

FREE

...but out of control

Ecclesiastes 8

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HOW TO WASTE YOUR LIFE



March 2, 2014

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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7-9:00 P.M. **Law Enforcement Bible Study** — Anyone involved in Law Enforcement is welcome to join this Bible Study. For more information, contact 733-3420.
- 9:00-10:30 P.M. **Men's Prayer Meeting** — Wedge
- 8

8:00-9:30 A.M. **Men's Prayer Meeting** — Cafe

LOOKING AHEAD

- 8

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
- 9

10:00 A.M. **FBBC UNITED** — See the ad.

5:00 P.M. **Reducing the Risk**— C-105 Go to fbbc.info/serve to find more information and to sign up.
- 16

12-1:30 P.M. **Membership Class**— C-102
If you would be interested in finding out more about becoming a member at FBBC, please sign up to attend this class. fbbc.info/events.
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NYCF LEGISLATIVE DAY— Albany, N.Y.
- 23

10:00 A.M. **Handmade Cards** — For sale in the Commons to benefit FBBC Missionaries. (See the ad.)

Introducing Today's Sermon

Ecclesiastes: How to Waste Your Life

"Free, but out of control!"

Freedom is such a wonderful gift! As Americans we enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of freedom like no other people on the face of this Earth! While enjoying its blessings and benefits, we understand that freedom, in measure, has its limits for we live amongst millions of others who can choose to exercise their own freedoms. Often times freedoms clash and we find that there are times in life where we have little or no control because of the freedoms of others. We are not infinitely free. Freedom has its own parameters.

In this chapter, Solomon deals with some of the restrictions that are placed upon all of us where we have little or no “say” or control. We think to ourselves, “If I was in charge I would do it differently!” Although free (in a sense) we are not in charge, and not in control. Isn’t that frustrating? Hence, freedom is marginal at best.

Solomon deals with three subjects over which we have little or no control in this chapter. First – authority! The will of the King (governor, president, congress, etc.); Second – the wicked! The age old question, “Why do the wicked prosper?”; Third – the sovereign will of God. God does what He wants to do. The freedoms of others can greatly hinder our own. In light of all of this, what is Solomon’s advice?

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING • 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. <i>Pastor Grace</i> Free, but out of control!
SUNDAY EVENING • 6:00 P.M. <i>Scott Grace</i> NSBI Class - Genesis II
WEDNESDAY EVENING • 7:00 P.M. <i>Pastor Grace</i> NSBI- The Gospel of John

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Elena Ford

She had surgery.
2213 Westside Dr.
Rochester, NY 14624

Evie Withers

She had two serious surgeries
for a pacemaker implant and
cancer.

67 Norwood Ave.
Rochester, NY 14606

Dennis & Sue Anderson

They were in a car accident
and have some bumps and
bruises.

88 Cocos Plumosa Dr.
Eustis, FL 32726

SYMPATHY

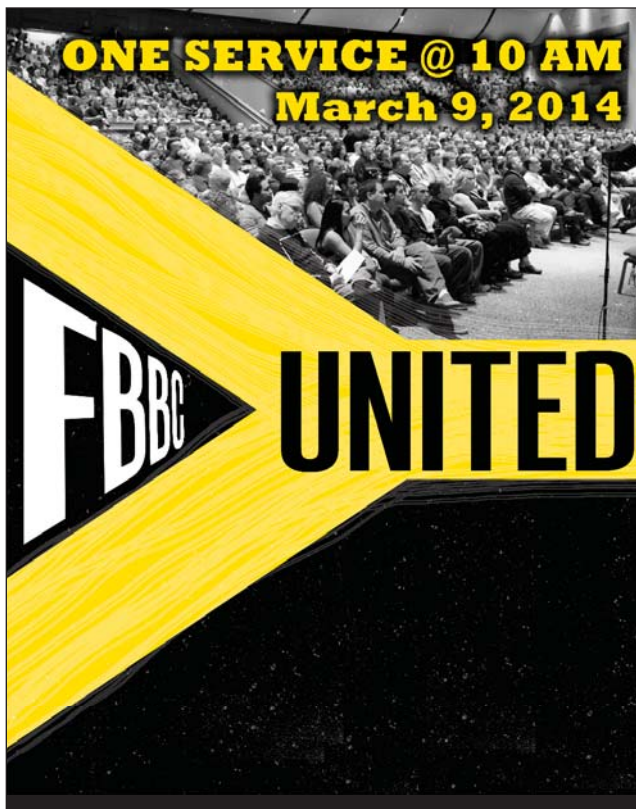
John (Sue) Stoffel

257 Ridgewood Road
Rochester, NY 14626
His Mom went home to be
with the Lord.

NEW BORN BABY

Welcome *Noelle Lyla James*,
born February 22, weighing
in at 7.2 lbs and 22 inches
long. Congratulations to
Erik and Stephanie (84
Bridgewood Dr., Rochester,
NY 14612). Proud grandpar-
ents are **George and Penny**
Grace.

*If you are going into the hospital and
would like a visit from one of the pastors
please call the office and let us know.*



Time Change Sunday

Come and Unite
with us for ONE
service at 10:00 A.M.

*Children from 3rd
through 12th grade
will stay in the main
service.*

Don't forget to set
your clocks ahead.

FBBC's Core Values

Each week we will highlight one of the seven Core Values.

This Generation Now (TGN): "This Generation Now" focuses on the most vulnerable and, at the same time, those with the greatest potential – our youth. As a church family we will model the core values of FBBC to the next generation. We will focus our God-given abilities and spiritual gifts to serve the youth of our church and community. We believe that each person must be committed to the ministry team of which he or she is a part, but also to serve in other ways which may support the youth of our church and community. It is important that we look for ways to welcome young people, to share our faith, and to live authentically before them. We must build an environment of hope so that young people might understand the real hope that God has given the world through Jesus Christ.

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would like to invite you to attend



April 4 and 5

Cost - \$50 or \$25 Friday Only; \$25 Saturday Only

Registration is open.

Students are FREE by typing in promo code STUDENT when you cash out.

Register at fbbc.info/events or visit us at the South Welcome Center for assistance and to pay by check or cash.

MEN: We need help to make this weekend happen. You all have been so gracious in the past. We are asking if you would consider helping again or maybe for the first time. We will have set up on Friday, dinner on Friday evening, breakfast on Saturday, lunch on Saturday and then the clean up Saturday afternoon. If there is window of time that you could be here to help, please sign up at the South Welcome Center. Thank you in advance for the tremendous blessing you will be to us.

MISSIONARY MINUTE

Here are some Highlights from this week's missionary. Read it. It will take you a minute.



By Dennis Anderson

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Sue and I pray that you had a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Three major highlights of 2013 are as follows:

1. We got to see our younger son Bryan and his family for the first time in 3 years
2. Our older son Scott got a job just before Christmas, which was a real blessing since he has not been gainfully employed for 2 years.
3. Our trip to Africa from November 4 through the 8 of December

The past few years have been very challenging for us especially 2013 as we have been waiting on the Lord for a clear vision for the future. At the beginning of 2013 God was asking me why we were praying for someone to go back to Botswana to continue the work we started and not praying, "Lord if it is your will, we will be willing to return." We were planning our trip to Botswana for November at the time when God said in a clear still voice, "I not only want you to go there to do VBS, ladies' and men's seminars and preaching, but I want you to do a survey trip to see the feasibility of you retuning there for at least two years." I started with the excuses saying but you brought us home for medical reasons etc., and He clearly said but I AM God and can take care of everything. So at that time the trip became two-fold, and I asked God to give us both peace one

way or the other when we returned in December. Well to make a long story short we did not get a clear peaceful yes or no, but the door was left open for us to return. After much prayer and counseling, Sue and I now have peace that we are to go forward in returning to Botswana for at least two years.

Results of our November trip:

Part One:

1. Over 100 professions of faith
2. 11 baptisms
3. 5 children dedicated to the Lord
4. Instead of 50 children attending VBS there were 150
5. Preached in 5 different churches
6. Been invited back to do more VBS, seminars, preaching
7. Found 6 more settlements in the desert that are in need of the Word of God

Part Two:

1. Housing with furniture available
2. All medicine available for both of us
3. Gluten free food available for Sue
4. Possible vehicle available for our need
5. Good medical facilities and great physical therapist
6. God reconnected us with many folks from past years
7. Someone to take our dog while gone

Needs for us to return:

1. Paper work needed. The government has changed the procedure for missionaries making it harder to get approved, but if God is in this, it will not be a problem but a process, and we do believe God

wants us to go forward

2. Raising an additional \$2,500 a month for us to return as long as we do not lose any more support.
3. Funds to help purchase the vehicle needed (at the moment we have someone in Botswana trying to help with raising funds there)

We believe that if God wants us back there these needs will be met within the year. Our desire is to be on our way within eight months and we cherish your prayers. We have a plan and will share this with each one of our supporters with a personal phone call to the Pastor within the very near future. We will also be contacting previous supporters and new churches. Within the past 2 weeks I have causally contacted a few close pastor friends and have raised \$500 more a month. There are a few others in the works at the moment that I will share when I call you. Should you desire me to come to your church personally we can discuss that when I call. We believe time is a factor here with our age and coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In Christ's service

Dennis and Sue Anderson

Our mailing address is:

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Anderson
88 Cocos Plumosa Dr.
Eustis, FL 32726

Pray for our recovery from a recent car accident. We are both bumped and bruised.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

PROCEDURE INFORMATION

1. If the alarm goes off, **LEAVE THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY** by way of the nearest exit.
2. Do not move to other areas of the building. EXIT the building.
3. Once outside, stay clear of the main entrance walks and the drop off loops so fire trucks and personnel can move freely.
4. Do not attempt to collect children from their classes.
 - The children and their leaders will also move out of the nearest exit, usually right out of their classrooms.
 - Teachers will take attendance and keep their groups together until designated parents check them out.
 - Only staff and deacons should report to children's wings to assist in evacuation.
5. The fire department and proper staff will be moving as quickly as possible to identify any problem. They will announce an "all clear" as quickly as can safely be done. Then activities may resume.
6. Remember to keep calm and be assured your children are in good, responsible, caring hands.

G&T Men's Flag Football

Registration is Open



Registration is currently open for G&T Men's Flag Football. The regular season begins in August, but available roster spots fill quickly so don't delay. G&T Men's Flag Football is a strong discipleship ministry to men and their families so please consider inviting a friend. There is also a need for additional support personnel this year, especially Referee's. For more information contact Alan Hasman @ ahasman1@rochester.rr.com or at 703-5925.

G&T Athletics / SportsPark

Ministry Opportunities

Needed: Assistant Baseball coaches; Umpires; Concession workers; Grounds Keepers; Hospitality Greeters are all needed for Spring and Summer seasons. If you are interested, check the box on the information card or contact Rik Benson rik.benson@fbbc.info. or visit the display in the Commons.

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Hilton, NY 14468

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NORTHSTAR NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS

Our Northstar Christian Academy Mixed Choir and Select Choir singers are traveling to Carnegie Hall on March 9 to perform with the National Sacred Honor Choir. The following links will give you information of the performance they will participate in.

<http://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2014/3/9/0200/PM/2014-National-Sacred-Honor-Choir/>

<http://newyorkcity.eventful.com/events/2014-national-sacred-honor-choir-/E0-001-060691502-4>

Wednesday Night Dinner

Menu:

Pizza / Wedding Soup
Drinks / Dessert

Serving time is 5:30 to 6:30 P.M.
You can prepay at the South Welcome Center. We will also take sign-ups for the next week on Wednesday evenings. Payment is requested at sign up. *For your convenience, you can go to this website with your reservation www.fbbc.info/wednesdaymeals before 11:00 A.M. on the Tuesday of that week to sign-up and pay at the door.*

Cost:

- Children 2& under are free
- \$3.00/child 3-9 years old
- \$5.00/person 10 and up
- Families of 5 or more \$20

If you have questions, contact Donna Cottorone at 392-8960; 490-0145.

Cards for Christ

Plan now to purchase hand made cards on **March 23 in the Commons**. Proceeds from the sale will benefit our own missionaries sent from FBBC. Suggested donation per card is \$2. All cards are blank on the inside for your own personal message. Help us support our missionaries. Questions: Marilyn Dyjak 225-6560; 943-0460.



COMMUNICATION CARD CONTINUED

MISSION STATEMENT

• Love God! • Love People! • Serve Others! • Tell Everyone!



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism | <input type="checkbox"/> Northstar Christian Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> G&T SportsPark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for Video Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Re.New - Reclaimed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership at First Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletes in Action / Brockport Campus Ministry | |

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a place where *everyone* can

- *Learn*

- *Grow*

- *Fellowship*

Life Groups at FBBC are one way for us to Love God, Love People, Serve Others, and Tell Everyone. You will learn and grow in your faith through discussion around God's Word. You will meet new friends and connect with one another in a casual home environment.

fbhc.info/lifegroups



On **March 18**, join other Christians for **New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms' Legislative Day**. With increased threats to religious liberty coming from both our national and state governments, New Yorker's Family Research Foundation (NYFRF) has chosen "**Liberty on the Line**" as the theme for this year's Legislative Day event. For more information, pick up registration materials at the South Welcome Center or register online at www.NewYorkFamilies.org. If you have any questions, contact Linda at 225-2220.