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The Evangelical Free Church of Sycamore-DeKalb

Our mission is to develop followers of Christ who love God, love others and impact their world.

The Disciple

Romans! Paul!

When we think of Rome we imagine great aqueducts, marble everywhere, an immense coliseum and buildings like no other city of the world. Entertainment was supplied in chariot races, gladiators and bawdy theater. All Romans could use the public baths. Food was shipped in from the empire. It was a huge city of a great empire. One out of four people in the world lived under Roman law. Welcome to Rome.

Real life in Rome would be another matter. Most people lived in misery. Slaves were everywhere. In *Daily Life in Rome* by Jerome Carcopino we learn the emperor was concerned over "the frequent collapse of buildings." The apartments kept being built higher and the poor construction led to frequent collapse.



The Church in Rome

There was a church body in Rome. These people were married and raised their kids in the city. They met for worship and studied together. They lived, worked hard and died. They lived in a city filled with idols. Roman idols were not straw or simple wood carvings. Rome's idols were magnificent sculptures in the greatest buildings of the world.

Paul could write of many things to the church. Here was a city filled with need of all kinds. He chose to write of the

gospel. This is the extraordinary real need of the church. The letter reveals the righteousness of God, the deep guilt of the whole human world because of sin, the unparalleled power of the gospel, why Jesus' death and resurrection are our hope, faith the only option, personal union with Christ, God's plan for Jews and Gentiles, and God the righteous will be merciful and accept forgiven sinners in relationship with himself.

The church could be a great church in the city. The church could bring the glory of God to the city and provide a strong base for reaching out into the empire. Paul would propose a mission further west into Spain. The way to greatness was to experience the present power of the gospel. The gospel's power means the church can become more

like Christ.

One exhortation in Romans is "to present, offer or yield" your life. What we do when we have initial faith in Christ we are to keep doing.

Keep yielding to Christ. Keep presenting your life to him. This way the gospel's present power keeps moving and making us more like Christ.

Enjoying Romans with you,
Pastor Brad



Boxes of Love

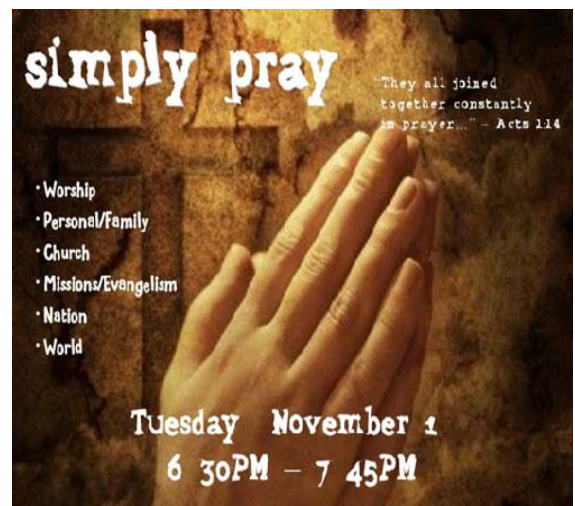
Last year, Operations Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, delivered more than 7.6 million gift filled shoe boxes to needy children in 90 countries.

Information sheets and gift suggestions are available in the church entry.

Shoe boxes should be brought to church no later than November 20.

For more information, call Pete or Marilyn Trott or pete.mare@comcast.net.
www.SamaritanSPURSE.org

Get
YOUR boxes ready!
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November 20.



Our Vision:

To be a God-centered, outward-focused people who are building bridges to individuals in our local community and beyond, through authentic relationships and practical service, with a goal of connecting people to Christ and His community, and developing and multiplying followers of Christ.

Simply Pray

Have you longed for a deeper prayer life with God?

Come be a part of a praying community that seeks to connect with our God.

"Simply pray" encourages the church to embrace the simplicity and faithfulness of prayer.

The desire of the evening is to spend an hour or so interceding for the needs of our families, church, mission, nation, and world.

You are invited to join together in unity with others in the congregation to seek the Lord in prayer.

"The prayer of a righteous person has great power..." – James 5:16

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30PM – 7:45PM, EFC



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, 11/20

Plan to join us as our church family will meet together on **November 20 at 4:00pm** for the Fall Congregational Meeting.



The meeting agenda and a packet of information will be available in the church entry the week before the meeting.

All members are expected to participate. Everyone is invited to be there.

Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Child care will be provided.



You are invited to express your thanksgiving to God for all of His blessings to you and your family during this past year. Psalm 92:1-2 says, "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night." As we reflect upon this past year and the many ways God has been loving and faithful to us, it is natural to acknowledge His goodness through worship.

One of the traditions the E Free Church enjoys is a **Thanksgiving Eve Service..**

This year our Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 7:00PM.

We will spend time during this worship service to connect to the roots of this national holiday, sing songs of Thanksgiving, listen to testimonies and prayers of thanks, and even have a special time for the children to interact with Pastor Brad. It is always a memorable time which will spiritually orient you toward the God we worship as you spend time celebrating this Thanksgiving.



Coming Soon!

"What is it?" "Why do we do this?"

Have your children had questions about the Lord's Supper?

This fall we will be offering a 5 week course on the Lord's Supper for children in 4th-6th grade.

The class will be held during one of the Sunday morning services.

We will advertise dates and sign-up details soon!

Family Life *'Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.'* Romans 12:15 (NIV)

Condolences

Tom Jacob and his family. Tom's mother, Mary Lou Jacob went home to the Lord on the September 15. Tom and Sharon are Wycliffe Bible Translators in Tanzania. Mary Lou lived in Sycamore.

Congratulations

Grace Christine Arensen was born on Oct.7th 21" long and weighing 7lb 6oz. She joins big brothers Marcus 4yrs. and Isaac 21mo. Chris and Drew Whitfield are her grandparents.



November Fellowship

Mug Run

Join us for our annual Ladies Mug Run!

Saturday November 5th at 4:00pm. Bring your own mug and an empty stomach. With five different pit stops... you are going to need the extra space!

Each House Hostess will be serving one of the following: Appetizers, Soup, Salad, Entrée and the last stop will be at church for dessert and coffee.

We will be meeting at the church and then will carpool to each stop.

Help with the FUN!

We are looking for 4 House hostesses as well as 2 volunteers per house to cook. Detailed information is in the foyer.

Sign up is a must so that we have enough food for everyone.

Any questions... Please call Melissa Clack

What's New at Love INC?

October's gap ministry focus is on the lamp ministry.



Here's how you can really let the light of Christ's love shine—**donate a lamp!** You can drop them off at First Church of the Nazarene, the Love INC office, or the church office. Remember that garage sales are good sources of gently used contributions to Love INC.

Support: An easy and tasty way to donate to Love INC on Sunday,



Oct. 30, is by enjoying some Chinese food from Panda Express. The restaurant will donate 20% of your purchases. Use their special Love INC coupon, available in the church office and at the Love INC clearinghouse.

Serve: Are you able to serve one morning a week as an **intake volunteer?** If you would like to serve those in need by answering their phone calls to the Love INC office, call 217-0082 and find out more about the training.



If you can volunteer some time to help **make minor home repairs**, please e-mail Nathan at loveincdk@gmail.com or call 815-217-0082. He is trying to organize a **new gap ministry** focusing on home repairs.

Women's Christmas Celebration

December 4 at 4:00 pm

Thank you from NON

A most hearty Thank you for EFC's generous support to Network of Nations through the recent MUGS OF CHANGE opportunity. To date, \$991.58 has been received with 10 mugs still out.

These funds are used to help Network of Nations in ministering to international students via the Welcome Fair, airport deliveries and pick ups, the weekly intercultural cafe, spouse group, conversational English, cultural and international Bible studies programs.

Thank you so much for helping impact the lives of these students in an immeasurable way!

For more information contact Shirley Baas or go to www.networkofnations.org



The 3rd season of "Second Saturday Breakfast for Seniors" was kicked off on October 8 with a hearty meal of eggs, pigs-in-a-blanket, banana bread, bagels, toast, homemade applesauce, juice, and coffee. About 30 folks joined us for food and fellowship. If you are a senior (or just like hanging out with seniors) you're welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of every month for a buffet-style breakfast from 8am - 9:30am.

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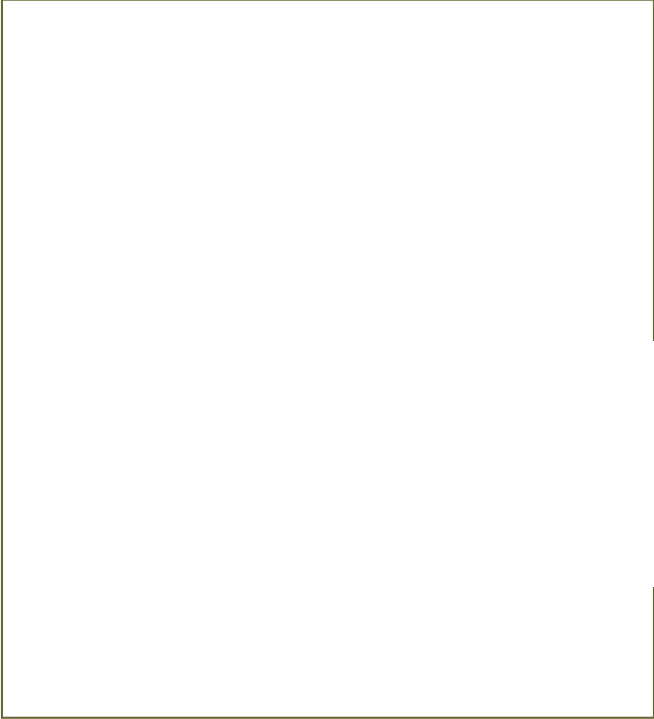
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Sunday Services:
8:30am & 11:00am
9:45am Sunday School



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Men! Don't miss the
Man, UP! Weekend
2nd Annual Men's Retreat

Friday through Sunday, November 11-13
at Dickson Valley Camp
Brochures available in the church entry.

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