

*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!

*March Tests:*

March 7—*"How Well Do You Get Along With Others?"* (James 4:1-12)

March 14—*"Who Do You Trust For Tomorrow?"* (James 4:13-17)

March 21—*"What Have You Done With Your Money?"* (James 5:1-6)

March 28—*Palm Sunday*

**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) & *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*

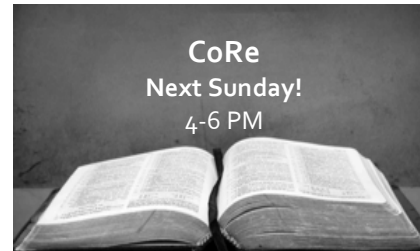
## Wednesday Evenings:

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 ElaskyCome join **Sojourners** as they start a new series

entitled: "Jewish Festivals of the Old Testament and what they mean to modern-day Christians."

They meet 1st service in Room 105!

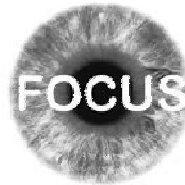


Pick up your Camp Shamineau and Camp Nathanael discount scholarship now at the **Creekside Canteen!** First Free happily gives scholarships to all kids going to camp...just fill out a form!

**FOCUS**

April 16-18

Cost: \$20 per person

Students register by March 28th at [www.student.firstfreechurch.org](http://www.student.firstfreechurch.org)

Pick up your new Fotobook today!

Fotobooks are available in the foyer. You can also access it online, password: [fefcfotobook](http://fefcfotobook).

**Josiah's Gift**, a group of Northwestern College students, will be presenting an hour of music and Scripture recitation TONIGHT at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Come join us for an awesome night of worship and encouragement!

**This Week @ FEFC...March 7-13**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>7</b> <b>2 Services:</b> <b>9:30 &amp; 11 AM</b> 12:15 PM Seekers' Potluck 12:15 PM Orchestra Rehearsal  6 PM Josiah's Gift	<b>8</b>  8:30 PM Men's Basketball	<b>9</b> 9 AM White Cross 1 PM Women's Guild  6:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM Worship Team	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM WNBS 6:30 PM Clubs & Youth Group 6:45 PM Prayer	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Fellowship Dinners	<b>13</b>  Fellowship Dinners



# Fellowship Dinners

**March 12 & 13**

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or Call the Church Office! Last Chance TODAY!  
Q? Contact: Diane Laitinen (612-721-7360) or Gail Marchand (612-823-3114)

**Calling Band/Orchestra Players!**  
Those in 7<sup>th</sup> grade-adults are invited to play with the Cross-Generational Orchestra on March 21st. Rehearsals are as follows:  
**Today & March 14th** from 12:15-1:15 PM (Lunch included); Sat., March 20th from 9:30-11 AM.

**Women's Guild**  
Tuesday, 1 PM  
*Guest Speaker: Pastor Joel Sutton*

## Holy Week

**Good Friday Service**  
7 PM—April 2nd

**Easter Services & Baptism**  
9:30 & 11 AM—April 4th

\*Please mark on your Welcome Card or contact the Church Office if you would like to be baptized!\*

10:15-11:15 AM Continental Breakfast  
No ABFs

**Order Your Easter Lily Today!**  
Forms are located at the Welcome Desk  
Deadline is **NEXT SUNDAY**



**Notice:** As of April, members will no longer be directly receiving a copy of the *EFCA Today* magazine to their homes. Copies will still be available in the foyer for those who wish to continue reading this publication. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

## Family News~

*Our prayers are with **Phyllis Brown** on the death of her husband, **Dick**. His funeral was held yesterday.*

**Fiscal YTD Giving:**  
**February 21, 2010**  
*Local Ministries: \$511,357*  
*Budget: \$548,017*  
*Outreach: \$135,323*  
*Budget: \$140,684*  
*Designate Outreach funds by marking it on your check or giving envelope.*

## EXALT

**Choir:** "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

### Welcome

"God Of Grace And God Of Glory"  
(Hymn #292, vv. 1, 4)

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

### Offering

"Humble King"  
(Children Dismissed 2<sup>nd</sup> Service)

### Message

Pastor Joel Sutton

"How Well Do You Get Along With Others?"  
James 4:1-12 (Pew Bible Pg. 1174)

**Choir:** "He Shall Feed His Flock"

### Communion

"How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)"

"Revelation Song"

### 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 8:***How Well Do You Get Along With Others?***James 4:1-12**RELATIONAL CONFLICTS

It is \_\_\_\_\_ than you think. (vv. 1-2a)  
Cause: Our \_\_\_\_\_.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ than you think. (vv. 1-2a)  
Serious: The \_\_\_\_\_ of it!

It is \_\_\_\_\_ than you think. (vv. 2b-4)  
Spiritual Price: A \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ than you think.  
The cure: \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_ ... (vv. 6-10)

- \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Satan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

... then \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 11-12)

Take Home Idea: \_\_\_\_\_ conflict begins with \_\_\_\_\_  
yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

*Coming Next Week:***Test 9 : "Who Do You Trust For Tomorrow?"***James 4:13-17***Sermon-Based Discussion Questions**

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

What have you learned through the lessons from the sermon? Was there anything that moved you closer to God? Was there an idea that really challenged you? Explain.

Recall your most recent "deep" conversation with a friend. Explain how the presence of a friend and a good conversation can develop positive feelings and a joyous spirit. In a similar vein, notice how God is just waiting to touch our hearts when we engage Him in an enriching conversation.

When do you most often approach God; when times are great in praise, when times are troublesome in distress, or when times are calm and placid? How are your conversations with God: frustrating, calming, joyful . . . ? Does God's Spirit consume your heart and your thoughts?

Wrestle with the idea of an *intensely envious* or *jealous* Spirit of a *graceful* God.

Describe how your relationship with God and how you connect with Him impacts how you interact and relate with the people in your life.

In what ways have you been a "friend to the world" and an enemy to the God and His people? Closely examine your heart; what is God showing you about the state of your heart and your attitude in relationships with others? Make it a point to mend broken relationships this week. Take time to thank God for the people He has put in your life, and allow time to just sit with God, listen to the beat of His heart, and look at how His image is shown in the very people we are quarreling with.

God asks us to be humble and submissive to Him *and* in our relationships with other people. What holds you back from letting His Spirit shape your heart in these ways?