

*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 24—How Do You Respond To The Word? (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*

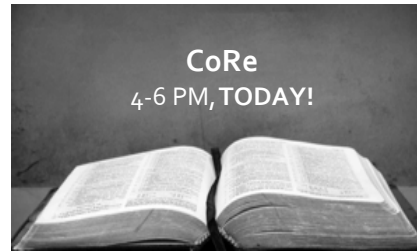
## Wednesday Evenings:

Creekside Clubs

6:30-8:00 PM

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

6:30-8:30 PM

**Zion Youth Group** (Gr. 7-12)*\*Please use South Entrance\**

## Sunday Mornings:

Adult Bible Fellowships**9:30 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**Chinese New Year is coming !**Seekers Class will celebrate this traditional holiday after second service on **February 14th**.

Invite your Chinese friends to join us ! RSVP as soon as possible with how many and what dish(es) you can bring to:

Harry Tian at [tdfzh@hotmail.com](mailto:tdfzh@hotmail.com)  
or Sam Song at [songo110@umn.edu](mailto:songo110@umn.edu)**Have One?**

Zion Youth Group needs to borrow it for their Fundraiser Dinner! Place card tables in labeled gym closet by Feb. 28th!

**Terrace on Chicago: Youth Fundraiser Dinner**

Reservations Accepted: Jan. 31-Feb. 28

Dinner: March 6

Two Seatings Available: 5 PM &amp; 6:30 PM

Come and learn about the Ministry Trips the students of First Evangelical Free Church will be taking this summer and support them financially.

**Interested in baptism?**Our baptismal service is scheduled for **next Sunday**. Contact the church office or mark your Welcome Card if you would like to participate.**Get In The Game!**

Our Ministry Fair will be today during Connection Time in the gym! Plan to stop by and find out where you can serve at First Free.

***This Week @ FEFC...January 24-30***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>24</b> 2 Services 9:30 & 11 AM Ministry Fair 10:30-11 AM 12:15 PM Seekers' Potluck 4:00 PM CoRe 4:00 PM Class 101	<b>25</b> 8:30 PM Men's Basketball	<b>26</b> 6:45 PM Choir 7:00 PM ABF Leader Meeting 7:45 PM Worship Team	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM WNBS 6:30 PM Clubs & Youth Group 6:45 PM Prayer	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:15 AM MOPS Fun-N-Run	<b>30</b>

Get in the Word! Pick up a **One-year Bible** in the foyer today! Cost \$15/Checks to First Evangelical Free. Already have a Bible? Year-long Bible reading plans are available too!



### Class 101: Exploring Church Membership

Find out more about becoming a member of First Free at our Class 101, today, from 4-8 PM in Room 103. Dinner will be provided (no childcare).

### Free Blood Pressure Checks today!

You can find Christina Olson and Holly Doble outside of Room 105 after first service.

**Women's Guild** will be meeting February 2nd at 1 PM. Guest Speaker: Herb Bloomquist of Camp Shamineau.

### 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)



### Fiscal YTD Giving: January 17, 2010

*Local Ministries: \$456,722*  
*Budget: \$489,718*  
*Outreach: \$119,069*  
*Budget: \$125,717*

### E-News!

Starting **TODAY**, 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.



## EXALT

*"How Firm A Foundation"*  
(Hymn #275, Vv. 1-4)

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:1-8

*"Holy Is The Lord"*

*"Beautiful One"*

**Welcome**

**Offering**

*"The Power Of Your Name"*  
(Children Dismissed 2<sup>nd</sup> Service)

**Message**

Pastor Joel Sutton

*"How Do You Respond To The Word?"*  
James 1:19-27 (Pew Bible Pg. 1172)

*"Breathe"*

### **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 3:***How Do You Respond To The Word?***James 1:19-27**

Three Steps:

Step 1: I must \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word. (vv. 19-20)

Step 2: I must \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word. (vv. 21)

- Our "soil" must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our "soil" requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Step 3: I must \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word. (vv. 22-27)

How do I do this?

- \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

Take Home Idea: Allow \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ your mind,  
\_\_\_\_\_ your heart, and \_\_\_\_\_ your feet!*Coming Next Week:***Test 4: "How Do You Treat Other People?"***James 2:1-13***Sermon-Based Discussion Questions**

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

Did any idea or concept from the sermon intrigue you at all? Did anything stir up your heart? What impacted your heart from the sermon?

*Ask for God's presence to influence and guide your discussion and thoughts.*

When is it that you are a "hearer" of God's Word? When James commands us to be "quick" and "slow" he is describing attitudes. How do those three attitudes affect your listening to God's truth?

Is anger automatically sinful? Is anger a necessary trait that a Christian must have? How can you process anger in a healthy, Christ-like way?

When is it that you are a "receiver" of God's Word? What are some things you have done to prepare the "soil" of your soul to receive God's truth?

When is that you are a "doer" of God's word? How is the "doer" different than the man with the mirror?

What teacher (spiritual or cognitive) has impacted your life and how you act the most? Describe why this person has made such an impact on you.

Is that teacher better described in verses 22-24 (only listening to the Word and not doing what it says) or verse 25 (looking intently into the Word and doing what it says)?

As a Christian, how does your life reflect verse 27? Do you lean towards caring for the hurt people in this world and forget to purify yourself from the world? Or do you lean towards a purified life, not polluted, but forget to have compassion for people and become judgmental?

Do you need to be cleansed from the pollution of a sinful world? Take time to ask God for forgiveness and to be cleansed, enter into His holy presence, and allow His holiness to wash over you, turning away from sinning and becoming pure.

How can your small group encourage you to allow God's Word to fill your mind, rule in your heart, and guide your feet?

Do you need to have your heart softened by God? Take time to ask God for forgiveness and a softened heart, to see people as Christ sees people, and to have compassion for the lost.