

ANNOUNCING



Mariners: To be announced

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, April 16, at 9:30am

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	5:00 p.m.
Mariners	2nd Friday	5:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 5:00 p.m. every Friday for lunch. Mariner's meet at 5:00p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91, vs. 1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Pat Benton – Lung Function & Healing
Helen Campbell – Foot Healing
Don & Suzanne Frantz – Cancer Healing
Kirby Frantz – Cancer Healing
Cheryl Leib – Healing from Knee Replacement Surgery
Dennis Peterson – Healing from Eye Surgery
Jeff Qualls – Cancer Healing



KNOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Thoughts inspired by Charles Stanley

The Holy Spirit is one of God's best blessings for believers. He is: **God's divine energy and authority** released in the life of a believer for the purpose of Godly living and fruitful service. With the by-product of happiness and joyfulness. He provides the blessed life of God for the believer who releases Him within himself. God saves us then indwells us through the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to be what God intends for us to be and accomplish what God wants us to accomplish. We must know that the Holy Spirit is not an it, but a personality of the triune God-head. The Holy Spirit is in you, with you, to help you be God's person each day and in all that you do. In **John 14:16-18** we see **Jesus** promising that the Holy Spirit will come to believers once Jesus is gone from the earth. He is to be with us forever. He is the Helper and enabler to equip us for being God's person on earth. We do not have to live the Christian life out of our own resources. When we release and rely upon the Holy Spirit we are empowered to live the Christian life God wishes for us to live. He indwells us at baptism to accomplish God's will in our lives. He is our guardian, the source of knowledge, wisdom and power for living a Christian life. Sins are forgiven at Calvary and then we are empowered by the Holy spirit to live a Godly life. The Holy Spirit matures us in Christ. He convicts us of sin then helps us live for God. We are to depend on Him and trust Him.

Jesus is always with us via the Holy Spirit. We have been sealed by the Spirit. He is our source of strength and power. Satan wants us to be overcome by fear and doubt. But the Holy Spirit enables us by filling us with energy and the reality of God. It is through him that we can do supernatural things for God. He is our divine energy and spiritual authority in life. We must claim the presence, power and word of the Spirit of God in our lives to release Him to do His work in us. He is our defender, our proclamation, the speaker of truth. We must allow him to take over and accomplish God's will in the moment. For we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. We have what we need to be towers of strength for **The Lord God Almighty**. The best we can do is allow Him to work in and through us. Wake up with God each morning in order to release the Holy Spirit to enable us to God's will for the day. This life will impact the life of others. We are fully equipped to live the life God has for us in the Holy Spirit. It might not be easy but it is a life lived for God.

Are you releasing this power of God to live a Christian life? We must confess our sins then yield our life to God, surrender our life to God; acknowledge that God owns us, that He has the right to indwell us, guide us and lead us and acknowledge that we are willing to follow His will for our life. The more we give ourselves to Him the more of Him we experience. The Holy Spirit is a real person of the trinity. We are to walk in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit each day. The Holy Spirit is God's promise of his continuous uninterrupted presence and power to live out our lives and fulfill God's purpose for our lives. *What a blessing!*

Pastor John

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.” 1 Kings 4:29

We live in the midst of the greatest scientific civilization in the history of the world. But the greatest wisdom walking our streets is not that of any laboratory scientist, but the wisdom of Jesus of Nazareth. When you have to solve perplexing problems and handle tough situations, He will give you the calm, quiet, orderly mind without which no solution can emerge. So the first thing is: Don't panic. Second thing: Think. That's what Jesus Christ enables a person to do. He teaches you to think.

Write all the parts of the problem out. Talk it over with people whose intelligence and understanding you respect. Then do something about it. Do anything you can think to find an answer. And never, never give up. Because there is an answer and in God's leading, you will be guided to the answer and in God's leading, you will be guided to the answer if you keep on thinking, keep on working at it.

Life Lifter. When you are filled with self-doubt, and in the grip of your inferiority complex, don't give up. You have the kingdom of God within you. God has placed in your personality all the ability you need. You have only to believe and the strength within you will be released. In saying the text, try it this way, “God's abundance, peace and power are within me. I lack for nothing.”

Norman Vincent Peale



FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP AND MARINERS TIME CHANGE!!!!

Please note: With the time change back to **Daylight Savings** time, both the **Friday Fellowship** and the **Mariners** will meet at **5:00pm** every Friday.



Jeremiah and Erica Price have a new address: 4117 Woodfall Lane, Modesto, CA 95356.

FEBRUARY 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 35

Giving:

Local:	\$5,314.00
Sunday School:	85.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	78.00
Other:	248.30
Total:	\$5,725.30



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MIRACLES

By Howard E. Kershner

In Christian Economics, January 7, 1958

Some people do not believe in miracles, but human life is the greatest miracle of all and no one doubts it.

What greater miracle than the thinking power of a few pounds of grayish protoplasm in our skulls that can remember the past, plan for the future, make decisions and carry them out? If you can believe that, and who doubts it, almost any other miracle looks simple.

No wide-angle camera lens can take in nearly 50 percent of the sphere around us as can the human eye. Some might regard color television as a miracle, but the eye can do it and with instantaneous development.

Regeneration of the soul, changing the apparently hopeless alcoholic, the helpless victim of narcotics, or the fierce criminal into a kind and loving husband, a thoughtful, conscientious parent, a good neighbor and a pillar in the church, is a miracle. The transmutation of hate to love by the grace of God is a miracle. No one who has observed these phenomena can doubt them.

The atom is so small we cannot see it, even with the finest instruments, but locked within it is the power that keeps the sun blazing in the heavens millions upon millions of years. That's a miracle, and no informed person doubts it.

Why stumble or quibble over miracles? They are all around us. How does a baby eel find its way from the central Atlantic up the tiny fresh water creeks and after reaching maturity some years later, go back to the same place in the ocean where it spawns and dies? How does the bird, after wintering in the south, find its way to the Arctic lake where it spends its summer? Or how does the bee find its way through fog or darkness back to the hive?

God's universe is filled with miracles. It does not require faith to believe them but only sufficient intelligence to recognize the facts.

"I believe in the whole Bible, not a Bible full of holes."

Anxiety is contemplating your future without God in it.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

- 01st – Shelby Carduvi
- 02nd – David Hurlbut
Darlene Kennard
- 04th – Sarah Lutes
Roger Welch
- 05th – Rachel Price
- 09th – Samuel Price
- 16th – John Price
- 18th – Linda Carter
Andrew Welch
- 27th – Vern Shafer



If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.

Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary. You are important to us!



APRIL 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Colossians 3:1-14 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres	2 John 5:1-9 Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger	3 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	4 Matthew 6:25-34 Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam.	5 Hebrews 12:1-3 Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Karen Davis & Family Gary & Charlotte DeHart	6 Romans 12:9-18 Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zack Fear
7 Proverbs 4:1-9 Pastor & Teachers Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz	8 Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8 Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	9 Psalm 92:5-15 Betty Harms & Fam. Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	10 Romans 8:1-11 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut	11 Nehemiah 8:1-10, 18 Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson	12 Psalm 40:1-5 Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater	13 Mark 10:13-16 Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes
14 Psalm 30:1-12 Pastor & Teachers Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore	15 Matthew 22:1-14 Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 Luke 10:38-42 Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 Mark 2:1-12 Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros Oscar Phan	18 Luke 22:14-20 Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	19 John 11:17-27 Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Fam. John & Kathy Price	20 Isaiah 41:9-13 Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family
21 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Pastor & Teachers Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Vance Shafer	22 Genesis 1:26-31 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam.	23 Ephesians 2:1-7 Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family	24 Psalm 100:1-5 Jerry & Judeen Stokes J.J. & Soleena Stome & Fam. Veronica Suderman & Fam. Arthur Syverson	25 Matthew 10:28-31 Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent	26 Psalm 23:1-6 John & Sue Vacca Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch	27 Romans 2:17-21 Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam. Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.
28 Job 1:13-22 Pastor & Teachers Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	29 2 Kings 4:1-7	30 Philippians 2:14-16				

























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APRIL 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	3 7:00 am  Government Commodities Distribution 6:00 pm  Bible Study	4  4:15pm Easter Choir	5  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Alfonso's 2375 Lawrence, Ceres	6 FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am-2:00pm
7  Coffee Hour	8	9  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	10  6:00 pm Bible Study	11  4:15pm Easter Choir	12  5:00pm Mariners at the Church	13
14 	15	16  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	17  6:00 pm Bible Study	18  4:15pm Easter Choir	19  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Black Bear Diner Modesto	20
21 	22	23  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	24  6:00 pm Bible Study	25  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	26  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Golden Bowl Hughson	27
28	29	30  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon				

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour