

First Evangelical Free Church exists to:

Create a church in the city that makes a difference for Christ where people
Connect to Christ, **Grow** in Christ, and **Serve** with Christ.

Upcoming Series

We all know people who consider themselves Christians, but seldom attend church. So we ask, "Why the church? Why can't I just have a relationship with Jesus and forget about the church? Is the church really necessary?" As we begin this new year of 2012, my hope is that we can answer those questions by looking through the insightful lens of four Biblical metaphors at what God has designed the church to be and to do in the world. Join us as we ask, "Who Are We? The Church in Four Pictures."

Jan. 15 – *Who are We? The church in Four pictures – Household of God (1 Peter 2:4-6; 1 Timothy 3:14-15).*

Jan. 22 – *Who are We? The church in Four pictures – People of God (1 Peter 2:9-10; 11-12)*

Jan. 29 – *Who are We? The church in Four pictures – Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:21-33.)*

Feb. 5 – *Who are We? The church in Four pictures - Body of Christ (Ephesians . 1:15-23)*

Contact Us!

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

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Children & Youth Ministries

Sunday Mornings:



Creekside Friends

9:30 –12:00 PM:

Nursery (Infant–2 Years)

2's Bees (2 Years)

Preschool (3–5 Years)

Mothers' Room located in Room 207

** Creekside Bible Time **

Children's Bible Time (K-6) 9:30am–10:30am

** Creekside Children's Church **

Children's Church (K-6 kids dismissed from service)

11:30am–12pm

(Kids Activity Bags Available In The Foyer.)

Wednesday Evenings (6:30 PM):

Creekside Clubs

(Gr. 1-6)



Hey guys!

Camp Shaminau
Father-Son Retreat
February 3-5, 2012



Clubs resume
THIS
WEDNESDAY,
January 11,
2012!

This week at FEFC....January 8-14 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8</p> <p><u>Services</u> 9:30 & 11:00 AM 12:15 PM Seekers' Potluck 12:30 PM Youth Leaders' Meeting 5:30 PM Commission/Council Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Expressions 8:30 PM Men's Basketball</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM Kid's Choir 6:30 PM Zion Youth Group & Creekside Clubs 6:45 PM Prayer</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>*NOT*</p> <p>MN Weather is unpredictable! Church activity cancellations found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEFC's & KTIS' Websites • Church Office • Your Inbox (if on FEFC mailing list) 	

CONNECT TO CHRIST

GROW IN CHRIST

Adult Ministries

Sunday Mornings:

Adult Bible Fellowships

9:30 AM

Living Life (Room #103) ~ Joel & JoAnn Burns
Singles, Couples, & Parents of Pre-school and Elementary Age Children—30s & 40s

Faith Builders (Room #105) ~ Jim & Joyce Friesen

Singles, Couples, & Parents of Teenagers, & College Students—40s & 50s Singles & Couples – 65+

Prayer Group (Pastor Joel's Office)

~ Facilitator: Grace Elasky

11:00 AM

Metamorphosis (Room #109) ~ Wayne & Julie Danielson

Post High School, College & Early Career

Seekers (Room #108) ~ Audrey Sollie, Bob Gu & Jesse Horst

Multi-culture Class

Makarios (Room #104) ~ Eric & Susan Stabnow

Singles & Couples in their 20s & 30s

Agape (Room #103) ~ John Symington

Singles & Couples – 50s & 60s

Seniors (Room #105) ~ Char Boyles & Jerry Young



Alpha

Do you have a neighbor, a co-worker, or a family member who is asking questions about life and the meaning of faith?

"Alpha" is a practical introduction to the Christian faith. It starts **January 19th** and will continue Thursday evenings for ten weeks, with an evening meal and child-care provided.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Pam or Scott Bookhout: 612-721-6144

Opportunities

Happy New Year!

All are invited to join the Seekers group as we celebrate the year of the dragon. Join us in the gym on **January 22 at noon** to make Chinese dumplings and enjoy tasty foods!

Please RSVP to erica.lehner@yahoo.com so we have enough dumplings for all!



Women's
Neighborhood
Bible Study...

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, starting January 11, 2012

Expressions

For those struggling with a chronic diagnosis or devastating disease, visual journaling is an excellent self-healing therapy to work through emotional pain. You are welcome to join us on Monday nights. We begin promptly at 7:00 PM in room 103.

Upcoming Expressions group meetings:
January 9 and 23
February 6 and 20

Class 101: Exploring Church Membership

If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of First Free, our next class will be held **January 29th, at 4PM**. Dinner will be provided. Please mark your welcome card or call the church office to attend.

—Baptism Service—

SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 2012

Contact the church office if interested in being baptized.

**Fresh Encounter
Prayer & Praise Event**

Sunday, Jan. 15
6:00 PM

Giving Info

Operations	December 2011	YTD
Income (Fiscal year 4/1/11-3/31/12)	\$99,093	\$605,517
Disbursements (Includes Outreach)	(\$66,497)	(\$548,756)
Surplus/Deficit	\$32,596	\$56,761
Challenge 2012	(Since June 2010)	
Pledges	\$275,000	
Receipts	\$179,891	
Disbursements	\$109,778	

Sunday, January 8, 2012

Welcome/Announcements

Video— ALPHA

Baby Dedication

"Our God"

"Break Every Chain"

(Children dismissed—2nd service)

Prayer

Message: *The "I's" Have It*

1 John 4:4, Matthew 5:13-16
Joel Sutton

Offering

"Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Child Dedications

9:30 AM Service

Evelyn Grace Pound
Grace Jilane Resler
Ila Violet Hueckman

11:00 AM Service

Isaiah Benjamin Nordell
Annika Rose Lehner
Anders Henry Sjogren



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: Three are located in the building: below the foyer (Women's: Handicap Accessible), across from the gym, and a unisex 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!*

Sermon Notes

The "I's" Have It
A Vision Sermon

◇ | _____

"The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

Old Testament: World → You

Jesus: You → World (Mark 6:53-7:4)

The Key: the _____ !

◇ | _____

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14)

First Free's Mission....

- _____ to Christ . Acts 1:8
* _____ and _____ !
- _____ in Christ . (Phil. 2:12-15)
*God's _____ and
God's _____ !
- _____ with Christ. (1 Peter 4:10)

Take Home Idea: God has called us as _____ to be His

_____ in this community.

Discussion Questions:

The "I's" Have It

Opening: Growing up, who had the most influence on you? Why?

Look over the Take Home Idea. Explain it in your own words .

Dig: Skim Leviticus 11. After looking at this list of clean and unclean animals, what is your impression? How hard would it have been to follow this? What reasons do you think God had for giving this list of rules to the Israelites to follow?

Read Mark 6:53-7:8. Compare and contrast Jesus' response with the Pharisee's response to clean and unclean things? How does Jesus define what it means to be spiritual? How about the Pharisees? Which way does the influence flow – for Jesus, for the Pharisees?

How does the Holy Spirit change the flow of influence? (cf. Eph. 1:19-20, Acts 5:15, 16; 19:11-16).

Read John 1:14-18. How does the fact that God came to us and became flesh and dwelt among us teach us how we are to live in our world today?

Reflect: Which of the two "I"'s – influence or incarnation – is more difficult for you to practice? Why?

For you personally, what way can you be Christ's incarnate influence in your community?

As a church how can we be Christ's incarnate influence in our community?

Close by spending some time together as a group, sharing prayer requests and praying for each other and for the church.