



**FIRST  
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CHURCH**

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In The First Place...**



**Welcome Curt, Michelle, and Izzy Romig!**

**Curt begins responsibility as  
Pastor of Evangelism on February 1.**

## **SECOND WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

Our Second Wednesday Supper is February 8. The meal this month is pasta bar, bread, salad, and dessert. The meal is served in the Church Gym from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 a person, 3 years old and younger eat free, maximum \$10 per family, payable at the door. Please help us by signing up if you plan to attend. Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center, or you can call the church office by 9:30 a.m. Monday morning, February 6.



## **MIDWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

The EFCA Midwest District Conference is February 23-24 in Newton, KS. If you would like to be a delegate, contact Pastor Dick in the church office. You can get more details and registration information online at [www.efcamidwest.org/conference](http://www.efcamidwest.org/conference).

## **LET'S SEW FOR HAITI!**

Love Thru Action is collecting patterned flat sheets to be sewn into blankets for Haiti. Our college group going to Haiti will take as many blankets as we can get prepared by the first of March. Come on Thursdays to A4 anytime between 9:30 and 3:00 to sew with us or contact Pat White for the details about sewing the blankets at home.

## **READ THRU THE BIBLE**

A Read Thru the Bible class begins Sunday, February 5, at 10:45 a.m. in Room B10. If you would like to be part of the class or would like more information, contact Mark and Amy Michaelis.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### JOTS BY JUDY

Judy Hollander will conclude her series on *Parents as Disciples* in the March newsletter.

### SAVE THE SUMMER SCHEDULE DATES!

Summer plans for children's ministry are under way! Please mark the following dates on your family calendars:

**June 19-22** - Wonder Week for preschool and elementary children (If you are interested in serving during Wonder Week, please call Arlene McGonigle in the church office.)

**July 24-28** - Kids Great Getaway camp for children entering 4th through 6th grades in fall 2012

#### Additional Activities:

**Story Time** (3-5 year olds) will meet from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. in the Shine Wing on Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 27, July 11, 18, and 25.

**Fun day** (1st and 2nd grade) meets on Tuesday, June 5, from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the church.

**Bowling** (3rd - 5th grade) meets from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14.

**Elder Buddies** (1st - 5th grade) will meet at the Catholic Care Center on Wednesdays from 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. on June 6, 13, 27, July 11, and 18.

**Mommy & Me** will meet from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday in June and July and the the second Monday only in August. Location will vary.

Watch for additional information about other children's summer activities.

### MOMMY & ME PLAYGROUP

Mommy & Me meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. for moms with babies, toddlers, or pre-schoolers. Contact Jill Yowell with any questions.

**February 8** - Meet at the church in Shine! Room 202 for a Valentine Party! Together we'll decorate cookies and make Valentine cards for your little ones to give away.

**February 22** - Meet at Brooke Krause's home for a morning of play time fun.

### NURSERY NEED

Did you know that since September, seven new precious babies have been born to our church families? Did you know that our Trotter children are taught a short lesson of God's truth in the Nursery each week? Both of these Nursery rooms (Infants and Trotters) are in current need of extra *adult* caring hands, loving laps, and willing servants to point their hearts to Jesus. Will you consider serving in our Nursery in the second service, once per month? Please contact Jill Yowell for this great opportunity!

### SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL NEED

If you have a heart to teach little children about Jesus, our preschool department is in need of one teacher for 2 year olds during the second hour through June. Please prayerfully consider this need. The blessings are out of this world. Contact Marcia Guggisberg in the church office.



## Family News

Ashley and Carolyn Cozine  
announce the birth of  
**Jenson Scott**  
on December 20, 2011

John and Kara Cunningham  
announce the birth of  
**Charlotte Hope Cunningham**  
on December 26, 2011

Brian and Dietra Leastman  
announce the birth of  
**Graham Brian**  
on January 5, 2012



*Dear First Free Church, Deacon Board, etc.,  
Thank you for the beautiful plant and visit  
by Julie Wilson at the hospital as I  
underwent knee replacement surgery. All the  
visits from Dick and Phil were greatly  
appreciated as well as your prayers.*

*Sharon Mason*

*Dear 1st Free Family,  
Thank you so much for all the prayers,  
cards, visits, and the lovely plant you sent in  
memory of our mom, Ruth. Your love is  
greatly appreciated.*

*The Family of Ruth Wisner*

### CHILD DEDICATION

The next opportunity for Child  
Dedication is Sunday, February 26.  
If you would like to have your child  
dedicated, please contact the  
church office no later than  
Monday, February 13.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

Things here in the Student Ministries are thriving! God has been doing great things in the college ministry and in the life of the students this last month! The first week of January, thirty First Free college students traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to meet up with 45,000 others at Passion 2012! Here is a student's take from that trip:

"Passion 2012 was an outstanding experience. I am so thankful to have been able to go. The fellowship was great, the worship was powerful, and the preaching was insightful. I have been reading through the first several books of the Old Testament recently and that's what I was thinking of at Passion. When I got home I felt very encouraged and nourished on the word. God is good!"  
- Luke W., Freshman at Cowley County Community College

Right after we returned from Passion, the college ministry took a turn for the best! This semester we have begun a study on the Evangelical Free Church's Statement of Faith, asking the questions "What do we believe?" and "Where stands it written in the Scripture?" While I am excited to go through that with the college students, I am more excited for the structure of our weekly meeting and the vision of our group. Our vision: to be disciples that make disciples! Our weekly meetings have transitioned from a large group setting primarily geared toward fellowship, to a small group setting that is primarily geared toward being deeply invested in one another while encouraging growth and discipleship among groups. These groups (called Discipleship groups) have already started to grow as members are bringing friends and visitors are hearing about our ministry! Here is another student's take on the ministry:

"In regards to Discipleship Groups, I have really loved that time. I feel that it allows for some beautiful time in prayer as well as some great discussion while allowing us to be consistent with people. I feel that discipleship works best with consistency... I am seeing great things happening within College Group even in the first two weeks of the semester."  
- Käte D., Senior at Friends University

Thank you all for your encouragement and support of the college ministry and the young people at First Evangelical Free Church! Please be praying that Jesus would continue to be the Lord and focus of this ministry. Pray that Jesus' call for discipleship would reach every student's heart, leading them to grow in their relationship with God and seek to help others do the same.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Jesus

Andy Sutton  
College Ministry Intern

## LOVE WICHITA COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for one or two people to be the church coordinator for Love Wichita this year. This city-wide event is Saturday, April 28. If you would be willing to be the coordinator, contact Pastor Dick in the church office.

## First Free Women



Ladies, get your new year started off on the right FOOT! Registration for the First Free Women's Retreat has begun. Join us for fellowship and fun at the **Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Wichita Airport**. Courtney Doctor will be our guest speaker and your retreat committee is planning a weekend that we hope will both *cheer* and *challenge* you! Registration brochures are at the Women's Ministry Table. The deadline to register is February 19.

## SCRAPBOOKING

Scrapbooking meets on Friday, February 10, from 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. Bring your scrapbooking supplies and enjoy the fellowship while you get some scrapbooking done. Contact Jillian Brotherton for more information or to reserve your spot.

## FIRST FREE BOOK CLUB

The First Free Book Club meets Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. They will discuss the book, *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand. Contact Robin Willford for information.

## MONDAY EVENING STUDY

**Begins Monday, February 27, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m at Dotty Thengvall's home.**

Join us as we dive deeply into the Scripture to look at three distinct spiritual principles aided by Priscilla Shirer's video series *The Seed*. We will see how God's voice can be heard through His Word in an intimate, practical, and tangible way. This three week study requires minimal homework. Contact Dotty to register.