



First Evangelical Free Church

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Motherhood 101

School's Out for Summer!

I used to think people that made it to church every week were just somehow more disciplined than I—maybe even “better.” I believed this most of my adult life when I would watch neighbors pull out of their driveways early Sunday morning while I was curled up with the newspaper.

When I was young, I always believed that church got out for summer, just like school. It seemed to make sense—there was a big party at the end of the year, and I’m not sure if it was because Sunday School didn’t meet for the

summer, but making it to church on Sunday just became less of a priority from late May through “Rally Sunday” in September.

It wasn’t until about two years ago that this turned around for me (and my family.) First, I realized that there were other options. It is no less “holy” to attend church on a Saturday night, for example, than a Sunday morning, and when we had a four-month-old (OK, and a 32-year-old) that didn’t do mornings, it made all the difference.

Then I walked into a service at First Free, and almost instantly burst into tears— there was just something here that I had been missing. I met powerfully with the Lord here— through the music and His word. My husband (who previously went, but disliked church) asked to buy a bible after his second or third visit

and asked Jesus Christ to be his Lord and Savior after a month.

While we, of course, should not look to church to entertain or amuse us, we realized that we were not happy with church because we weren’t growing in our faith where we were. We went through rituals and routines, but did not meet with the Holy Spirit. Now that we have found a church that inspires and challenges us, we actually look forward to attending. I hope you have found somewhere that does that for you— a Christ-centered, biblically-based place to grow. If you haven’t, let me know if you ever want to visit here with me.

I used to think people who made it to church every week were just more disciplined than I, but once I found a place where I met powerfully with the Lord, there was no turning back.

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- Bring in this newsletter and receive a **20% discount** on any one item.
- Located at the main entrance of First Free across from the church office.
- Open on Tuesday during MOPS!

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The Mission of First Evangelical Free Church is to bring people into a life-changing and growing relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.



Summer Study & Fellowship Opportunities

What's It Like To Married To Me?

By Linda Dillow

Meg's Daily Grind (Guilford and Alpine intersection)

Wednesday Nights 6:30 to 8:00
June 1 - July 6

Cost \$ 14 for the book
Leader: Melodi Knight

Pre-registration is preferred due to limited space. Please contact Andrea McBee at 815.885.3130 to register.

Please join us for fellowship, study, and refreshment.

Lord, Help Me Grow Spiritually Strong in 28 Days

By Kay Arthur

First Free Room 121

Thursdays, June 9-30 10am

Childcare is not available due to camps, but you could find a sitter and split her with a friend? :)

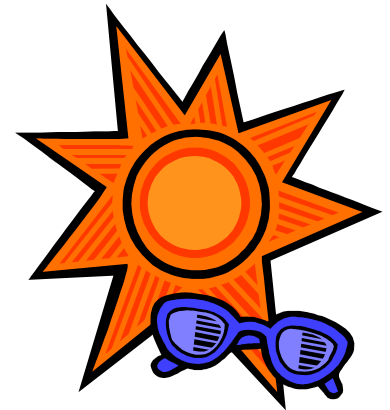
Cost \$ 10 for the book

Leader: Cherice Ullrich

Stop in The Scroll to pick up a book as we are to complete the first 7 days before the first meeting.

Meet Us At The Park!

We will meet in different parks for fun and the opportunity to talk to grownups this summer. Stayed tuned to your e-mail for more info.



Have a wonderful summer!!

Things you (still) need to know...

- The childcare rooms open up at 8:45am. You are welcome to come at that time, drop off your children, and join us in the meeting room for coffee and conversation before MOPS begins at 9am.
- Refer to the childcare Health and Wellness Policy sheet in your folder when your child is ill.
- To keep all of our children and staff healthy please wash your children's hands with soap and water before checking them in.

Check out the outdoor concert series!

SUMMER WOOD

www.summerwood.info
815-877-7046

2011 Season

Tickets available online: iTickets.com purchase/pick up locally: First Free Church office	<p>Sanctus Real 06-05</p> <p>Caedmon's Call 06-19</p> <p>Patriotic Celebration 06-24/25</p> <p>David Crowder Band 07-10</p> <p>Sandy Patty & Friends 07-24</p> <p>Diamond Rio 08-07</p> <p>Rockford Symphony Orch. 08/21</p>
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