

# Welcome Guests!

Please see page two for important information about today's service and how to get the most out of your visit with us.



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## Just Around the Corner

*Pastor Mike Rose*



Can you believe that Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9 is just two weeks away? In fact, it is! I want to share some of the special things that will be taking place on that day.

**Combined Service.** Mother's Day is one of the Sundays chosen to bring the church together in the large auditorium. Obviously that means our schedule will change slightly that day. On Mother's Day there will be NO 8:30AM service. The 9:45AM ABF/group hour will be held as usual and the service will be from 11:00AM to 12:10PM. I trust you will join us for this special time to honor mothers.

**Parent/Child Dedication.** We have families who desire to present their children for dedication to the Lord. This is always a blessing as parents dedicate themselves to actively training up their children in the ways of Jesus.

**Children Singing.** The children of our KZ Church program will be sharing one of their favorite songs with the whole congregation.

**Stephen Ministry Commissioning.** Twelve of our members have been giving two hours each Sunday evening, for the past 20 weeks, to be trained and certified as Stephen ministers. Stephen ministers are utilized in the local church to help fellow believers who are struggling through some life crisis. They are not licensed counselors, nor psychologists. They are trained and caring men and women who come alongside people who are struggling to be a loving friend, prayer partner and confidante.

Of course we want to remember and honor our mothers just as Exodus 20:12 commands us. My message that day will connect the mothering quality of nurturing her children to the church's mandate to nurture (disciple) the children of God.



## Online Survey for Young Adults/Young Families

*Pastor Danny Lightner*



If you are between the ages of 20 and 40, I want your input! I am going to be working hard the next several months (and years to come) to create a vibrant ministry for young adults and young families that will meet your practical needs and help you grow in Christ.

In order to do that

effectively, I need to hear from YOU so that can learn what your greatest needs and desires are for this ministry. Please go to the website below to take the survey, or go to Federated's website and click on the link there. It doesn't matter if you are married or single, with or without kids, employed or a student, new to Federated or a long-time member. In fact, I hope to receive responses from all of you! If you didn't receive an email concerning this survey in the last week or two, it means that you are not in our young adult/family email database, and if you'd like to be included to receive future emails concerning this exciting ministry, please give me your email address. The survey will only be open for a couple weeks, so please don't hesitate too long to give your input. I look forward to hearing from you!



To take the survey, go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/yafs>



# WELCOME TO FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning!

## Have Questions?

If you have any questions, simply ask someone wearing a name tag with "Here to Help" on it or visit the Welcome Center in the foyer.

## Guest Reception

If you are visiting with us for the first time or have just recently started attending First Federated Church, we cordially invite you to a reception immediately following the service (see map for location). We would love to have the opportunity to meet you, get to know you better, and answer any questions you may have.

## Fill Out the Care & Communication Card

If you have never completed a Care and Communication Card, please take a moment to do so. This allows us, as a church family, to better know your needs and how we can serve you. The Care and Communication Card is located inside this newspaper. Just fill out the card completely and leave it in the offering plate or in your seat, give to an usher, or hand it in at the Guest Reception.

Thank you for taking the time to visit First Federated Church. If you are not presently a member of a Bible teaching church, we invite you to join our church family.

## If You Have Children, Visit the Children's Ministry Registration Station

Trust your children to the care of our dedicated, loving Children's Ministry staff. Our children's programs provide quality care and learning for kids of all ages.

If your child has not already been enrolled in our Children's Ministry, a quick visit to the Children's Ministry Registration Station will provide you with temporary security tags and give us the information we need to effectively minister to your child.

## Infants & Preschool Children

Childcare and teaching are available during the 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 hours in the Nursery and Preschool Departments.

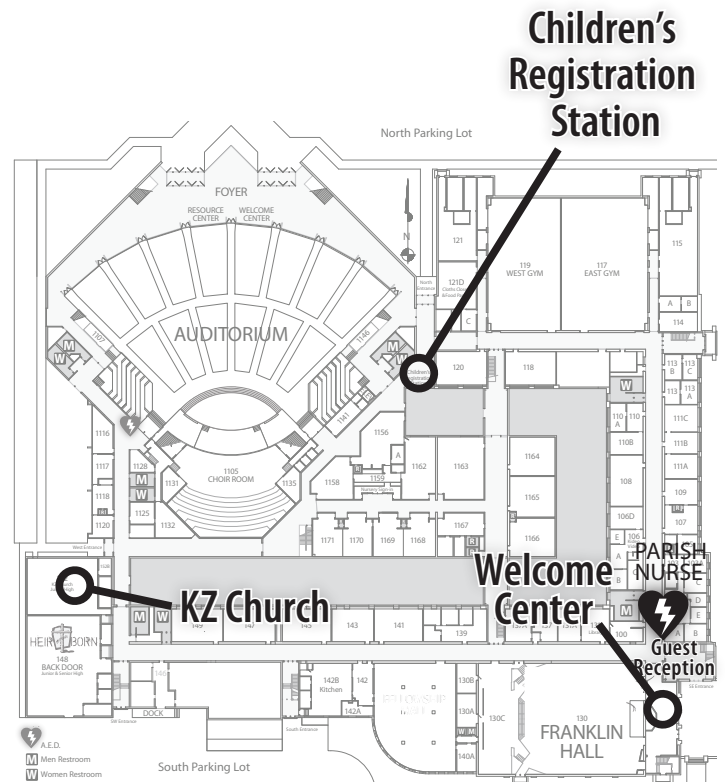
## Kindergarten-4th Grade

K-4th graders may attend their own age-appropriate children's church, called KZ Church, during either the Celebration Service or The River. Children attend the first part of the Celebration Service with their families and then are dismissed to KZ Church around 8:50. KZ church during The River begins promptly at 11:00 in Room 152 for a full hour of fun and learning.

During the 9:45 hour, K-4th graders first gather in the gym and then go to graded classroom groups for Bible learning and fun.

## Xtreme AM (5th & 6th Grade)

Our preteens meet in their own Xtreme spot, Room 205, at 9:45 for a time of Xtreme learning, Xtreme prayer and Xtreme relationship-building.



## Cellular Phones & Pagers

Thank you for turning off or muting your cell phone, pager and other electronic devices during this morning's worship service.

## Assistive Listening Devices

ALS devices are available for check-out at the Information area in the foyer.

## AED (Automated External Defibrillator)/First-aid

Facilities for guests needing first aid, health counseling, and blood pressure

checks are provided by our Parish Nurses located in the Conference Room 100 in east hallway near Franklin Hall during Sunday morning services.

*Please contact an usher if you need immediate assistance.*

## Lost and Found

Lost items may be reported or claimed at the business office of the church during regular M-F office hours. Lost and found items are kept for 30 days.

## Safety

First Federated Church regards your safety as our highest priority. If you have any concerns, please inform one of our ushers or staff. If a building emergency arises, directions will be provided over the public address system.

## Recordings of Today's Message

CD recordings of the morning message can be picked up immediately following the service at the Media window in the foyer for \$3.

You can also listen to the message for free at [www.FirstFederated.org](http://www.FirstFederated.org).

## Communion

We celebrate communion typically on a bi-monthly basis during the morning worship service or special event. We have an open table, meaning that if you have put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to participate. Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.



# MISSION ONE

Reaching others for Jesus Christ

## Katie

Katie served 6 years alongside church leaders in her country, resourcing, helping, mentoring and instilling the value of discipleship. She is currently on sabbatical in the US, planning to go to graduate school.

## Steve & Pat, Asia

Steve is Area Director, searching for open doors in a restrictive environment (severe persecution of Christians) and is serving in economic development. Pat is an elementary teacher.

## Mike & Sue, One Child, Africa

Mike is international pastor of the only protestant church in their city, made up of expatriates. People are making decisions for Christ nearly every week.

## Michael & April, Asia, Two Children

They participate in ongoing survey and translation work focusing on reaching a specific minority people group with the Gospel. They live primitively in a remote area.

## Jeff & Melissa, Asia

Both serve as English teachers at a university with 30,000 students. Their vision is to see a group of national teachers and students worshipping and reaching out to others.

## Boaz & Ruth, Europe

Both were brought to faith through missionaries in their homeland. They serve at a media center answering Bible Correspondence questions arriving at their website and forum.

## David & Vreni, Europe

David is International Research and Strategy Associate for their mission. He is responsible for planning, teaching, missiological research, reflection and writing. Vreni is involved with immigrants.

## Tim & Martha, Three Children, Asia

Tim is involved with an English/Computer training institute in a neighboring country while he awaits a work visa. He is serving with like-minded believers to begin a new character-based international school.

## Ron & Erin, Four Children, Asia

They are translators, community development consultants and work on linguistic analysis. They also give orientation and guidance to new teams in basic village entry, language and cultural learning.

## Alan & Helena, One Child, Asia

As a team they look to partner with like-minded people to see a small fellowship of believers gather and multiply. Alan teaches English, Helena helps with business and administration.

## Tim & Iris, Two Children, Asia

As a team they are involved recording messages of salvation in the heart language of 32 ethnic groups. They also work to train national missionaries to serve in their country.

# PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

The contents of this page have been removed to protect the privacy of those in our congregation.

Printed copies of this page can be obtained at the church.

## Items found on this page include:

**Pray for Those Who Grieve**

**Happy Birthday!**

(Birthdays are listed for Federated members & missionaries)

**Pray for those with Physical Needs**

(In the Hospital, Upcoming Surgery/Procedures, Partial List of the Ongoing Needs of Our Members & Regular Attenders)

**Pray for Those Who Serve our Church**

### Our Encouragement

*“For to me, to live is  
Christ, and to die is gain.”*

*Philippians 1:21*





### Hangtimes

Apr 25—Progressive Ice Cream

May 2—SMT meeting

May 9—None, hang with your moms!

May 16—New 7th grader lunch

May 23—Paul and Timothy Bowl-O-Rama

May 30—None Grad open houses

7th–12th Grades

### TODAY

I scream, You scream, we ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! If you like ice cream then join us for a progressive ice cream dash. We will carpool from the Backdoor and go to 4 different places to enjoy some yummy icecream. Bring \$7 and save room for dessert! Meet at the back door at 5:45PM. Adult drivers needed!

### THIS WEEK

#### Dodgeball

Monday | 6:30–8:00PM | West Gym

**Wednesday Nights** 6:30–8:00PM | Backdoor

**Sunday Mornings** 9:10–10:25AM | Backdoor

### TO DO LIST FOR MEXICO PARTICIPANTS:

- \*Apply for passport
- \*Send support letter by mail
- \*e-mail Howie a copy of your support letter
- \*sign-up for work projects

### Checklist for Grads—Class of 2010

#### Need info for the Church Newspaper

- o Grad's favorite HS/ youth group memory
- o Grad's future plans

#### Need a set of 5 photos (See below)

- o 1) A senior picture (Need these the soonest!)
- o 2) A Baby picture

#### AND AS A BONUS (optional)

- o 3) Funny photo (any age)
- o 4) Child photo
- o 5) Hobby/Interest Photo (any age)

**These photos are better if they are emailed to me** – I can scan photos if need be. (Just help me know how to return them to you!!) mhowland@firstfederated.org

Need to know if you will be a part of the GRAD Recognition Service Sunday June 6 - Please RSVP ASAP!

Need to know if your grad/ you as parents are coming to the GRAD Banquet – Sunday June 6 following the River Service - Please RSVP ASAP!

Banquet will be a catered meal at the church.

### SUPPORT THE MEXICO MISSION TRIP:

If you have not recieved a support letter for the 2010 Mexico Mission trip, yet would still like to support a participant or even a couple participants, please contact Howie and he will connect you with a member of the team that could use the help. 50% of the funds (\$450) are due May 8th! Please keep the team in your prayers!

### In May

#### New 7th Grader/Parent Lunch

May 16| 12:30-1:30| Fellowship Hall

Join us for a quick 101 to youth group following the morning worship service. PIZZA!

#### Paul/Timothy Bowl-A-Rama!

May 23| 6-8PM

Fun in the Son, hanging with the new 7th graders while we bowl together, eat nachos, and raid the soda vending machines! Join us at Merle Hay Lanes! Cost: \$7 per bowl.

#### Are You Smarter Than A 7th Grader?

May 30

The new 7th graders move into the junior high ministry and the gloves are off! Jump into a parody of the famous game show and see who will win the challenge: the new 7th graders or the current junior high. Always a great time! Don't miss it!

#### Smarter Than A 9th Grader?

May 30th

Are you smarter than a "Freshman"? While the junior high competes, the senior high will have a competition of its own as the new 9th graders stand against the 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

### In June

#### Grad Banquet/Service|

June 6

Celebrate 18 years of accomplishment—you are graduating and we want to send you off with prayer and lots of celebration. We will have a Graduate Recognition service at 11:00AM (during the River service) and then immediately following the service join us for a catered meal in Fellowship Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend both events. Check with Pastor Howie about photos needed for both events, and RSVP ASAP!

### 2 Work Project Dates Available

Students will serve in mass on these dates raising support for the upcoming Mexico trip! All projects will begin at 10AM

#### Reserve yours today!

May 8

May 22

Contact Susan Rushing by calling 771-4782. Or my5119@hotmail.com



Hurry only 2 dates left. Reserve yours today!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Today in KZ Church

Eve was tricked by the snake into eating the fruit from the tree, and then she talked Adam into eating it too. That was one tricky snake! After they ate from the tree, they were scared of what God would think of them, so they hid from Him. But God always wins at Hide 'n Seek! Adam and Eve were embarrassed of their sin.



Don't forget to bring this week's word puzzle back next Sunday for a Big City \$.



### Today's Knot of the Week:

Sin does NOT make you smart.



### Today's Shout it Out:

Sin makes me ashamed on the inside.



*You are cordially invited to celebrate the accomplishments of the children during the AWANA Awards Ceremony April 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm in Franklin Hall Reception following the ceremony Bring your family and friends!*



Tuesday, April 27  
9:00-11:15am  
Fellowship Hall

If you're the mother of a preschooler, you're invited to join other moms for a morning of refreshment and encouragement. Mike and Linda Colby will be speaking on "Family Worship." While you're getting some adult time, your little ones will enjoy stories, crafts and games in our Moppets program.

## Parent/Child Dedication and Pre-Dedication Class

Parents desiring to have their baby dedicated to the Lord will be given this opportunity on Mother's Day, May 9, 2010.

A pre-dedication class for parents will be held on Sunday, May 2. This class will explain the significance of dedicating your child to the Lord, provide practical parenting helps, and offer you an opportunity to get acquainted with our Children's Ministry. If this will be the first child you are dedicating here at Federated, the class is a prerequisite to dedication.

First Federated does not baptize infants. We believe that baptism is a step of obedience made by a person who has put his faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. Baptism is an outward expression of what has already occurred in the life of a believer. In Parent/Child Dedication, parents make a public commitment to "train up a child in the way he should go," as God instructs in Proverbs 22:6. We give thanks for the gift of life and ask God's blessing upon parents and children in the hope that someday each child will trust Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Please contact Mary in the Children's Ministry office (255.2122 or [mtesser@firstfederated.org](mailto:mtesser@firstfederated.org)) by Wednesday, April 28 to be included in the class and dedication or for more information.



## Summer Fun!

Get ready for some summer fun! Whether you're looking for just a few hours of creativity or exercise or a whole week away from home for your kids, there are lots of great choices this summer.

### Stars Sports Camp

June 21-25  
For ages 6-12  
Tower Park, located adjacent to FFC parking lot  
Cost: \$35 (\$45 after May 28)  
Register Now in the Children's Ministries office!

### Creation Camp

July 26-30  
For kids entering 3rd - 6th grade  
First Assembly, 2725 Merle Hay Rd.  
Cost: \$25 (\$35 after July 10)

### Art Explorers Day Camp

July 21-22  
9-11 am  
For ages 4 - entering 2nd grade  
First Federated  
Register by July 14  
Cost: \$10



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For further information on any of these announcements, call the church office at 255-2122

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

28 Awana Awards Night

### May

1 All-church Clean up

6 National Day of Prayer

9 Mother's Day (combined service at 11:00AM)

14 3rd Friday Game Night

18 60+ Luncheon

### June

6 Promotion Sunday

6 Graduate Recognition

21-25 Sports Camp (Children's Ministry)

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Prayer "For such a Time as This"

59th Annual Observance

12-1PM State Capital Rotunda

[www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)

## STILL TIME TO JOIN ALPHA!

We've got a great group attending ALPHA already but we still have room for YOU! We'll be starting our second session tomorrow night at 6pm. We meet in the Back Door (southwest corner of the church at the black doors) and then go to Fellowship Hall for a great dinner prepared by Sonny & Margaret Welder and served by our friendly ALPHA volunteers. Then back to the Back Door for the entertaining and insightful video by Nicky Gumbel. We then break into small discussion groups and finish up at 8:30pm.



You may wonder what ALPHA actually stands for? Here's the answer to that question.

**A**nyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith

**L**earning and laughter. It is possible to learn about the Christian faith and to have fun at the same time.

**P**eople meeting together. An opportunity to get to know others and to make new friends.

**H**elping one another. The small groups give you a chance to discuss issues raised during the talks.

**A**sk anything. Alpha is a place where no question is seen as too simple or too hostile.

# CONNECT PEOPLE

## Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Fellowship (ABFs)

Once you've joined us in worship, our Adult Bible Fellowships are a great next step to connect with others and grow in your faith. We have a variety of opportunities available that include:

### Sundays | 9:45-10:45AM

**Men** (all ages) | Room 210 April 18: Starts The Truth Project

**The HUB** (College/Young Adult Ministry) | Room 244

**The Outlet** (post-college 20 somethings) Room 215

**Renew** (all ages) | Room 1254-55

(Study: Proof of Life - The Sign of Life (John 11:1-45))

**Homebuilders** (all ages) | Room 1250-1251

**Prayer** (all ages) | Room 100

**Job's Garage** (all ages, men) | Room 235 (Top of stairs fr Franklin Hall)

Hot coffee, donuts and good conversation.

Topic: James

Questions? Brian at 208-0412

**Cornerstone** (born in the 1950s) | Room 1240-1241(Study: The

Teachings of Jesus; In His Own Words)

**Galilean** (born in the 1930s) | Room 1244-1247

Galilean Study: Names of God)

**Immanuel** (born in the 1930s) | Room 1105

**Friendly Fellowship** (Senior Saints) | Room 120

**Ezra** (all ages) | Room 1118

**Analysis of Prophecy** (all ages) | Room 1238-1239

**Reflections** | Room 1116 (Study: Names of God)

**Women** (all ages) | Room 208 (Women's Study: Called for a Purpose)

## Mondays

ALPHA | 6:00-8:30pm | Back Door - Dinner is free for all first time guests.

## Tuesdays

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** Second & fourth Tuesdays

9:00-11:00AM | Fellowship Hall

**Men's softball**

**Tues. 4/27** 9:15PM First Federated vs. Westchester E Free

**Thur. 4/29** 6:15PM First Federated vs. Lutheran Ch. of Hope

Both games at Campbell Park in Clive

## Wednesdays

**For All—Prayer Community**

Ongoing | 6:30-8:00PM | Room 1244-47 |

Facilitator: Pastor Mike Rose

**Card Ministry** | 1:00-4:00PM | Room 139

**Ladies Prayer Group** | 10:00am | Room 100

**Missionary Sewing** - 1st & 3rd Weds. | 9AM-4PM | Room 118

Need cutters & sewers, you can take it home to work on and return when finished.

**Women's Bible Study** | 5:30-6:30pm | Room 139 | Study: Book of Ruth

## Thursdays

**HUB Bible Studies** (College/Young Adult Ministry).

**Study of Ecclesiastes**

Thursday morning | 11AM | HUB Room 244

Thursday evening | 7PM | HUB Room 244

## Fridays

**Men's Prayer Meeting** | Friday Mornings | 8:30-9:30AM | Room 100

## Saturdays

**HUB Women's Bible Study**

Saturdays | 12:00PM | HUB Room 244