

## **Sunday Worship Services:**

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Children are welcome in the services*

\***Nursery** (age 0-2) Rm 221 & **Toddler Care** (age 2-3) Room 222 available both services for the entire service.

\***Children's Church** (age 4 thru Grade 2) available during sermon time in both services.

\***Junior Church** for grades 3-6 available 11:00 service.



## **Sunday School / Peer Groups—10:00 A.M.**

Nursery—Room 221; Toddler (2-4) - Room 222

K-2nd Grade—Room 228; 3rd-6th Grade—Room 126

Junior High—Youth Portable; High School—Youth Portable

Through the Bible Class—Fireside Room

20's (Young Adults) - Room 110 (downstairs, Sanctuary bldg)

30's/40's/50's—Room 234

60's/Plus—North Lobby

## **Sunday Evenings—6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery**

We all have hurts, habits and hang ups. Are you tired of carrying all your baggage from your past? Good news! You can get rid of it! Jesus can and will help you remove it for once and for all. Try Celebrate Recovery! Child Care Available

### **First E Staff**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS?** Call 360-694-2525 (9-4 Monday-Friday) or Email [staff@firste.org](mailto:staff@firste.org)

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**December 3rd, 2017**

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Sundays  
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## **A Study in the Book of Colossians**

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### **Church Office Hours:**

Sundays: 8:00 –10:15 am

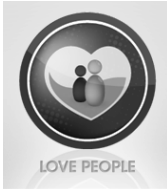
Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Closed 12:00-1:00 pm)

Saturdays: Closed

**LOVE GOD + LOVE PEOPLE + SERVE THE WORLD**



### MISSIONS FOCUS...

This month our missions focus is  
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This year we sent out 363 boxes this year for Operation Christmas Child! Thank you for your generosity to those who you've never met for the Christmas season!

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### HOSANNA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Hosanna Christian School is a ministry of First Evangelical Church - reaching out to students Pre-school to Grade 12. Know someone who home schools? Check out our part time options. School office: 360-906-0941. [www.hosannacs.org](http://www.hosannacs.org)

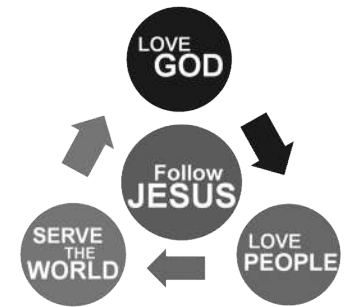
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### PLANNING AHEAD

- Dec. 8—Ladies Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange—7 pm at Carla Thoreson's house
- Dec. 10—Potluck & Congregational Meeting, 1pm
- Dec. 12—Hosanna Christmas Program
- Dec. 17—Christmas Cantata—8:30 & 11:00
- Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Services 8:30 & 11:00 am
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day. (Office closed 12/25-12/29)
- Dec. 29—Word Immersion (read through the Bible out loud at First E)
- Dec. 31—New Years Eve ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m.
- Jan. 1—New Years Day (Office Closed)

## Our Mission...

# *Growing Passionate Followers of Jesus Christ*



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### WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

**Home Groups**—Connect with people. Grow deeper in your spiritual walk. Contact Steve at 360-694-2525

**Kids** - Sunday Mornings—10:00 a.m.  
- Hosanna Christian School—Monday thru Friday, 906-0941  
- AWANA Clubs (Sept—April) Wednesdays 6:15-8:00

**Teens**— AWANA Clubs (Sept—April) Wed. 6:00-7:00  
- Jr High, Sr High Activities at 7:00 Wednesdays

**Young Adults**—Mondays—contact Tyler Howe

**Choir Rehearsal**—Thursdays at 7:00 pm

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### Financial Stats

	Oct 2017	Year to date
Income Needed (Based on Approved Budget)	58,626	586,260
Actual Income	61,175	465,482
Actual Expense	48,841	509,841
Mortgage Principal Pay Down		15,917

Those who belong to First Evangelical Church regularly give their "Tithe" (**giving 10% of our income as taught in Malachi 3:10**) to support the general budget in our day-to-day operation of First E. Additional gifts /offerings (**above the tithe**) are given to support special missions & ministries.

#### "Mortgage Principal Pay Down"

is additional funds given above your tithe toward the mortgage to help pay it off early. We are looking forward to the time when the mortgage is paid off and the funds can be used toward ministry!

**QR Code—Scan  
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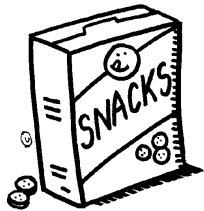


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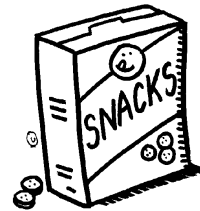
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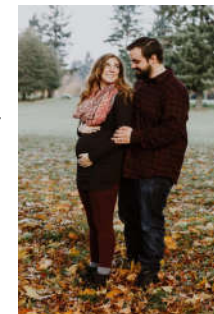
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