



# Info Central

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFO

A man in our church (Rick Fehr) loaned me his copy of a book of pictures taken by the Hubble Telescope of stars and galactic formations and gaseous clouds in space. Even the pictures are breathtaking. But on the first page of the book it says this: "One light-year is six trillion miles. The Milky Way is 100,000 light-years across. (That's 600,000,000,000,000,000 miles.) There are about 350,000,000,000 galaxies in the universe." How do we get our puny little minds around such vastness and immensity? We don't. It isn't possible for us to understand. We can conceive of ideas and concepts far greater than ourselves but we can't understand them. In Ecclesiastes 3:11 the Preacher says that God has "put eternity" in the hearts of mankind. He is saying that God put the ability for us to conceive of time beyond ourselves and even time beyond human existence but that doesn't mean we understand "eternity." How could we? We have no framework to understand. So it is with the universe. We can look at pictures taken of the vast universe but we can't possibly understand its vastness because we have no framework for it.



God, our Heavenly Father, "spoke" and it came into existence! God, our Heavenly Father – in the person of Jesus, The Christ, also "spoke" and said, ***"Come unto Me all of you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*** (Matthew 11:29-30). Isn't it amazing that the Great and Awesome God of the Universe offers to us such a personal and kind invitation? Why would anyone not want to take Him up on His generous offer? I guess the only reason to refuse would be that you don't believe the person who is making the offer is Who He claims to be. I believe He is Who He claims to be and I am delighted to take Him up on His loving offer of "rest for my soul." And in the process, I find myself lost in the wonder of worship of my blessed and only Savior and gracious and good Heavenly Father. It makes me long to know Him better & better and more & more. On Sunday we will continue to try to "connect with heaven in 2011." I hope to see you. Maranatha PTK <><

## NEW WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MOSES, GOD'S SERVANT

January 26 through March 30; from 6:25 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in rooms 301-302. This study will be led by Sandy Broschat.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted, by Priscilla Shirer

Tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:30 a.m. and Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this seven-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. Sign up at the Information Center or call Elaine for the morning class or Debbie for the evening class. Childcare is provided for the morning class.

## NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES, Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m.

"The Great Adventure" and "Authentic Manhood, Winning at Work and Home"

## DISCOVER FEFC AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS

### January 23 and 30

This is our introductory class to First E Free Church. It includes getting to meet others who are new to FEFC, finding out what the ministries are, and reviewing our church's basic beliefs. This class also offers preparation for membership if that is desired. Contact Kevin at 223-3330 or at Kevin@firstefree.com if you are interested.

## ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK - January 30

We will be hosting Teen Challenge for an all-church potluck. Everyone should bring a LARGE main dish and those with last names beginning with A-L a LARGE dessert and M-Z a LARGE salad. Help will also be needed to get the food out and cleanup. Please call Sharon Curtiss if you are able to help.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SINGLES

If you are 40 and over and looking to meet new people and be involved in a great Bible Study, as well as other fun events, try the Friday Night Singles. The group meets every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at FEFC. We are presently studying, "The Search for Heaven on Earth," which is a DVD study by Dr. Jeremiah on the book of Ecclesiastes. On February 11, the group will be having their Valentines dinner at Ruby Tuesdays. Come and be a part of the group and meet some new singles. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann or just come to the church this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.

## 412 Ministries

**PRIMETIME:** Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:** 6:30- 8:30 P.M.

**R.A.G.E.** Jr. High (7th & 8th grades)

**THE EXAMPLE** Sr. High (9th-12th grades)

Seven-week series starting Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. The series includes the following topics: Real Faith, Spiritual Disciplines, Wise Choices, Others First, Moral boundaries, Healthy Friendships, and Ultimate Authority. January 19 after the service there will be prizes, pizza, and spoons tournament

### PRAYER CHAIN INFO

Please call the Phone Prayer Chain Captains and e-mail your requests to Laurie Grosz at the e-mail address below to activate your prayer requests.

#### E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

#### PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek

### EMAIL INFO CENTRAL

We are looking for ways to help save costs. If you have an email account, please email your address to:

office@firstefree.com

### WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

Please check KFYZ 550 AM radio station as well as www.firstefree.com for information regarding possible cancellations due to the weather.



## WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THURS - Jan 20** 1st Place 4 Health, 6:00 pm  
Men's Bible Study, 6:30 pm  
Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- FRI - Jan 21** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart, 9:30 am  
Friday Nite Singles, 7:00 pm
- SUN - Jan 23** Worship Service/Sunday School/ Primetime/  
Adult Community, Discover FEFC Class 9:00 am  
Fellowship, 10:15 am  
Worship Service/ Sunday School, 10:45 am  
Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, 12:00 pm  
Discover FEFC Class, 12:00 pm
- MON - Jan 24** Living Stones Men's Bible Study, 6:30 am  
Council of Overseers, 7:00 pm
- TUE - Jan 25** Women's Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm  
The Great Adventure Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm  
Authentic Manhood Men's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- WED - Jan 26** MOPS, 9:00 am  
Youth W. T. Rehearsal, 4:45 pm  
Cook's Night Off, 5:00 pm  
Hebrew Class, 5:15 pm  
Women's Bible Study, 6:25 pm  
412 Ministries, R.A.G.E./The Example, 6:30 pm  
God Squad Adventure/Extreme, 6:30 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal, 7:45 pm

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