

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!**

Current Series:

June 13-September 5, 2010

The God You Are Looking For

Who do you think God is? Is He an unknown spirit floating through the cosmos? Or a creator with a hands-off attitude when it comes to His creation? Does He sit on a throne above the clouds waiting to zap you if you do something wrong? The Bible says that God is none of those things. He is in control, and at the same time He is right there for you. He knows everything and feels deeply. Join us this summer as we explore who God really is in our series called, "The God You Are Looking For."

Are You Looking For A God...

August 22—"Who Is Patient?"

August 29—"Who Is With You, Not Against You?"

September 5—"Who is Glorified?"

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 (Summer Schedule):Creekside Friends

Nursery & Preschool, 9:30-10:30 AM

Kids remain in service. Activity bags are available in the foyer for them to use.

All children move up to their next grade level in the fall.

Normal Children's and Youth programming will resume September 12!!

**Youth Missions Report**

*This Wednesday, Aug. 25
6:30 PM*

Come to hear what God did in the lives of First Free Students this summer!

**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

Adult Bible Fellowships will meet again starting September 12!

Seekers' ABF continues through the summer.

**This Saturday, August 28**

Lunch & Dinner
More Information/Sign up at the Welcome Desk or Call the Church Office!
Q? Contact: Diane Laitinen (612-721-7360)

Calling All Toothbrushes!

Do you have an extra, new toothbrush lying around? Donate it!
Glenn Hultstrand will be on a dental mission trip to Arequipa, Peru, from Sept. 2nd - 11th. Place your donations in the box in the foyer.

**This Week @ FEFC...Aug. 22-28**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 <u>9:30 AM</u> Worship Service 11 AM Seekers' ABF & Potluck	23 8:30 PM Men's Basketball	24 7 PM ABF Leaders' Meeting 7:30 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	25 6:30 PM Youth Missions Report	26	27	28 Fellowship Dinners

Warm up your smile!

Fotobook pictures will be taken *TODAY* and next Sunday in the gym after service. Update your contact info too!



Women's Neighborhood Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, September 8
9:30-11 AM

Childcare Provided, Infant-5 yrs.

WNBS is a great way to connect with women of all ages and search God's Word together.

This fall we will be studying the 2nd half of the book of Matthew.

small Groups

Training for current and prospective leaders and participants.

August 29
11 AM
Room 105

Come and hear why we do small groups at First Free and what we plan to do this fall to help more people connect!

Fall at First Free!

Kick Off Sunday

*Sept. 12
2 Services, ABFs,
Children's Programming*

Zion Youth Group

Begins Sept. 15, 6:30 PM

GroupLink

*Sept. 19: Connect With Others At
First Free!*

Creekside Clubs

Begins Sept. 22, 6:30 PM

MinistryLink

Sept. 26: Find Your Place To Serve!

Committed: \$264,400
Received: \$74,480



Fiscal YTD Giving:
August 8, 2010

*Local Ministries: \$197,062
Budget: \$245,968
Outreach: \$51,842
Budget: \$59,594*

Designate Outreach funds by marking it on your check or giving envelope.

EXALT

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
(Hymn #51, Vv. 1-3)

"Everlasting God"

Welcome

Offering

"As You Wait"

Prayer

Message

Pastor Joel Sutton

"Are You Looking For A God... Who is Patient?"
2 Peter 3:8-10 (Pew Bible Pg. 1182)

"Be Still, My Soul"
(Hymn #347, Vv. 1-3)

"Sing To The King"

"Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending"
(Hymn #241)

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!*

...Who Is Patient? *

2 Peter 3:8-10

Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

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

_____ is a quality that describes God.
Exodus 34:6; Jonah 4:2; Romans 2:4; 1 Peter 3:18-20

To see God's _____ you need to see it _____.

Scoffers _____ at the idea of Christ's _____.

But God's _____ is not like ours. God's _____ is . . .

- _____ (v. 8)
- _____ (v. 9a)
- _____ (v. 9b)

Our response to God's patience:

- As Christ-followers we must _____.
- As Christ-followers we must use our time _____.

Take Home Idea: God's patience is not an _____,
but an opportunity _____.

Coming Next Week:

...Who Is With You, Not Against You?

*Pastor Joel Sutton; August 22, 2010

What stood out to you from the sermon? Pinpoint an idea or a thought that made an impact on your heart; share with everyone else.

When did a parent or friend make you a promise and fail to deliver? How did that make you feel?

Read 2 Peter 3:1-10

How do scoffers choose to interpret Christ's apparent failure to return and God's apparent failure to judge? How does Peter refute their arguments here?

In vs. 8, Peter quotes Psalm 90:4. Take a look back at that psalm. What else does this psalm tell us about God and His timing?

What frustrations does God's patience produce? How is God's patience a benefit (vv. 9, 15)?

Study again 2 Peter 3:9

Does this verse mean that in the end everyone will be saved? Why or why not? What other passages of Scripture might give you insight into what Peter means here?

Pastor Joel mentioned two responses to God's patience. How are you doing in "guarding your own life"? What might you do to help yourself grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

How are you doing in "sharing Christ with others"?

Spend time praying for each other. Pray that you might each be on guard and able to grow in your walk with Christ. Praise God for His patience that invites others to come to salvation. Pray for those lost friends in your sphere of influence.