

FIRST EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH

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MOPS
STEERING
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REMINDERS:

Please turn your cell phone ringer off or on vibrate. If you have to answer a call please exit

Babies 3 months and younger are welcome during the meeting. Older children should be in

The food drop off doors will be open again. Look for the door marked "D".

Services at First Free:
Saturday: "Alternative"
Borderlands @ 5pm
Sundays: Traditional
@8:30am and Contemporary
@10:15am

Dear God,
Provide friends for my child that will encourage and challenge her in her relationship with you.

Enjoy The Ride!

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Don't Forget To Vote!

A week from today is election day; make sure to make your voice heard and go out and vote. It has been an interesting election so far that is for sure. I like to watch all the debates, even though a few were rather long and redundant.... I try to know where each candidate stands on all the issues. There are so many issues that are hanging in the balance, the economy, taxes, national security, The War on Terror. I feel very strongly in that as U. S. Citizens it is our duty to educate ourselves on the issues at hand and how each candidate stands on these issues. Our children's future depends on us knowing this information and in our decision for the next President. Whoever is elected on No-

Moppets Information

If you have a child 0-18 months we ask you to bring a box or refill of wipes for their classroom. If your child is 18months—5 years please bring a bulk snack item (ie. a big box of goldfish or bag of animal crackers). Please NO individual packages for snacks. All nametags will continue to be kept outside your child's room until the new system is put in place. We all know we are in the midst of flu season. To keep all of our children healthy, I cannot stress how important how

vember 4th is expected to name at least one new justice in the US Supreme Court, and maybe even as many as three. There are nine members in the Supreme Court and while they are so closely divided on issues like abortion, affirmative action and the



death penalty, a change in personnel could cause big changes in the law. Recently in California as many of you well know four activist judges on the Supreme Court in California in San Francisco, overturned a Proposition by

the people from 2000. This Proposition banned same sex marriage, and Californians will vote on this as well on Nov. 4th. Many of the things taught in public schools will be taught differently based on how this law is passed so it is definitely something that can hit home literally for all of us. We need to protect what our Country was founded upon as well as what our Constitution represents. Many of our founding fathers were men of faith and sought God for wisdom and discernment in their decision making; let's hope that our next President does the same. The reality is that whoever is elected will ultimately bring changes that will effect us for decades to come!

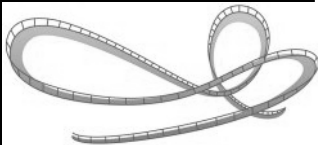
important this is, we ask you to please wash your child's hands with soap and water before entering their room. All children and staff are asked to refrain from attending when ill. Children should not be admitted into class with any of the following symptoms and/or illness; fever or vomiting in the last 24 hours, impetigo, runny nose (unclear), rashes, skin infection-boils, ringworm, measles, mumps, conjunctivitis, diarrhea, coughing/croup, head lice ,including

the presence of eggs or nits. Remember to label all diapers, bags and sippy cups or bottles. If you ever have any questions or concerns., please see one of your steering team members or Teresa Hubbard. FYI - we have a pager system. If you'd like to use it is located in the baby room. Just leave your keys. If you are needed the childcare workers will page you!



Visit our Website @
www.firstfreewomen.org

“...how wide
and long and
high and
deep is the
love of
Christ...”
Eph. 3:18



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT...

We all love to see our children perform right? Well were going to be able to see them perform right here at MOPS on Dec. 9th at our Christmas Brunch. The only thing you have to do is help them prepare for this by practicing the lyrics to the Christmas Carol, “Away in a Manger?” The lyrics are as follows,

Away in a Manger, No crib
for His bed
The little Lord Jesus Laid
down his sweet head

The stars in the sky looked
down where he lay

The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying he makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
‘Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with thee there

Thanks for helping Teresa
out and teaching them this
wonderful song. Can't wait
to hear them sing!!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Where: First Free
Church, Parking Lot B
(look for the orange cones)
When: October 31,
2008 from 6:30~8:00
p.m.

Sign up your trunk TO-
DAY in the lobby (Need
to sign up by October
29)

Also, pick up invitations

at the Information Desk to
invite your
friends & neighbors!

WINTER WARDROBE FEST

We are asking for clean and
gently-used winter wear for
adults
and **children** (coats, hats,
mittens, gloves, and boots) to
be
donated to the Rockford Res-
cue Mission. Bring your do-

nations to
TRUNK OR TREAT on
October 31, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
and drop off your items in the
designated adult and children
“clothing trunks.”



Better Moms Make A Better World.

I believe that who we are as moms really does shape our world in such a huge way. What we instill in our children will continue to be instilled in our children's children. We have a opportunity to leave a legacy with our children. I think about my mom and the values and morals she instilled within me and now I can in turn give that to my children as well. It is so rewarding and fulfilling to see our children begin to possess those values and characteristics that are pleasing to us and most of all God. When we

truly realize who we are as women and mothers we can make a better world. I love that MOPS International exists to encourage, equip, and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother, and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. I remember when I first came to MOPS and I was very hesitant to come because I only knew one person. I enjoyed the speakers and the friendly people that were here. I have met a lot of people over the years here at

MOPS. I think that God has used MOPS in my life to help me to realize my potential, and also to increase my confidence as a woman and mother and a leader. MOPS helps us to realize that were not alone in this Adventure Of Mothering. We are all on the same ride so to speak and we need to hold on and not let go of our faith that keeps us moving. Andrew Murray said, “The secret of home rule: first being ourselves what we want our children to be.”