

*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.

### **Current 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. 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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**WELCOME**  
where the difference is... the relationship

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

Zion Student Ministry (Gr. 7-12)

**Sunday Mornings (9:30 AM):**

Youth Church

**Wednesday Evenings (6:30 PM):**

Zion Youth Group



(Winter Weekend of Ostentatious Skiing and Snowboarding!)

Registration due Feb. 1, 2012

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



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

New Members at FEFC

Seth & Mallory Hueckman  
Dirk & Priscilla Riveness

CONNECT TO CHRIST

GROW IN CHRIST

This week at FEFC....January 15-21, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>15</b> <u>Services</u> 9:30 & 11:00 AM  4:00 PM CoRe 6:00 PM Fresh Encounter	<b>16</b> 8:30 PM Men's Basketball	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study  5:15 PM Kid's Choir 6:30 PM Zion Youth Group & Creekside Clubs 6:45 PM Prayer	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Alpha (room 107)	<b>20</b> 9:15 AM MOPS	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Youth Group Day of Prayer  2:00 PM Youth Group Dodgeball

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](mailto:erica.lehner@yahoo.com) so we have enough dumplings for all!



**Fresh Encounter**

Prayer & Praise Event

—TONIGHT!—

(Jan. 15) @ 6:00 PM

**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.

*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 23  
February 6 and 20

*Women's Neighborhood Bible Study...*

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

**Ladies' Small Group Bible Study**

Calling all women (especially those who have NOT been in a Bible study before at FEFC)...A new, small study group is in the process of forming that would meet at church every other Sunday evening from 5:30-8:30pm. If interested, contact Kelli Benner at [kelli.benner@hotmail.com](mailto:kelli.benner@hotmail.com) or at 651-247-3240

Sunday, January 15, 2012

**Welcome/Announcements**

"You'll Come"

"Better is One Day"

"Come Thou Fount"

(Children dismissed—2nd service)

**Prayer**

**Message:** *Household of God*

(Ephesians 2: 19-22; I Timothy 3:14-15)  
Joel Sutton

**Offering**

"Hallelujah, What a Savior"

**Baptism** (2nd Service)

**Benediction**

**Who Are We? The Church in Four Pictures:**

*Household of God*

**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

### Household of God

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Ephesians 2:19-22

#### False Pictures of the Church:

- \_\_\_\_\_: a place to \_\_\_\_\_.
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- \_\_\_\_\_: a place to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_: a place to \_\_\_\_\_.

True Picture: \_\_\_\_\_(God's family)

- A place where \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Timothy 3:14-16  
 \*Belong \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \*Belong to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A place where \_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 2:19-22

**Take Home Idea:** The church is \_\_\_\_\_, a place where \_\_\_\_\_ and where \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions:

*Household of God*

**Opening:** Where did you go to church when you were a young kid? What was your picture of church when you were young – positive or negative? Why?

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

**Dig:** Which of the four false pictures of the church is easiest for you to relate to? What is wrong about these false pictures?

Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16. This picture of the church comes in the larger context of Paul giving the young pastor Timothy instructions about leaders in the church. How does this picture of the church relate to the leaders' character as instructed by Paul?

What adjectives does Paul use to describe the church in vs. 15? What point does each one make?

In the context of the city of Ephesus, why does Paul use the description, "church of the living God"?

What central facts about Jesus are summed up in the hymn in vs. 16?

Read Ephesians 2:19-22. Name the three images Paul uses in these verses to describe the church?

Read Eph. 2:11-18. How does the reconciling work of Jesus impact each of those three images?

As God's household, how are we "becoming" (vs. 21-22)?

**Reflect:** How does the knowledge that the church is God's family affect the way you think about the church? How does that affect the way you treat others in the church?

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