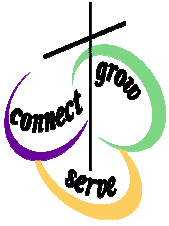


1st Connection

Seeking to...Live Simply so that others may Simply Live

-a communication of the FRC family
January 15, 2012

Check the bulletin board in the foyer for all community events!



This Week at First...

Mon. - 5:00 P.M. J.O.Y. meets
7:00 P.M. Beth Moore Bible Study

Tues. - 6:30 P.M. Elders/Deacons meet
7:00 P.M. Consistory meets

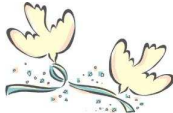
Wed. - **Family Night**
5:30-6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner
Everyone Welcome
6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Room 17
6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)
Gems/Cadets (1st—8th grade)
6:45 - 8:00 P.M. Praise Team # 2
~ Framework; Meet in Fireside room.

Thurs. 3:00 - 7:00 P.M. Michigan Blood Drive at FRC
8:00 P.M. Euchre League

Sat. - 1:00 - 4:30 P.M. Youth Service Project at FRC
5:00 P.M. Youth Bowling

Looking Ahead.....

January 22 - Celebration of Communion
January 29 - Cadet Sunday



Share Your Faith
with Others

FRC Employment Opportunities:

FRC is looking for qualified individuals to fill the following two positions: Office Staff/Assistant (8-12 hrs. wk/afternoons)
Gift-based Ministry Coordinator (Salary/est. 10 hrs. wk.) For additional information regarding either position, please contact the church office (ministry descriptions are available upon request), and/or to apply, please send a letter of interest/resume to the church office (before 1/22).

The Serve Team is asking that anyone who would like to make a \$25.00 monetary donation to put **their business card in the church picture directory** to help off set the cost would be greatly appreciated. If you have a business and do not have a business card, we have a form you can fill out with all the information. Please stop by the Blood Drive sign-up table to drop your card off or to fill out a form. Thank you, The Serve Team



We are once again hosting a Michigan Blood Drive this

Thursday, January 19, 2012 from
3:00pm - 7:00pm in the Fellowship

Hall. Please help show your support of this life saving gift!! Remember, Spectrum/Gerber hospital is using Michigan Blood as their sole provider now, as well as its use in many other West Michigan hospitals. For those who went to Guatemala, it is ok for you to donate! There was some confusion on that. **There will be a sign-up table today in the Gathering Center.** The Serve team

To pray is to let the Holy Spirit speak to the center of your being and then let it resound in your whole being.



Prayer Team

Rod Borgman,
Cal Burns,
Judy Vissia and
Betty Warren



Sunday Mornings

Come to the *Prayer Room* at 9:15 a.m. before worship to pray for 15 minutes. Prayer is critical to the fruitfulness of ministry.

Contact Information

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Youth Pastor: Matt Pifer, email: matt@frcfremont.org

Administrative Assistant:
Pat TerVeer, email: pterveer@frcfremont.org

Custodians: O'Neals: Randy- 231-519-5903
Karen-231-519-5902

Church building open:
Sunday—All day
Monday—Thursday 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
Friday—Saturday - Closed



Happy Birthday!

January 16 - Brett Allen
John Scholtens

January 19 - DeeDee Rottman
Ray Defeyer

January 20 - Jose Escalante
Wayne TenBrink



January 22 - Andy and Melanie White

A New Opportunity to CONNECT:

Are you relatively new here at FRC and wish you could know others better? OR, are you a relative "old-timer" and wish you could find out more about others who you currently don't know so well? **DINNERS FOR EIGHT** can help.

Here's how it works:

Sign up at the Information Center by January 29 if you wish to participate – either as a HOST HOME or simply as a PARTICIPANT. Then, sometime after January 29, your host/hostess will contact you to make dinner plans. Groups of eight will get together for **GOOD FOOD**, which everyone will help provide, and **FUN**...use your imaginations!

Soon you'll know many more folks and the family of God at FRC will grow together in love. This is our hope and plan. We want it to be said of us – "Wow, they really love each other!" – which is much easier when we really get to know one another. So be sure to SIGN UP!

The Connect Team

A New Phone Directory is being planned and we need your help! Please stop by the *information center* and check to see if we have the right info on you and your family. Make changes if need. If you are not in the directory, please add your info and we will make sure it gets in. Thank you for your help!

IN NEED OF A NEW ATTITUDE

Ever hear the words; "You need an attitude adjustment, young man/lady"? Ever said the words, or something close to it? If you're a parent or teacher you have; kids throwing a temper tantrum seriously "need an attitude adjustment!" So do teen-agers talking back to parents or acting like spoiled brats; they "need an attitude adjustment". But so do adults who fly off the handle at their kids, or who launch into a fit of rage; they seriously "need an attitude adjustment"! How about that person you see who is just plain surly or mean (I call it being a "grump-bucket")? Yep - they "need an attitude adjustment"! Did I cover everybody? Honest truth; at times, we all need an attitude adjustment. Thank goodness God is there to help us out! He wants us to get one...before we throw that tantrum, fly into a rage, or act like a cry baby! Listen to this;

"You were taught...to be made new in the attitude of your minds, and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." - Eph. 4:22-24

Know what that says to me? One; since we all fail at this, we need to keep growing, to keep seeking God's presence and holiness in our life. We're all vulnerable to poor attitudes, and the only way to have the right attitude, the very best attitude, is to keep getting an "Attitude adjustment" from God. How often have we said to our kids, "You know better!" Well... so do we. As followers of Christ, "we know better" when we have a poor attitude, or demonstrate poor behavior (e.g. act like an idiot or be a grump-bucket)! The more our attitudes become like His, the less "adjusting" we'll need! Secondly...we just, plain and simple, need to "put on the new self". It's easy to whine, let our anger burn, treat people like dirt, or harbor bitterness/resentment. It's a whole lot tougher to suck it up, to exercise grace and forgiveness. Exhibit A = the cross. It's easy too, to point a finger at someone else, and somehow, amazingly, it happens with great abundance in the church. Remember the truth about specks in someone else's eye while you've got a log in yours? If we really believe people or someone in particular needs an attitude adjustment...we really need to start with ourselves. Change gives birth to change. And personal transformation always precedes corporate transformation. For a church to be a body of Christ that is loving, kind, gracious, forgiving, and filled with the Holy Spirit...we must be. For we are the body. And we are called to act like Christ, to put on His attitude...one of grace, love, and forgiveness. So...where is your heavenly saying you need an attitude adjustment? Seeking a Christ-like attitude, -PK

On behalf of TrueNorth, the children of Newaygo County and myself, I would like to thank you for the may socks you provided again this year. The need was great and this church family didn't let us down. Thank you and God Bless, Rita VanBoven

Providence Christian

High School - Shadow Day will be Tuesday, January 31, 2012 from 10:45-2:15. Help spread the word! Prospective students can come and experience a day in the life of a PCHS student, talk to Providence students about the PCHS difference, participate in classes, team building games, and Chapel. Students must register by January 27 by phone 924-9780, or email info@pchsmi.org.

HOW TO WIN. FIGHTING FOR YOUR MANHOOD. HOW TO WIN.

The fight is on for your manhood; Satan is trying to eradicate what it means to really be a man - a godly man - in today's world! It's a fight you don't want to lose, and don't need to lose. This is an invitation to a bible study; but it's more of a challenge. As men, we need to pick up the Sword of Truth, and fight back! God's Word is where real truth about being a real man comes from. No worries; you will not be forced to sing, hold hands, read out loud, or pray out loud. But if you have something to say, you can say it; your input and thoughts are important. Starting January 19th we'll meet from 6:45-7:30PM Thursday (for six weeks) in the downstairs fellowship area. It will be straight forward, and to the point. And there will be desserts. Here's a week by week head's up:

Victory is yours...if you want it. (*fear of failure = failure*)

Being a man comes from knowing how God made you.

(*you have all you need - are you using all you got?*)

Victory comes by focusing on strengths rather than weaknesses.

(*focusing on what can bring you victory...will bring victory!*)

Creating Opportunities to win the battle (*you can forge new battlegrounds*)

Drawing up your personal battle plan (*What's your strategy & plan for winning?*)

Fighting the Battle (*You'll never win...if you don't fight*).

A M.E.A.T. OPPORTUNITY...for men.

Attention all adult leaders and teachers! A 'Supply Room' has been set up in the room next to the "Warehouse" downstairs. (The door is marked!) In there you will find everything from pens, pencils, markers and paper to a large assortment of craft items. There is also a paper cutter, 3-hole punch, staplers, and a small table. An Inventory List is there for your convenience as well as a list where you can post needed items or items that you have used up and need more of. Items can be taken from the room to be used as long as they are put back when finished. Please use what you need!

Grow Ministry Team

Things to Remember



Free Popcorn From NOW until December 31, 2012! Guatemala 2013 team is selling Wesco Popcorn Buckets (\$8.00). All proceeds go to the 2013 trip. Pick yours up at the information center today!



Free Popcorn

B.E.A.T. Director Position Opening

- Jeri Ten Brink is being nudged (driven, if truth be told!) by the Lord into a new ministry direction and will vacate her position as B.E.A.T. director at the end of the school year. We're looking for that person (or people—two could share this role) to take over leadership of our Sunday morning children's program. The Grow Team is looking for someone who is good at organization (gift of administration) and willing to add his or her personal touch to help our children know and love the Lord. A ministry description will be available soon. If you, too, are being "nudged," talk to Jeri (924-9921) or Michele Timmer (652-2309) to explore this opportunity. Ideally the new director will "shadow" Jeri during the spring months. Commitment would be for the 2012-13 school year and doesn't necessarily involve teaching.



TrueNorth Food Pantry

Please continue to help support TrueNorth Food Pantry by remembering to pick up an extra item or two and put them on the table at the south entrance of the church and we will see that they get delivered. If you would rather make a donation and have someone do the shopping for you, please contact Jean Rottman at 231-652-6140.

A prayer request box is now available in the Gathering Center and the North entrance of the sanctuary. Please share your request in this vital ministry.

Wednesday Night Cooks are Needed! If you can help by cooking a meal for our Wednesday night program, please sign up at the information table. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



Cooks Needed!