

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 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 AMCreekside Kids (K-3) meet in Creekside Rooms #102A-DCreekside Kids (4) meet in Room #101Creekside Explorers (5-6) meet in Rooms #301 - 302Zion 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

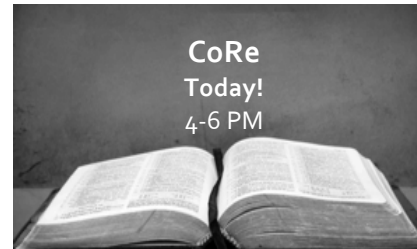
6:30-8:00 PM

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



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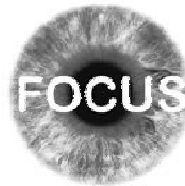
Adult Bible Fellowships9:30 AMLife (Room #104) ~ Jeff & Andrea Spranger*Singles, Couples & Parents with Young Children– 30s*Parents of Teenagers (Room #103) ~ Jim & Joyce FriesenSojourners (Room #105) ~ Vince & Heidi St. Clair*Singles, Couples & Families – Late 30s, 40s, Early 50s*11:00 AMMetamorphosis (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

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

Pick up your new Fotobook today!

Fotobooks are available in the foyer. You can also access it online, password: fefcfotobook.

***This Week @ FEFC...March 14-20***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 2 Services: <u>9:30 & 11 AM</u> 12:15 PM Seekers' Potluck 12:15 PM Orchestra Rehearsal 12:30 PM Youth Leaders' Meeting 4 PM CoRe	15 6:30 PM Women's Book Club 8:30 PM Men's Basketball	16 6:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM Worship Team	17 9:30 AM WNBS 6:30 PM Clubs & Youth Group 6:45 PM Prayer	18	19 9:15 AM MOPS 7 PM Stockade Overnight	20 9:30 AM Orchestra Rehearsal

Order Your Easter Lily!

Forms are located at the Welcome Desk
Deadline is **TODAY**



Holy Week

Good Friday Service
7 PM—April 2nd

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

10:15-11:15 AM Continental Breakfast
No ABFs, Youth Church

Interested in baptism?

Our next baptismal service is scheduled for **April 4th**. Contact the church office or mark your Welcome Card if you would like to participate.



Become our **Facebook** fan! Search for the new "First Evangelical Free Church - Minneapolis" page on www.facebook.com

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.

**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.

Calling Band/Orchestra Players!

Those in 7th grade-adults are invited to play with the Cross-Generational Orchestra on March 21st. Rehearsals are as follows:

Today from 12:15-1:15 PM (Lunch included) and Sat., March 20th, from 9:30-11 AM.

Zion Youth

Ministry would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to all who helped make the Terrace On Chicago Fundraiser Dinner a great success! We raised **\$10,128.47** for our summer ministry trips. Praise God! If you donated a



card table for the event, you can pick it up by the marked closet in the gym today.

EXALT

Welcome

"O Worship The King"

"Everlasting God"
(Children Dismissed 2nd Service)

Offering

"Who Am I?"

Message

Pastor Joel Sutton

"Whom Do You Trust For Tomorrow?"
James 4:13-17 (Pew Bible Pg. 1174)

"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"
(Hymn #350, Vv. 1, 3)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
(Hymn #43, Vv. 1, 3)

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 9:*Whom Do You Trust For Tomorrow?***James 4:13-17**

Three _____: (v. 13)

- We count on _____.
- We count on _____.
- We count on _____.

We are being _____.

Three _____: (vv. 14, 16)

- We do not know _____.
- We have forgotten _____.
- We are _____.

The Remedy: _____ (v. 15)

Take Home Idea: When your _____ are _____ of God, it exposes your _____ to the _____ of God.

*Coming Next Week:***Test 10 : "What Have You Done With Your Money?"***James 5:1-6***Sermon-Based Discussion Questions**

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

What moved your heart from the sermon? Discuss any ideas or concepts that stood out to you.

What were some of your goals and aspirations ten years ago? How have they come along? Try to pinpoint the foundations and passions that drove your goals and aspirations.

In what ways or in what things have you misplaced your trust (comfort, safety, money, hard work, skills, etc. . . .)?

C.S. Lewis wrote, "You can't get second things by putting them first; you can get second things only by putting first things first." Relate this idea to our text in James. Why is it that plans fail, that carefully thought out ideas fall short, and that the sure things in life vanish, never to be seen again?

Do you plan according to the temporary and fleeting wisdom of this age, or do an eternal mindset and Proverbs 16:3 guide your decision making processes? Is God truly your Counselor or simply your back up plan?

James 4:17 tells us, "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." Does the good of other people enter your decision making process when planning? Do the hurting, the poor, the weak, and the oppressed have any bit of determining power when you are shaping your life and your future?

Take some time to ask God to show you your foundation for planning; listen to His Spirit and His wisdom. Will your plans and your decision making process change at all?