

EVENTS | APRIL 2010

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1 Healing Room 6:30-8:30 pm	2 Good Friday Service 6 pm	3
4 Easter Service: 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:30 - 11:15 am	5	6 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	7 Dinner 5:30 pm Awana & Youth 6:15-7:45 pm	8 Healing Room 6:30-8:30 pm	9	10
11 Growth Classes Start	12 General Board 6 pm	13 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	14 Dinner 5:30 pm Awana & Youth 6:15-7:45 pm	15 Healing Room 6:30-8:30 pm	16 Brian Fenimore 6:45 pm (worship) 7:00 pm (teaching)	17
18	19 All Church Prayer 6:30 - 8:30 pm	20 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	21 Dinner 5:30 pm Awana & Youth 6:15-7:45 pm	22 Healing Room 6:30-8:30 pm	23	24
25 "No-Lug" Sunday College Meal 11:45 am	26	27 Food Pantry 12-2 pm	28 Dinner 5:30 pm Awana & Youth 6:15-7:45 pm	29 Healing Room 6:30-8:30 pm	30 Ladies' Craft Night 4:30-11 pm	



the compass | April 2010

"helping to navigate your spiritual journey at First Free and beyond."

first free church | 1950 Hwy. 35 | Onalaska, WI 54650 | 608.782.6022

www.firstfree.org

April
2010

first free church
join the JOURNEY

sunday service times 9:00 | 10:30 am

the compass

Issue 52 | April 2010

PUBLISHING INFORMATION

Editor:

Kelly Koski
kellykoski@firstfree.org
608.782.6022 x119

the compass is published monthly as the official connection to what's happening at First Free and in ministry around the 7 Rivers Region. Inclusion of any information does not necessarily indicate an endorsement by First Free.

SUBMISSION

Deadline for the
May 2010 issue:
April 18, 2010

To submit an item please contact the editor or write to:

First Evangelical Free Church
Attn: the compass
1950 Hwy. 35
Onalaska, WI 54650

The editor has discretion and creative license over all submissions.

contents

Easter Schedule	3
All-Church Ministry	4
Growth Seminar	5
Growth Opportunities	6
Children's Ministry	8
Youth Ministry	10
Global Missions	11
Men's Ministry	11
Women's Ministry	11
Care Ministry	11
Serve Opportunities	12
College Ministry	13
Other Opportunities	13
Area Ministry	13
First Free Staff Directory	15
Event Calendar	back cover

Listen To & Download Sermons & Growth Class Teachings

Sermons & Growth Classes can be downloaded from the First Free website: www.firstfree.org

Sermon CDs are also available in the Resource Center located just off of the lobby.

staff directory

Executive & Acting Senior Pastor

Andy Hahn x106 andyhahn@firstfree.org

Pastor of Care Ministries

Jimmy Bamberg x108 jimmybamberg@firstfree.org

Worship Pastor

Sammy Gondola x102 sammygondola@firstfree.org

Youth Pastor

Brian Farka x107 brianfarka@firstfree.org

Children's Pastor

Art Brown x104 artbrown@firstfree.org

Director of Human Resources & Connect Min.

Darcy McCallson x115 darcymccallson@firstfree.org

Director of Media & Technical Ministry

David Baxley x149 davidbaxley@firstfree.org

Building Administrator

Mark Rabe x112 markrabe@firstfree.org

Financial Secretary

Mark Zachary x500 markzachary@firstfree.org

Executive Assistant to Pastor Andy

Ann de Zeeuw x113 anndezeeuw@firstfree.org

Lead Receptionist; Assistant to Pastor Jimmy

Carol Onstad x0 carolonstad@firstfree.org

Assistant to Pastor Sammy & David Baxley

Joel Fisher x129 joelfisher@firstfree.org

Assistant to Pastor Brian

Claire McKelvey x139 clairemckelvey@firstfree.org

General Office & Assistant to Pastor Art

Elenita Wisted x105 elenitawisted@firstfree.org

Assistant to Growth Ministry & Darcy McCallson

Kelly Koski x119 kellykoski@firstfree.org

Nursery & Preschool Director

Rachel Sackett x189 sackett6@centurytel.net

Childcare Coordinator

Lori DuMars x400 ll3dumars@gmail.com

Network Administrator

John Kruger x120 jkruger@firstfree.org

office hours

Our office hours are:

Monday - Thursday | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm



first free apparel



ON SALE NOW!



Check out the new First Free logo apparel on display in the window of the Resource Center.

denim shirts | fleece jackets & vests

Order forms are located in the Resource Center.

Please fill out an order form and place it in the manila folder.

Share your passion for First Free and represent the church in the community by wearing some First Free gear!

easter schedule



April 2 - Good Friday service (6:00 - 7:00 pm)

We will hold one Good Friday worship service. This will be a reflective communion service that is appropriate for the whole family, friends, and visitors. **Childcare will be offered for birth-3 year olds.**

April 4 - Easter services (8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am)

In order to accommodate the large attendance on Easter Sunday we will hold THREE WORSHIP SERVICES. Please invite friends and family to join in this great celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Childcare will be offered for birth-3 year olds at all three services.

easter breakfast

The Youth Ministry will offer an Easter Breakfast on:

Sunday, April 4 | 8:30 am - 11:15 am | Upstairs

Free will offering taken. No reservations needed.



serve opportunities

Video Camera Operator

This is a new volunteer position. We are looking for a total of three video camera operators, one per Sunday, to serve on a three-week rotation for video recording the Sunday morning services. These video recordings will be available on our website for those who are unable to attend or have missed church. They will also give website visitors a chance to check out our worship service. Please contact David Baxley, Director of Media and Technical Ministries, at davidbaxley@firstfree.org or 608.782.6022 x149. No prior experience needed, we can train you for the job!

Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired

We are looking for volunteers to serve as interpreters for the hearing impaired during our Sunday morning services. For more information, please contact Pastor Sammy Gondola at 608.782.6022 or sammygondola@firstfree.org

Performing Arts Ministry

If you love to worship God through artistic expression such as drama, art, dance & more, and would like to use your gifts to bless the body at First Free, please contact Pastor Sammy Gondola at or 608.782.6022 or sammygondola@firstfree.org.

Worship Team

We are looking for electric guitar players for the Worship Team. The Vocal Praise Team is looking for more singers. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sammy at 608.782.6022 or sammygondola@firstfree.org.

Graphics Team

We are looking for someone to be on a graphics team which designs graphics for Sunday morning worship. Please contact David Baxley at davidbaxley@firstfree.org or 608.782.6022.

Food for Friends

If you or someone you know from First Free needs some meals due to birth of a baby, illness, injury, etc., please call the church office to connect with our "food ministry" for those in need. As with the loaves and fishes that Jesus shared with the hungry, what He has given us can feed many. He will bless those who bless others.

If you wish to be a part of this ministry, call Retta Torrance: 608.786.1789 or Jean Pendl: 608.526.4334. If you leave a message and don't hear back from one of us quickly, please call the church office: 608.782.6022.



Leadership Seminar @ first free

LEADERCAST

BE THE ONE 05.07.2010

A one-day leadership event that will inspire you to be the one to make a difference - at work, at home and in your community.

Friday, May 7, 2010 | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$59 by April 30 | \$69 by May 6 | \$79 on day of event

To register, please visit www.firstfree.org or contact Kelly Koski at kellykoski@firstfree.org or 608.782.6022 x119

For more information, visit www.chick-fil-a-leadercast.com



- | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| Jim Collins
<i>Author of Good to Great</i> | Tony Dungy
<i>Retired coach of the Indianapolis Colts</i> | John Maxwell
<i>Best-selling leadership author</i> | Ben Carson
<i>Johns Hopkins professor and neurosurgeon</i> | Ed Bastian
<i>President of Delta Air Lines</i> | Jim Goodnight
<i>CEO of SAS Institute Inc.</i> | Connie Podesta
<i>Expert in psychology and leadership</i> | Steve Uzzell
<i>Award-winning corporate photographer</i> | Mark Sanborn
<i>Best-selling author of The Fred Factor</i> | Chip Heath
<i>Author of Made to Stick</i> |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|



growth opportunities

Inspiring forward movement in your spiritual journey

growth classes spring quarter (april 11 - june 6)

Sunday morning 8:00 - 8:45 am

TD402 Romans 5-8, Part 2: "A Theology of the Christian Journey" - A careful study of four chapters of Paul's great epistle that describe our salvation journey from the moment of conversion to the moment we receive glorious new bodies. Along the way, we encounter several opposing dynamics: the old humanity of Adam and the new humanity in Christ, spiritual death and life, sin and righteousness, law and grace, the flesh and the Spirit, suffering and triumph.
Taught by Roger Erickson in room 214.

Sunday morning 9:00 - 10:10 am

BS203 The Life and Ministry of Jesus - Jesus once asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" "Some say you're John the Baptizer," they answered. "Others say you're Elijah; and still others say you're one of the prophets of old." "But who do YOU say that I am?" he probed.
Do you know who Jesus really is? Who do YOU say that he is?
Taught by Andrew LeCleir in room 216.

RS402 Divorce Recovery - Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences you can imagine. This video curriculum gives practical help in moving forward and rebuilding your life. Workbooks are \$12/each.
Taught by John & Linda Kugler in room 208/210.

TD402 Women in the New Testament - How are women depicted in the New Testament? How did Jesus interact with women, and was it different than how he interacted with men? What does Paul say about women in the church? Are they to keep 'silent in the church'? Are they able to teach? What does it mean to submit? What does it mean when Peter says that women are a 'weaker vessel'? By looking at the grammar, literary type, and historical context of each passage, we will do an in-depth, verse-by-verse analysis of various passages to discern what the Bible has to say about women in the New Testament.
Taught by Mark W. Chavalas in room 214.



global missions



Global Missions Meeting

Meeting date: April 14

Meetings are held at 6:00 pm at N5027 Greens Coulee Ln, Onalaska, with a carry-in meal. Call Kelly Koski at 608.782.6022 for address information.



Indonesia Team

October 26 - November 10, 2010
The hospital in Lampung, on the island of Sumatra in western Indonesia, has asked for help! Dr. Puran would like a team made up of people with critical care, emergency and surgery experience to work with and teach his staff. There will be an opportunity for others to join this team in support roles. Please pray and seek God's will for your involvement in this team effort. Approximate cost for the trip will be \$2,000. Final plans for the trip must be made by mid June. Please contact Bob or Barb Johnston at 608.783.5562 for further information or to place your name on the team list.

men's ministry



Discipleship Essentials

Our discipleship training initiative, Discipleship Essentials, is small groups, limited to three to four men. The duration of the course is 25 weeks and the cost is less than \$15. Please contact Roy Brewer at 608.779.5185 or roybrewer@charter.net.

women's ministry



Ladies' Craft Night

April 30 from 4:30 - 11:00 pm in the 2nd floor classrooms. There is no cost. Please take the driveway that goes behind the church, unload and park. Call Shari Peterson at 608.781.0743 for more information or to RSVP.

care ministry



No-Lug Sunday

Next "No-Lug Sunday" is April 25
There will be a big white truck as you enter our parking lot to drop off your food pantry donations. We'll do the rest. Thank you for caring and sharing!
For current Food Pantry needs, please check the notice on the Food Pantry door in the lobby. It is updated weekly.
NO PERISHABLES, PLEASE!



Food Pantry

URGENT! The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers for Tuesdays during the food pantry hours (12:00 pm-2:00 pm). You only have to commit for one Tuesday a month. Please contact Lois Schmidt at 608.526.6816 for more information.

Looking for Prayer Warriors ...to pray for the benevolent and food pantry ministries. Please pray with us!





youth ministry

sunday morning

Classes are offered for students in *the refinery* during first worship service (9:00 - 10:15 am)

High School | 6-8th girls | 6-8th guys

- 9:00 - 9:15 am student connection
- 9:15 - 10:00 am teaching
- 10:00 - 10:15 am student connection
- 11:45 am - 2:00 pm worship practice

wednesday night

Worship, games, large group teaching, and small group discussion. Separate groups for middle school & high school students.

6:15-7:45 pm

7:45-8:45 pm Senior High ONLY, open gym

Attention Seniors!

If you have not received the letter requesting your **graduation information**, please see Pastor Brian or Claire!
All information is **due by Sunday, April 18th**.

Stay Connected!

Parents, for articles discussing today's teens and *the refinery* happenings, download a copy of [The Parent Link](#) online each month or pick it up in the Resource Center.

Easter Breakfast

The Youth Ministry will offer an Easter Breakfast:

Sunday, April 4

8:30 - 11:15 am

Held Upstairs

Free will offering taken
No reservations needed



Sunday morning 10:30 - 11:40 am

Faith 101: Exploring Faith - Following Christ is a life-long journey. This class is designed for people who are considering whether to start that journey, for people who have begun, and for people who want to renew their commitment to the journey. Guest growth class teachers will introduce the five core areas for Christian growth: personal spirituality, theology and doctrine, Christian relationships, faith and culture, and biblical studies.
Taught by Darcy McCallson in room 208/210.

TD301 Theology of Resurrection - Resurrection is everything. Paul goes so far as to say that "...if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile..." (1 Cor. 15:17). Why is the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ so pivotal to our faith? What practical implication does resurrection bring to bear on our every day life? These questions and more will be explored in this class.
Taught by Jeremy Schoonover & Mark Devine in room 216.

FC402 Kingdom Ethics - The most basic question of Ethics is not "How should we live?" but rather "To Whom do we belong?" This course will be taught with a symposium format in which series of guest speakers will discuss such topics as: economics, race, marriage & divorce, care of the creation, politics, just war, valuing life at its beginnings, and valuing life at its end.
Taught by Phil Best in room 214.

Growth Class Website

Go to www.firstfree.org and click on the green "grow" tab.

monthly teaching brian fenimore

Spring dates: April 16, May 14, June 18

Brian is the founder of Plumblin Ministries. He lives in Kansas City, Missouri with his wife and three children. He travels throughout the country conducting seminars on the prophetic, hearing God's voice, and developing vision and purpose for the Christian life. Brian also teaches at the Plumblin Training Center in Kansas City, Missouri and is part of New Day Fellowship.



Brian is currently teaching how to minister the way Jesus did, in areas of: sharing the Gospel, physical & emotional healing, and Spiritual warfare.

Brian Fenimore is at First Free at **6:45 pm (worship), 7:00 pm (teaching)** in *the refinery*.

children's ministry

KidZone and KidZone JR!



sunday morning schedule

Please remember to check your kids in by 15 minutes into the service time. Children will not be allowed to enter KidZone after 9:15 for the 1st service or 10:45 for the 2nd service. Thank you for understanding.

9:00 am - KidZone for all ages

Birth - 1s have childcare
2s, 3s, 4s/PreK - classes for each age group
Elementary - large group and small group teaching
Studying *Lord's Prayer*

10:30 am - KidZone for all ages

Birth-3s in Nursery Area
4s/PreK - following a chronological study of the Bible
Elementary - are studying *Venture, a journey through the Bible*.

Important information about KidZone JR

Our Nursery (birth - 3 year old) operates as a co-op, where parents who place their children in our nursery area are asked to serve on a rotating basis. All parents and volunteers will be screened prior to serving.

For more information regarding KidZone JR please contact Nursery and Preschool Director Rachel Sackett (sackett6@centurytel.net) or Pastor Art Brown (artbrown@firstfree.org).

be informed

If you would like to be added to the 411 bi-weekly updates, please email Pastor Art Brown at artbrown@firstfree.org. See the ParentLink in the Resource Center or KidZone information wall or visit www.firstfree.org.



wednesday night



Wednesdays, 6:15-7:45 pm

Awana is a discipleship program with active games, Bible verses, and weekly teaching for kids 3 years old (by 9.1.09) through 5th grade! We currently do not have room in our Cubbies area - 3s and 4s/PreK.

April 14 - Theme: Beach/Tropical Night (no swimwear!)

May 5 - Awards Night, a meal will be served that night!

Sign up for Wednesday PM meals (5:30-6:05 pm) with Elenita Wisted (608.782.6022 x105 or elenitawisted@firstfree.org) by Tuesday NOON for a standing reservation or a weekly reservation. \$2 per person for the meal, with a \$10 family max.



Organized Mass Chaos

Friday, April 16 | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Organized Mass Chaos is a fun-filled night of games, cooperation, craziness, & FUN!
RSVP to help! Preschool are welcome if a parent stays onsite.

Wear clothes that can get wet and gooey!
Bring your friends!



Vacation Bible School

June 28 - July 1 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
High Seas Expedition
Open to 5 yr olds (by 9.1.10) to completed 5th graders. Join us for an awesome teaching time, worship, crafts and fun!
Come explore with us. Volunteer or register children at kiosks or www.groupvbopro.com/vbs/ez/firstfree



Child Dedication

Saturday, May 8 at 10:30 am
Please contact Elenita Wisted about participating in the upcoming child dedication (elenitawisted@firstfree.org or 608.782.6022 x105).
Deadline for registrations is April 26th.
The next dedication will be September 25, 2010.



Opportunities to Serve

We have many opportunities in our KidZone and KidZone JR areas for loving volunteers. All volunteers must complete a background screening. Immediate Needs: Sunday AM Director (9am & 10:30am), assistants in elementary Sunday AM classes, kiosk hosts, and Nursery leaders.
Please contact Pastor Art for more info at 608.782.6022 x104.

