a signature trait of our Lord, and he teaches these disciples the importance of being a servant. He was ready to do any kindness or service for them...witness His washing of their feet.

*"For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves."*

Luke 22:26-27

Jesus teaches His disciples to not strive for worldly honor and greatness but emulate His humility and service.

Can *you* see Him! Others have and their lives have reflected His! "...My Lord and my God," cried Thomas: "I have seen Him," exclaimed Mary Magdalene: "We have seen His glory," declared John.

Jesus has *better* honors, than this life has to offer, for those who recognize Him, and emulate Him. A kingdom awaits, a house not made by human hands... imperishable and everlasting. And Christ Himself will meet us there and we will live with Him... forever.

## Youth News

Youth Gathering

**Sunday Class:** Biblical Financial Study - Grady Lane  
If you wish to purchase a study guide for this class, see Grady.

**Wednesday Nights:** Jr. High- Basic Training! - Various Teachers  
High School- Various Teachers

**Today (Sun):** College/11th-12th Combined Devo- TBD

Thank you to all that made Joel and Margaret Ellen Harper feel welcome last week. The visit with the Harpers went very well and we received very positive feedback from the congregation as well as from the Harpers. At this point the elders, with input from the committee are in the process of taking the next steps to bring Joel and Margaret Ellen here to Fresno to work with our church family and youth.

In love  
Youth committee

For questions or information, please see:  
*Gabe Bacus, Tim Douglas, Kevin Hinton or Grady Lane*

**"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Proverbs 16:24**

April 14th-16th—Gospel Meeting—Yosemite Parkway Church of Christ, Merced CA with Phil Sanders

April 20th—Women's Day Hughson Church of Christ

May 1-5th—Spiritual Growth Expo & Lectureship  
West Visalia Church of Christ

June 22-28—Family Encampment Morro Bay Church of Christ

*More Details available at the Welcome Center*



Another big THANK YOU for the day trip along Blossom Trail. Our picnic lunch at the park in Reedley was great and the Hot Fudge Sundae on the way home was a perfect ending. The weather was just right and the orchards were beautiful. Thank you for being my church family!

Grace Thornton