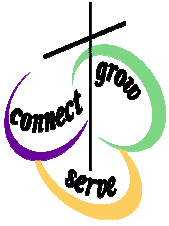


# 1st Connection

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

-a communication of the FRC family  
January 22, 2012

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



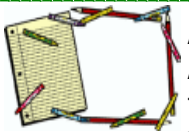
- Mon. - 5:00 P.M. J.O.Y. meets  
7:00 P.M. Beth Moore Bible Study
- Wed. - **Family Night**  
5:30-6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner  
Everyone Welcome  
6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Room 17  
6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)  
Gems/Cadets (1st—8th grade)  
6:45 - 8:00 P.M. Praise Team # 3/Praise Band  
~ Framework; Meet in Fireside room.
- Thurs. - 8:00 P.M. Euchre League

## Looking Ahead.....

- January 29 - Cadet Sunday/Special offering for Cadets
- February 3-5 - Crafter and Laughter weekend at Cran Hill
- February 17-19 - Sr. High Youth Retreat at Cran Hill
- February 22 - GEMS Soup and Salad Bar/Family night



**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!



### 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



### 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



### 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

- Pastor:** Kevin Schutt, email: pk@frcfremont.org
- 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



- January 24 - Deb Borgman
- January 26 - Mark Rottier
- January 27 - Sydney Jo Mangan  
Sarah TenBrink
- January 28 - Rod Borgman  
Rita VanBoven



January 25  
Phil and Dawn DeKryger

### 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).



### 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.

The Bible's idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.



Prayer Team

Rod Borgman,  
Cal Burns,  
Judy Vissia and  
Betty Warren

## Thank You Dear B.E.A.T. 2nd and 3rd grade class,

Cal and Julie Burns would really like to thank you for the encouragement pot. How uplifting, sweet and special it was. It just made our day. Thanks again and bless your hearts. Fondly, Cal and Julie Burns

**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, at the information center. Completed forms and/or business card with check, can be brought to the office or put in box by the office door. Thank you, The Serve Team



Cooks Needed!

**Family night meals**...we have had very little response for cooks to head-up our Wednesday family night meals. **Due to the lack of interest**, the nights we do not

have a cook, there will be no meal! (a sign will be posted on the doors by Monday afternoon if there is not going to be a meal that week or you can call the church office). If you feel like you might want to try to cook a meal but are not sure about how much to prepare, Mary Johnson would be willing to help figure that out. **If you enjoy coming to these meals**, please be in prayer as to maybe helping out to keep this part of our Wednesday night program going. **Also, people are needed to help with the clean-up.** Remember...many hands make light work. Thank you!

*We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape. God did it with a nail.*

## CHRISTIANITY IS NOT A "PART-TIME" POSITION

Oh my; are we good at compartmentalizing our lives, or what? I believe it's a subconscious mode we go into naturally. We're "this person" at work or school. We're "this person" at home. We're "this person" to our friends; "this person" to our family. We're "this person" at church, and we're "this person" when no one is around. It's what we're taught to do, and expected to do. And while I'll always be more relaxed at home than if I'm leading a meeting; the compartmentalization of who we are has reached a point where it's confusing & deceitful at best, and destroying lives at worst! At the bottom of it all is the accepted cultural standard of moral and ethical "relativism". Here's how it works; you can get bombed on the week-end, just so long as you don't drink at work & do your job. Or...you can worship God on Sunday; but you can't bring your religious views to school or work. Problem is...it doesn't work! Think about it for a minute. The attempt to bring neat and tidy boundaries to everything (you can do this here, but not there) sounds good. But "making everything relative" has done nothing but blur the lines of truth/morality, and it's having devastating results! People can rationalize any behavior now - they just make their own boundaries! They're one kind of person in "this" area of their life, another in "this" area of their life! *It's created the perception that not only is deception good, it's a must...being a "plastic person" is what you need to be!* It's no wonder guilt, depression, and psychological issues are at all time highs! *And for followers of Christ...it's created a real "identity crisis".* Christians struggle with what to say, and when and where they can say it. Speaking truth gets you labeled as narrow-minded, homophobic, intolerant, or a religious elitist. It can get you suspended at school, or fired at work. It's a very real struggle... because Christianity is not a "part-time position". You can't compartmentalize Christ, and really be who you are in Him.

Jesus shared that truth with His disciples:

***"If anyone would come after me, they must deny themselves, and take up their cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for a person to gain the whole world...and yet, lose or forfeit their very self?"***

- Luke 9:23-25

Being a follower of Christ isn't about when it's convenient, or when we feel like it. It takes gut, it takes courage. It's about striving to be who God created, redeemed, gifted and call us to be, all the time, everywhere we go; no plastic. No masks. The real deal; 100% authenticity. At work. At school. At home. At church. Around people, when you're alone. That's what God really wants; all of us, not just a "part" of us ("In *all* your ways acknowledge Him {Prov. 3:6}, "Love the Lord your God with *all* your heart, with all your soul, and with all you mind..." {Matt. 22:37}). Why? Because He loves us, and wants what's best. He's always been clear about that. And when we choose to take off the masks...we'll see Jesus a lot more clearly, experience His grace more profoundly. No confusion. No shame. Just grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness. Forever. Be real. Be true. You'll never regret it. Seeking to be 100% authentic, -PK

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Severe Weather Cancellation Policy

**Sunday Service:** In the event of a church cancellation on Sunday morning, the notification will be aired on WZZM 13 and WOOD TV 8 by 8:00 a.m. **Please Note:** If church is **NOT** cancelled, but you feel uncomfortable traveling because of bad weather, please **DO NOT** travel.

**Wednesday Family Night/Children/Youth Ministry:** If Fremont schools are cancelled on Wednesday, (or any night) the Family Night activities will also be cancelled.

**Any Adult Team Meetings:** Ministry Team/Consistory, and or practices, etc. will be held unless you are notified by a chairperson or team member. Decisions to cancel should be made by 4:00



**Free Popcorn** from now until Dec. 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!



**Please** continue to help support True-North 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.