



# 1st Connection

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

-a communication of the FRC family  
February 28, 2010

## This Week at First

Mon.— 6:45 P.M. Ministry Teams meet for devotions - Building & Grounds, Connect, Grow, and Worship (Serve and Prayer will not meet this month.)

7:00 P.M. Team meetings

Tues.— **Congregational Forums**

6:30 - 7:25 P.M. Care Groups

7:25 - 7:35 P.M. Break

7:35 - 8:30 P. M. Gift-based Ministry

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Wed.— 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Rm. 17

10:45 A.M.—Noon "Kid's Play Group" meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Snack provided - bring your own drinks. Call Elizabeth (924-7172) with questions.

### Family Night

5:30 - 6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner - **Everyone's Welcome!**

6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Fireside Room (Randy Schafer)

6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)

GEMS/Cadets - for 1st - 8th grade

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Fri.— 7:00 - 7:45 A.M. Men's Lenten Breakfast - at the Orthodox

Presbyterian Church. The Beatitudes of Jesus, Matthew 5:1-12, theme: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness". All men are welcome!

## Looking Ahead:

March 7-21 - Adult Explorers Class

March 9 - Consistory meeting

March 11 - Prime Timers will meet at church for breakfast, prepared by Ron and Bev Glass, at 8:30 a.m. This will be the gourmet breakfast that we usually have at Valentine's Day. Cost will be \$3.50. Be sure to sign-up at the *information center* so that preparations can be made.

March 12-14 - J.O.Y. Spring Hill Retreat

March 20 - FRC's "Neighborhood Indoor Resale Market". Pick up a registration form at the *information center* to reserve your spot soon! Available space and tables are limited.

## Sunday Mornings



Come to the *Prayer Room* at 8:45 before Worship to pray for 15 minutes. Prayer is critical to the fruitfulness of ministry.

## Contact Information

**Pastor:** Kevin Schutt, email: [pk@frcfremont.org](mailto:pk@frcfremont.org)

### Administrative Assistants:

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### Church building open:

Sunday—All day

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—5:00 pm

Friday—Saturday - Closed



February 29 (?) - Randy Schafer

March 2 - Anita Bradshaw **90th!**

Hania Smalligan

March 3 - Tyler Knudsen

Bev Smith

March 4 - Erin Pell

March 5 - Vivian TenBrink

Brett Wiggers

March 7 - Jennifer Beeler

**The All Church Car Derby and Pancake Supper** is April 16! Be part of the fun and get a *Car Kit* from any Cadet Counselor. Call Frank Ayre (924-3411) if you have any questions.

**The Health Department** requires all products in the refrigerator and freezer to be labeled; with content and dated when it was opened. Please remember to do this.

## A LIFE OF MEANING AND PURPOSE

Ever find yourself wrestling with the question; *"What am I supposed to be doing with my life?"* You're not alone; everybody wrestles with that question at some point. It can come after deep disappointments, hitting a fork in life's road, or simply at a time that allows deep reflection and introspection. It's a very, very good question to ask. Why? Because *nobody wants to get to the end of their life, and feel they wasted it. Nobody.* Yet...many people (even people who have been revealed truth) do! And that, my friends, is a shame, and doesn't need to be!

It's crazy what people choose to live for. People "live for" hobbies or interests; from collecting ceramic frogs to climbing mountains. Lots more live for work; they pour themselves into a career, striving for success & power. Some people... live for other people (that's more admirable than ceramic frogs). Some people are pretty up front about what they're living for; others not so much. But all you need to do is to look at what they spend their time and money doing. Are all those things, good things? Absolutely! God gives them to us as gifts! Some are great gifts; incredible gifts. But that's all they are. They were not meant to be our reason for living. Everyone was indeed created for a reason. But the reason, the purpose they were created for, is found in the one who created them...God! It's in Him and Him alone where one finds the real meaning and purpose of their life; *everyone was created by God, and for God (Col.1:16).* Everything else will (at some time in life) leave you empty and disappointed, and ultimately, leave you far short of the very reason you even lived and breathed.

Maybe it's time to ask yourself that question again; *"What am I really living for?"* Maybe you know. Maybe you think you know. But if you really want the answer; take a look at your life. What drives you, and how you spend your time and money will tell you. I hope the answer is good. But no matter what your life says... God wants to fill it with real meaning, real purpose, more meaning, more purpose! He can, and He will; He's just waiting to fill your life to overflowing (Eph. 2:10)! What are you waiting for?

Seeking meaning and purpose,  
-PK



### Happy 90th Birthday!

You are invited to join Anita Bradshaw and her family for a Lu'au style celebration (you may wish to wear your brightest, most Hawaiian attire) Saturday, March 6th at Side Street Cafe, 1 East Main, Fremont, from 2-5 p.m. Come and share a memory. No gifts please!

**World Day of Prayer "2010"** will be held this Friday, March 5th at Reeman Christian Reformed Church, 6121 S. Fitzgerald, Fremont, 1:30 p.m. *"Let everything that has breath praise God"* is the theme chosen by Cameroon Christians. Men and women are encouraged to attend. A freewill offering will be received with a portion benefiting ALFA Women's Center. Coffee fellowship following the service.

**A Huge Thank You** to all of you for your support at the annual GEMS Soup & Salad Dinner. Our dinner was a huge success again this year and your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. The monies raised will be used to help offset our travel expenses for this years convention, which is being held at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN., July 22-25, 2010.

**There is a cookie sign-up sheet** on the counter where Sunday morning refreshments are served. Your willingness to donate cookies is greatly appreciated.

Dear Church Family:

This past November I received a letter from the pastor notifying me that I was voted by the congregation to be added to the elective slate as an elder of the church. I was honored in being considered by our church family and at the same time troubled in that my work as a long haul truck driver makes it impossible to serve as an elder at this time.

I spent some time talking to God about this conundrum and had an idea that would allow me to be involved with the church and be of service to the church family.

I approached the pastor and the elders by way of a letter and shared that I spend most of time while driving truck in prayer. I would like to be involved in praying for members of the church while I am away from home.

I have established the following email account: [elderken17@yahoo.com](mailto:elderken17@yahoo.com) which I check on my laptop computer I carry in the truck. I encourage each of you to feel free to contact me with any prayer concerns you may have that I can take before the Lord. Furthermore, should you like a word of encouragement, or just need to talk, I welcome you to phone me at 231-414-4081, although speaking with you will be a blessing to me, I will need to establish a couple of parameters regarding phone calls. Generally, I work from 14 to 22 hrs. per day followed by a 10 hour break, so when calling, I ask that you to be patient in allowing me to get back with you. If there is a sense of urgency in the call, I will do all I can to respond immediately.

I have had many powerful, timely, and joyful answers to prayer in the past 4.5 years and 500,000 miles on the road. Although God does not always answer my prayers in the way I expected, or in the time frame I consider most important, I have found that He always hears my prayers and always has my best interest in mind. I would enjoy very much going before His throne on your behalf!

Thank you for helping me to be more involved in the life of our church.

Respectfully,

Ken Wallace

**Second Avenue Ministries presents the Whole Health Seminar** - Have you resolved to improve your health in 2010? Do you have questions about "holistic" medicine? Are you trying to find "balance" in your life? Then join us as we explore the physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual aspects of Health and Wellness from a Biblical Worldview. Our 6-session, small-group-based seminar begins in March and will meet on Thursday evenings for 90 minutes, time to be determined. Contact us at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Thrift store or via email at [2ndAvenue@att.net](mailto:2ndAvenue@att.net) for more information.