



# FREE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## CONGREGACIÓN HISPANA

**Domingo**  
9:00 AM - ESTUDIO BIBLICA  
"Una Vida Con Proposito"

10:00 AM - COMPAÑERISMO

### Prayer Requests

Call the church office at  
218.681.3855 or email  
[trfefc@wiktel.com](mailto:trfefc@wiktel.com)  
with your prayer requests.

### Address, Phone and Email Corrections

TRF Free Church maintains a  
database of all its members, regular  
attenders, and visitors. If you have  
had any changes to your address,  
phone number, etc. please contact  
the church office with your name,  
phone number and the changes that  
need to be made.

### NEWSLETTER and BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items for the November Newsletter  
must be turned in by: **October 15**  
The Weekly Bulletin Deadline is:  
**Noon on Wednesdays**

## CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Take a moment during the month of October to consider how you can refresh the hearts of Pastor Bruce and Pastor Mel so they can more effectively serve our church body.

Your encouragement this month can strengthen the hearts of the ones who strengthen our church.

Don't forget to keep Pastor Bruce and his wife, Cilla; and Pastor Mel and his wife, Karen in your daily prayers.



## "Adopt a Missionary for Prayer"

**Sunday, October 11**

Information about the missionaries we support will be available. We are encouraging individuals and families in our congregation to sign up and commit to pray for one of our missionaries on a daily basis, as they would one of their own family members.



Remember!  
Set your clocks  
back one hour!  
November 1st

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, and INFORMATION

## Church Picture Directories Have Arrived!

The directories are here and ready to be picked up! If you are one of the families that took a portrait and haven't received your picture directory yet, stop by the church office for your free copy.



## NEW CHURCH PHONE DIRECTORY

Even though we had the picture directories printed, we are still going to have the small phone directories available for you as these have detailed information included. They are scheduled to be printed in November.

Directory Forms have been put in your church mailboxes, in the foyer and in the Adult classrooms. **PLEASE make any corrections or changes to your family information since the 2009 directory was printed** (i.e. address, e-mail, phone numbers, etc.). There will also be a separate form to complete for college students. **Please give the completed forms to Kim Lovejoy, in the office, by October 31st**, call the office at 681-3855 or email Kim at [trfetc@wiktel.com](mailto:trfetc@wiktel.com). A final draft will be available in the foyer for everyone to check for accuracy prior to printing. Your prompt attentiveness is appreciated.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Our congratulations to Jerry & Gloria Schulte on the birth of their grandson, William Gary Young. William was born on July 23 to Becky & Nick Young. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and measured 21".



Paul and Sharon Gregor would like to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Lily Jeeah Hubler. Lily was born Sept. 23, 2008 and arrived home from South Korea with her mom and dad, Jason and Danyelle Hubler, on August 11, 2009. She joins her big sister Ella and big brother Ben.



Our congratulations to John & Cindy Krankkala on the birth of their grandson, Oliver John Whitefield. Oliver was born on August 19 to Ryan & Jessica Whitefield in Swindon, England. He weighed 7 lb. 11.5 oz.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. Sincerely, Brian Fortier and family



## Men's Steak and .22 Shoot Saturday, October 3 4:00 p.m.

All men are invited to the Redd's house for a "Steak and .22 Shoot". Please bring your .22 and some meat to grill. Beverages and sides will be provided.

Directions: 5 miles south of DQ off of HWY 32--look for the red bus stop shelter at the end of their driveway.  
Questions? Call Brook at #681-3118

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:58

## 50 Open House



Walt & Doreen Penner  
And  
Raymond & Arlene Molskness  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Saturday, October 17  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Please join their families at the Free Church.  
Program starts at 2:00 p.m.



## RELEASE TIME CLASSES RESUME....

Wednesday, **October 7th** for students in the 4th and 5th grade. Students are picked up at Challenger Elementary School at 10:00 a.m. and taken to the church for the 45 minute class each Wednesday. The class covers practical lessons on growing as a Christian. Students must submit a signed permission slip to their school teacher in order to attend. For more information contact Pastor Mel. Friends are welcome!



## MEALS ON WHEELS

**We are privileged to participate in the Thief River Falls Meals on Wheels Program. EFC is scheduled to deliver meals the week of Oct. 5 - 9. We need 4 drivers for each day.**

It is a blessing to deliver hot, nutritious meals and warm smiles to the Thief River Falls' homebound and seniors in the community. The meals get picked up at 12:15 P.M. and delivery takes less than an hour. If you work from home, work evenings, are a stay-at-home parent, or retired, this is a perfect opportunity to share your time to benefit others. **Look for your opportunity to sign up in the narthex.** You do not have to sign up for the entire week - just one day would be greatly appreciated! A few emergency back-up drivers are also needed. If you have any questions, please call Kim at the church office, 681-3855.



## 20's & 30's

## BONFIRE & HAYRIDE

All folks in their 20's and 30's are invited to join us for a fun evening at Jon & Tiffany Edward's on **Friday October 16th, 6-9pm.**

Bring your kids, a potluck item to share and come fellowship with us.

Hot cocoa/cider and s'mores will be provided.

## Encouraging Our Service Men

*Please pray for those serving in the military*



- ◆ **Esther Gallagher and Deb Hanson's Brother-in-law, Frank Whitcomb - Serving in Iraq.**
- ◆ **John Hiebert's grandson, Matthew Varnes - Serving in Afghanistan.**
- ◆ **Anthony Bolduc - Serving in Iraq.**
- ◆ **Malvin Peterson's nephew, Jessie - Serving in Iraq.**



## PENNIES FOR MEXICO

It's time for our annual penny drive for the Children's Shelter and orphanage in the Squatter's Village across the Texas border in Mexico. These children desperately need our help! Hundreds of dollars are raised for this worthy project each year and we thank all of you who have helped in the past! You can begin saving your pennies and we'll collect your offerings in late October. Checks (made out to Everett or Arlette Kompelien) and paper money are also acceptable! If you have any questions, please feel free to call us @ 681-3089. ~ *Everett & Arlette Kompelien*

## CHILD DEDICATION

The following dates have been designated for child dedication: December 27 & May 9  
If you would like to dedicate your child on one of these Sundays call the church office @ 681-3855.

## Adult Bible Fellowship Classes Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.

### “Firm Foundations” (Room 12)

This class is for anyone wanting to grow in their faith and lead others to Christ as well as disciple them to become fully devoted followers of Christ. It will empower you to feel confident to share your faith in Jesus with your family and friends. You will also have the opportunity to list 12 people who haven't started their relationship with Christ yet and then act intentionally through prayer and outreach to help them to trust Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Another portion of the class will be to go through a spiritual gifts inventory so you can learn where your gifts fit into ministry. **Kim Rosendahl will be teaching the first 13 weeks from a book “Growing in Christ” with other topics and teachers to follow.**

### “Christian Life Issues” (Room 10)

This class will cover an array of issues of interest. Personal finances, conflict resolution, and parenting skills are a few possibilities. **The first section will be taught by Rob Almquist. He will be using Purpose Driven Life curriculum on “Fellowship”-** God longs for you to have rich, genuine connections with Him and a handful of other people. These six sessions will help you connect more deeply with Jesus Christ and build genuine relationships with Christian friends.

### “Bible Study Curriculum” (Chapel)

Chapel This class will be weekly in-depth Bible study taught by some very gifted teachers. **The book of Luke will be the first book studied and will be taught by Nathan Blomker.**

### “Welcome to the Family” (Room 14)

This four week class will be taught by Pastor Mel and will include an overview of the new EFCA doctrinal statements and our church polity. This class will give opportunity to apply for membership in our church. The class will take place during the four Sundays in October.



Sign up for our

## E-Newsletter

Sign up today to receive your copy of **“The Thief River Falls Free Church Newsletter”** via email!

Getting your copy of our monthly newsletter via email has it's advantages:

- ◆ **Saves the church postage costs**
- ◆ **Saves the church paper costs**
- ◆ **Full color copy!**
- ◆ **Allows you to print only the pages you need to reference now, and then conveniently “file away” the current month for future use**

It's free and easy to subscribe—just let the church office know that you would like to start receiving your copy of the Newsletter via email by providing us with your current email address. Give us a call today at # 681-3855, or email [trfeffc@wiktel.com](mailto:trfeffc@wiktel.com).

## Sermons Online!!

Sermons are available for listening or downloading at our website [www.trfeffc.org](http://www.trfeffc.org).

Additionally, Pastor Bruce posts the notes from his sermon preparation as a reference for your personal study or teaching preparation.



From  
the  
**CHOIR  
DIRECTOR**

## Choir Rehearsals for Christmas Musical

**Wednesdays**  
*(starting September 30)*  
**8:15 pm in the Chapel**

The Musical, entitled “The Wonder of Christmas” is packed full of high energy fun songs and is moderately difficult. It will require good attention and faithful attendance to be well prepared for the presentation on the evening of Sunday, December 20. Instrumentalists are encouraged to join in. If you need more information, call Pastor Mel at 681-3855.

# FAMILY NIGHT NEWS

~ Wednesday Nights at the Free Church ~

**No AWANA, YOUTH GROUPS, or BIBLE STUDIES  
on Wednesday, October 15.... MEA Week**

## T & T “Bring A Friend” Contest

September 23 - October 7  
**BOYS VS. GIRLS**



Everyone who brings a friend will get a tootsie pop - and so does your friend!

**The WINNING TEAM gets a PRIZE!**  
Contest Winners Awarded on October 21st

## ATTENTION PARENTS:

We request the parents of our AWANA T & T kids to come to **AWANA Parent's Night on Wednesday, October 7th**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**



*(Check in at the front table for directions)*

We would like to give you a chance to see the three parts of our AWANA program in action:

**Play along with the AWANA Games**

**Listen in on Handbook Time**

**Meet together for Council Time**

It is our desire to see each student become a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ and to learn about Him through the study of God's Word.

Please don't miss this special night!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

*"What does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to SERVE the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 10:12*

### Monthly Women's Ministries Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7:00 pm

We will meet at church. All ladies are welcome to attend.

### White Cross: Thursday, Oct. 8 at 10:00 am

We will be working on quilts for The Pas, cutting out clothes for the children in Congo, and lap robes.

### Library Work Night: Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 pm

All welcome to come out and help!  
Questions, contact Kathy Erickson @ 681-7283

### Ladies Movie Night: Tuesday, Oct. 20

Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information!

## MOM'S GROUP

Starting October 13th, Mom's Group will start meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

We will be studying the book of James using a Max Lucado study. We will also be discussing biblical parenting how-to's.  
Sitters cost \$1 per kid, per time.

Questions? Contact Lacey Simoneau at # 681-6821 or Katie German at # 681-7445.



# October Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Attention:</b> If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, or is incorrect, please notify the church office at 681-3855.</p>				1 <i>Jackson Stigen</i>  Earl & Jan Hanson's Anniversary	2  Jon & Janet Anton's Anniversary	3 Steve Mosloff
4 Gladys Erickson Connie Stock Heather Redinger	5	6 <i>Olivia Straubel</i>  Brook & Kristin Redd's Anniversary	7 Ann Mischke	8	9 <i>Joshua Rosendahl</i>  Don & Barbara Bernard's Anniversary	10 Jesse Sich
11 Paul Gregor Jordan Nelson	12	13 Jim Swanson	14  Troy & Susan Halvorson's Anniversary	15 <i>Renee Transburg</i> Skyah Westerman  <i>Dennis &amp; Amanda Anderson and Doug &amp; Gloria Barth's Anniversary</i>	16	17 Kurt Nelson
18 Esther Gallagher	19 Seth Anderson  John & Sharon Flom's Anniversary	20 Julie Grabowska	21 Corey Skjerven Shellie Skime Sarah Dahlin Zach Heinle	22 Steve Hauert  Eric & Elisa Anderson's Anniversary	23 Donna Christianson Paul Loe	24 Geno Johnson Afton Edwards Holly Thom
25 Kathy Erickson Heidi Senum Shane & Mya Zutz's Anniversary	26 Justin Skjerven Jaylon Gunderson Tim & Celeste Boyer's Anniversary	27 Cay Donlin Terry Vant Hof Melissa Lorenson Owen Bushy Colt Christensen	28  Wilford & Phyllis Sletten's Anniversary	29 Verna Christensen	30 Sean Anton Alyssa Redd	31 <i>Kyle Manges</i>

***Italics denote Missionaries***

## SERVING in OCTOBER

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
<b>Children's Church</b>	Eric & Elisa Anderson	Shane & Mya Zutz	Jason & Lacey Simoneau	Josiah & Millie Westerman
<b>Sunday School Greeter</b>	Jan Lee	Mary Almquist	Dave Stomlund	Randy Barth
<b>Worship Service Greeters</b>	Bob & Nona Hultgren Randy & Jan Pederson Tom & Marijo Schafer	Jerry & Gloria Schulte Jason & Lacey Simoneau Casey & Anna Skjerven	Troy & Shellie Skime Corey & Julie Skjerven Wilford & Phyllis Sletten	Bob & Shirley Sorvig Heidi Senum Brian & Debbie Steenerson
<b>9:15 Nursery</b>	Dan & Jan Trontvet	Chris & Val Shulstad	Ehren & Ester Hanson	Nate & Sarah Larson
<b>10:30 Nursery</b>	Kim & Sara Rosendahl TBA	Jon & Tiffany Edwards Krista Phillips	Kevin & Bonnie Barth Randy & Mary Fran Twistol	TBA
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Mark Trochmann	Steve Westerman	Ehren Hanson	Bob Hultgren
<b>Visual Tech</b>	Mike Barnhart	Shane Heinle	Jeff Zerwas	Cory Helm
<b>Ushers</b>	Howard Nelson, Nathan Blomker, Roy Blomker			

# October 2009



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<b>4</b> 9 AM "Una Vida Con Proposito" 9:15 AM Sunday School 10 AM Congregation Hispana 10:30 AM Worship <b>Communion</b> 3 PM Foundation Quartet 6 PM Dave Ramsey FPU	<b>5</b> 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast	<b>7</b> 10 AM Release Time 6:00 PM College Supper & Bible Study 6:30 AM AWANA Open House 6:30 PM JH Jam; Ladies Bible Study; Men's Bible Study 7 PM SH Rebelution; Midweek Service 8:15 pm Choir	<b>8</b> 10 AM White Cross	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8 AM Men's Bible Study
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