

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 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)



WELCOME
where the difference is... the relationship

Contact Us!

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

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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) & *Critters* (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

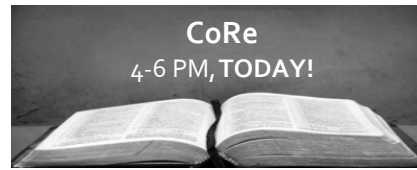
6:30-8:00 PM

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**

Youth Group will be participating in the Fresh Encounter service this week!



Sunday Mornings:

Adult Bible Fellowships9:30 AM**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*11:00 AM**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

Connect with an ABF
this week!

Check out the ABF table in
the foyer following both
services.

**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)



All newcomers and visitors are invited to a **Guest Luncheon TODAY** 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." Join us in Room 105 (Downstairs) at 12:15 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
Wednesday
6:30 PM

PRAYER.
conversations with God

**This Week @ FEFC...January 17-23**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 2 Services 9:30 & 11 AM 12:15 PM Seekers' Potluck 12:15 PM Guest Luncheon 4:00 PM CoRe	18 6:30 PM Women's Book Club 8:30 PM Men's Basketball	19 6:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM Worship Team	20 9:30 AM WNBS 6:30 PM Clubs & Youth Group 6:30 PM Fresh Encounter	21	22	23

Our prayers and warmest support go out to the families who are dedicating their children to the Lord this morning:

9:30 AM

Jay & Heidi Pound with Liesl
 Jeremy & Erin Resler with Isaiah
 Andrew & Heather Aunan with Ashley
 Bob & Maggie Gu with Peter
 Seth & Mallory Hueckman with Hardy

11:00 AM

Corey & Jessica Sanborn with Eli
 Jeremy & Becki Kobielush with Ellen
 Chad & Heidi Hollinbeck with Hunter
 Dean & Rhonda Peterson with Keegan and Rylan
 Lynn Longfield with Tony and Shyla



Class 101: Exploring Church Membership

Find out more about becoming a member of First Free at our Class 101, next Sunday, from 4-8 PM. Dinner will be provided. Mark your Welcome Card or call the church office to attend.



SMALL

GRAND

Get In The Game!

We will be holding a Ministry Fair next Sunday during Connection Time in the gym! Plan to stop by and find out where you can serve at First Free.



Have you misplaced a sweatshirt, Bible, or even pair of tennis shoes? Check out First Free's **Lost and Found**, located below the stairs at the North entrance. Unclaimed items will be purged February 1st.



E-News!

Starting **next Sunday**, 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.

**Fiscal YTD Giving:
 January 3, 2010**

Local Ministries: \$439,544
 Budget: \$466,398
 Outreach: \$114,162
 Budget: \$119,731

EXALT

"Mighty To Save"

"Beautiful One"

Welcome

Child Dedication

Offering

(Children dismissed 2nd Service)

Message

Pastor Joel Sutton

"How Do You Respond To Temptation?"

James 1:13-18 (Pew Bible Pg. 1172)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

"Victory In Jesus"

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 First Free 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 foyer and across from 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 2:

James 1:13-18

How Do You Respond To Temptation?

Where does that _____ come from?

- The source is _____! (v. 13)
- The source is _____. (vv. 14-15)

√ _____

√ _____

√ _____

√ _____

How can we _____ over _____?

- _____ being _____. (v. 16)
 - √ _____ of certain places
 - √ _____ immorality
- _____ the _____ of our _____. (vv. 17-18)

Take Home Idea: Don't be _____! God is _____ the cause of our _____, He is the _____ of our _____!

Coming Next Week:

Test 3: "How Do You Respond To The Bible?"

James 1:19-27

Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

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

- Are there any thoughts or ideas from the sermon that you are still thinking about or wrestling with? Has your view of God changed in any way by listening to the sermon? What impacted your heart?
- What food is an absolute indulgence for you, that when you see it or think of it, you crave it and must have it?
- What, if any, is the difference between God's testing and maturing our faith and temptation? At the outset of a difficult situation, are you able to pinpoint whether you're being tested or tempted?
- Why is it so easy for us to blame others, including God, for our temptations and failures?
- Where does James say death starts? Does this mean that wanting something is sinful? Decipher between sinful and holy desires.
- Can God's good and perfect gifts become a temptation and trap us into sin?
- *Read Genesis 4:7.* What does God tell Cain about the nature of sin and temptation? What does God command Cain to do concerning sin and temptation?
- Talk about the mastery of sin in your own life. Does the temptation of wrongdoing and sinfulness master your life, or do the holiness, goodness, and grace of God and His Spirit master the sinful desires in your life?
- Take some time to reflect on God's goodness and His grace in taking sinful people like us and giving us a new birth into becoming holy people. Ask God to show His work in your heart; allow Him to shape your heart, your desires, and your life.