

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. 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)*

Feb. 26 – Worth the Waste – Matthew 26:1-16

Mar. 4 – A Meal Made in Heaven – Matthew 26:17-30

Mar. 11 – Test Track of Faith – Matthew 26:31-46

Mar. 18 – Death Sentence– Matthew 26:47-68

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)



Zion Student Ministry (Gr. 7-12)

Sunday Mornings (9:30 AM):

Youth Church

Wednesday Evenings (6:30 PM):

Zion Youth Group



This week at FEFC....January 22-28, 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



Alpha

Do you have a neighbor, a co-worker,
or a family member who is asking
questions about life and the meaning
of faith? It's not too late to attend
Alpha!

"Alpha" is a practical introduction to
the Christian faith. It meets on Thurs-
day evenings at 6:00 PM. (Dinner and
childcare provided)

Questions? Contact Pam or Scott
Bookhout: 612-721-6144

Blood Pressure Check

Holly Doble and Christina Olson are
going to be in the downstairs hall-
way (outside Room 105) between the
first and second service
today offering free
blood pressure checks.



CONNECT TO CHRIST

GROW IN CHRIST

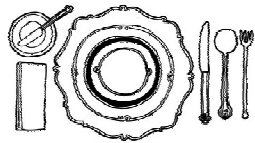
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 <u>Services</u> 9:30 & 11:00 AM 12:00 PM Seekers' Chinese New Year Potluck 12:30 PM Youth Group Parent Meeting	23 7:00 PM Expressions 8:30 PM Basketball	24 7:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal	25 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Kids' Choir 6:30 PM Zion Youth Group & Creekside Clubs 6:45 PM Prayer	26 6:00 PM Alpha	27 	28
Jr. High Winter Retreat @ Big Sandy						

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 **TODAY at noon** to make Chinese dumplings and enjoy tasty foods!

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



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SAVE THE DATE

March 17, 2012

Lunch

Senior Singles Lunch

Sunday, Jan. 29th at Lakeshore Grill (in Macy's) at 12:45.



**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—612-827-4705.

**COLOSSIANS :
STAYING FOCUSED ON THE TRUTH**

All ladies are invited to a new , short-term Bible study, focusing on the book of Colossians! The study starts on Wed., **February 8th** and runs 'til **April 11th**. Questions? Contact Patty Mellema or Lois Chapman.

Meeting time: 9:30 AM, Wednesdays



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 or at 651-247-3240

**Outreach
Weekend**

February
11-12

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Welcome/Announcements

"Marvelous Light"
"Came to My Rescue"
"I Give You My Heart"

Prayer

(Children dismissed—2nd service)

Message: People of God

(1 Peter 2:9-12)

Joel Sutton

Offering

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Baptism (1st Service)

Benediction

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

People of God

Special thanks

Chelsie Larson has resigned from her position as Associate Children's Ministry Director to focus on her career as a math teacher. Thank you, Chelsie, for all that you have done for the Children's Ministry over the last three years!

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

People of God
1 Peter 2:9-12

The Church: Our _____ vv. 9-10.

- We are a _____.
- We are a _____.
- We are a _____.
- We are a _____.

As the church, we are _____.

The Church: Our _____ vv. 9-12

- _____ God's _____.
- _____ God's _____.

As the church, we have _____.

Take Home Idea: As the church, we are a _____,

uniquely _____ to

_____ to our world.

Discussion Questions:

People of God : 1 Peter 2:9-12

Opening:

When you were in middle school or high school, what was your identity: jock, nerd, stoner, religious freak, etc? Explain.

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

Dig:

Understanding how the Christians were viewed in the Roman Empire when Peter wrote this letter, what do you think Peter is trying to do here? What would have been the power of this new identity?

Why do you think Peter connects each of these images of the church with Israel in the Old Testament?

Go through each of the images in vs. 9. What is the point of each one? Which one stands out for you the most?

Read vs. 9 -12. What difference does the new truth that we in the church are a distinct people make? What is our purpose as the church?

Read vs. 10. What are the two contrasts in this verse? How does this impact our identity in Christ?

Reflect:

Peter here is addressing the church. But the church is made of individual believers. What is your responsibility as an individual? What is "the churches"?

Imagine with me: what kind of influence and impact could First Free have if we lived out our unique identity and unique calling?

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