

First Evangelical Free Church exists to:

BRING people into a relationship with Jesus, **CONNECT** them to God's family, **MATURE** them in their faith, and **EQUIP** them for ministry so God's name will be **EXALTED!**

Our Current Series:
January 3-April 18, 2010

12 Tests

Developing a Faith That Works

When it comes to your faith, how and where does it show up? We will begin this new decade by taking 12 tests from the book of James that will spur you on to develop a faith that works!

January Tests:

- January 10—How Do You React To Problems? (James 1:2-12)
- January 17—What Do You Do With Temptations? (James 1:13-18)
- January 24—How Do You Respond To The Bible? (James 1:19-27)
- January 31—How Do You Treat Other People? (James 2:1-13)

Contact Us!

The staff at First Free would love to hear from you today!

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WELCOME
where the difference is... the relationship

Sunday Mornings:

Creekside Friends

9:30 –12:00 PM:

Nursery (Infant–2 Years)*Cuddlebugs* (Infant–Age 1) & *Creepers* (Ages 1–2)**2's Climbers** (2 Years)**Preschool** (3–5 Years)*Hoppers* (Age 3) & *Gritters* (Ages 4–5)

Parents, please sign your child in and receive a pager.

**** Creekside Bible Time ******Children's Bible Time (K-6)** _____ 9:30-10:30 AM**Creekside Kids (K-3)** meet in Creekside Rooms #102A-D**Creekside Kids (4)** meet in Room #101**Creekside Explorers (5-6)** meet in Rooms #301 - 302**Zion Youth Church** (Gr. 7-12), 9:30 AM, meet in Room 108

10:30-10:55 AM:

K-3 Friends' Corner: Room #102**4-6 Friends' Corner:** Room #101**** Creekside Children's Church ******Children's Church (K-6)** _____ 11:30 AM-12:00 PM

Gr. K-3 - Room 102; Gr. 4-6 - Room 101

Wednesday Evenings:

Creekside Clubs

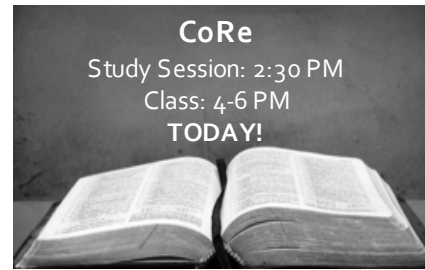
6:30-8:00 PM

Girls Rock! (Gr. 1-6)**Tree Climbers** (Boys Gr. 1-2)**Stockade** (Boys Gr. 3-6)**Zion Youth Ministry**

6:30-8:30 PM

Zion Youth Group (Gr. 7-12)

Please use South Entrance



Sunday Mornings:

Adult Bible Fellowships**9:30AM****Life (Room #104)** ~ Jeff & Andrea Spranger*Singles, Couples & Parents with Young Children*–30s**Parents of Teenagers (Room #103)** ~ Jim & Joyce Friesen**Sojourners (Room #105)** ~ Vince & Heidi St. Clair*Singles, Couples & Families*– Late 30s, 40s, Early 50s**11:00AM****Metamorphosis (Room #109)** ~ Wayne & Julie Danielson*Post High School, College & Early Career***Seekers (Room #108)** ~ Audrey Sollie, Bob Gu, & Steve Mondy*Multi-culture Class***Seniors (Room #105)** ~ Char Boyles & Bob Chapman*Singles & Couples* – 65+**Agape (Room #103)** ~ Mark & Deb Holman*Singles & Couples* – 50s & 60s**Makarios (Room #104)** ~ Eric & Susan Stabnow*Singles, Couples & Newlyweds in their 20s***Prayer Group (Library)** ~ Facilitator: Grace Elasky**Service Opportunity:**

Join the Agape ABF as they

pack meals at

Feed My Starving Children.

When: Saturday, 7-9 PM**Where:** Chanhassen Center**Who:** Adults & Children (3rd G.

& Above); 20 people needed;

however, limit is also 20

Sign Up: Contact John

Symington at—

jsymington@earthlink.net

Child Dedication:

Next Sunday you will have an opportunity to dedicate your child to the Lord. Please contact the church office (olivia.lueth@firstfreechurch.org) to participate.

**Youth Parent Meeting**

Come and find out more about the summer ministry trips, learn about a few changes in the ministry programs, and hear stories of how God is working in and through the lives of your kids.

Wednesday**7- 8 PM****Interested in baptism?**

Our next baptismal service is scheduled for **Jan. 31st**. Contact the church office or mark your Welcome Card if you would like to participate.

Fresh Encounter

January 20

6:30 PM

PRAYER.
conversations with God

**This Week @ FEFC...January 10-16**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 2 Services 9:30 & 11 AM 12:15 PM Seekers' Potluck 12:15 PM Connecting Ministry Lunch 2:30 PM CoRe 5:30 PM Commissions 7:30 PM Council	11 8:30 PM Men's Basketball	12 9 AM White Cross 6:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM Worship Team	13 9:30 AM WNBS 6:30 PM Clubs & Youth Group 6:45 PM Prayer 7:00 PM Youth Group Parent Meeting	14	15 9:15 AM MOPS	16 7-9 PM Feed My Starving Children Service Project

Do you want to serve at First Free?

We will be holding a Ministry Fair on January 24th during Connection Time in the gym! Plan to stop by and find out where you can bless this congregation.



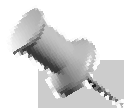
Minnehaha/Nokomis Grief Support Group

Mondays,
Feb. 8-Mch. 29
4:30-6:30 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church of
Minnehaha Falls
Contact
Marilyn Fisher
with questions.
(724-9311)



E-News!

Starting **January 24th**, at the Ministry Fair, you can sign up to receive your *First Word* (First Free's monthly newsletter) via email! Look for the Office booth.



Class 101: Exploring Church Membership

Find out more about becoming a member of First Free at our next class, January 24, from 4-8 PM. Dinner will be provided. Mark your Welcome Card or call the church office to attend.

All newcomers and visitors are invited to a **Guest Luncheon next Sunday** following the second service. This is an informal gathering where you can meet Pastor Joel and Becky Sutton and the ministry staff while having a "meal on us." You may sign up at the Welcome Center or indicate your availability on the welcome card found in the worship folder.

Family News~

Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and concern shown to us during Rod's illness and at the time of his death.
~Doris Holman and the Family

**Fiscal YTD Giving:
December 27, 2009**

Local Ministries: \$419,243
Budget: \$454,738
Outreach: \$108,187
Budget: \$116,738

EXALT

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
(Hymn #1, Vv. 1-4)

"Everyone Arise"

"Mourning Into Dancing"

"That's Why We Praise Him"

Welcome

(Children dismissed 2nd Service)

Offering

Message

Pastor Joel Sutton

"How Do You React To Problems?"
James 1:2-12 (Pew Bible Pg. 1172)

First Time Visitor?

If you are new to First Free, we extend a special welcome to you today. We hope that you will find the following information helpful:

Information Request: We ask each attendee to *fill out the enclosed Welcome Card* and place it in the offering plate each week. Our church uses this information for FirstFree communications only...plus, we would just like to get to know you! *Information will not be shared with outside sources.*

This Morning's Offering is for those who call First Free their church home. You are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate.

Restrooms are located below the sanctuary and by the gym. A handicap accessible restroom may be found by the nursery near the North Entrance.

Nurseries, Classrooms, and Children's & Adult Ministry: Stop at the Welcome Center for maps! Class times and locations are located on the inside of this bulletin.

A Gift! We invite you to also stop by the **Welcome Center** to receive a gift and additional information about our church.
Thank you for joining us today!

Test 1:*How Do You React To Problems?*

James 1:2-12

A Primer on Problems

- 1) Problems are _____ (v. 2).
- 2) Problems are _____ (v. 2).
- 3) Problems are _____ (v. 2).
- 4) Problems are _____ (vv. 3-4).
 - They help you develop _____ that is more _____.
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 - They help you develop _____ that is more _____.

How should we _____?

With _____ (v. 2).

With _____ and _____ (vv. 5-8).

With _____ (vv. 9-11).

Take Home Idea: A faith that faces problems with a _____, _____
_____ attitude is a _____.*Coming Next Week:***Test 2: "What Do You Do With Temptations?"***James 1:13-18***Sermon-Based Discussion Questions**

(For Small Groups, Adult Bible Fellowships, or Personal Use)

1. What thoughts or ideas from the sermon challenged your heart this week? Is anything still poking at your heart?
2. Describe an anxious or frightening trial that you've been through. What were the most frightening, maddening, or annoying times through that trial? Where and how did God reveal His character through that trial?
3. Looking back, how did you grow through that trial or problem?
4. God is never-changing and ever-present, especially in the midst of problems and trials. What is your initial reaction to this truth? What about your reaction to God being a good God, even during the most difficult and trying times in your life?
5. Are you moved towards holiness, trust, and obedience when faced with problems and trials? Why or why not?
6. Is the testing of your faith an anxiety-producing, frustrating experience, or a joyous and holy worship experience?
7. How do you plan to allow your heart to be changed by God so that when trials and problems arise, your eyes are fixed on Christ, and the painful maturation process is a joyous and holy experience?