

Home Groups

Rick Doige Home Group (206-1156)
Sundays @ 6:00pm
Location: 32 Trail Drive, Islandview

Jerry Stillwell Home Group (472-8770)
Will resume in January 2010. Watch the bulletin for details.

Young Adults Home Groups
Contact Sandy – sandra.tucker@nbed.nb.ca

Sandi Martinez's Beth Moore Bible Study (452-8927)
Alternate Saturdays, 9:00-11:30am
Location: 296 New Maryland Highway
Next Meeting: Resumes January 9th

Merry-Lynne Inman's Beth Moore Bible Study (472-5817)
Alternate Sundays, 5:45- 8:30pm
Location: First Wesleyan Church
Next Meeting: Resumes January 10th

Stay in touch with First Wesleyan on a weekly basis in the following ways:

- Visit our church website to find the bulletin available electronically - www.firstwesleyan.ca.
- Remember to check this on a regular basis for other information as well.
- Pastor Karl's messages are available at www.karlingersoll.com. The messages are available in audio and transcript form. The transcripts are in MS Word.
- Subscribe to the Pastor's weekly newsletter. This is a short "blog type" thought, some advance info about the upcoming Sunday services and then a chuckle. Takes less than 5 minutes to read. Just send Karl a note if you'd like to subscribe - karl@firstwesleyan.ca.

Contacts

General Office: 458-9232

E-mail: info@firstwesleyan.ca

Rev. Karl Ingersoll, Senior Pastor, karl@firstwesleyan.ca, 447-8397(c)

Matt Palmer, Youth Pastor, mattp@firstwesleyan.ca 292-7343(c)

Matt Doige, Worship Pastor, mattd@firstwesleyan.ca 999-3644(c)

Ruth Wood, Assistant Worship Leader, ruth@firstwesleyan.ca

Megan Woodworth, Children's Ministries, megan@firstwesleyan.ca

Joni Torunski, Office Administrator, info@firstwesleyan.ca

Wayne Cliff, Custodian

This Week at FWC

TODAY (9:30am) - Nursery for 0-2 yrs
- Ages 2 & 3 Sunday School
- Kids Choir Practice (ages 4–gr. 5)
- Jr. & Sr. Girls' Sunday School
- Jr. & Sr. Boys' Sunday School
- Prayer Study/Prayer Time (Rm 206)
- Ground Zero Prayer Meeting (Rm 137)
- Adult Elective: Genesis: The Early Years
- Coffee Time in the Gym
(10:30am) - Morning Worship Service
- BIBLE MAX

MONDAY (6:00pm) - Men's Volleyball
(8:15pm) - Men's Basketball (age 45+)

TUESDAY (6:30pm) - Archery

WEDNESDAY (6:30pm) - Choir Practice
(7:00pm) - Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY (6:00pm) - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

College Tuition

From Parade magazine comes the story of self-made millionaire Eugene Land, who greatly changed the lives of a sixth-grade class in East Harlem. Mr. Lang had been asked to speak to a class of 59 sixth-graders. What could he say to inspire these students, most of whom would drop out of school? He wondered how he could get these predominantly black and Puerto Rican children even to look at him. Scrapping his notes, he decided to speak to them from his heart.

"Stay in school," he admonished, "and I'll help pay the college tuition for every one of you." At that moment the lives of these students changed. For the first time they had hope. Said one student, "I had something to look forward to, something waiting for me. It was a golden feeling." Nearly 90 percent of that class went on to graduate from high school.

Source unknown

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES

BIBLE MAX

Children, ages 4 to grade 5, are invited to join us upstairs each Sunday for their very own worship time! This year the children will have a **Hands-On Bible experience**. Each week we will dive into the Bible as we learn to love and live God's Word!

KIDMO

All children, Grades K-5, are invited to join us Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:45, for **KIDMO!** We will learn how much fun it is to worship God through awesome music, get to know Johnny Rogers and some of his crazy friends, learn lots of cool stuff about God and how much He loves us, participate in some fun crafts and games, — and maybe even win a prize! Kidmo is a wonderful place for our kids to build friendships with each other and with God. We always have fun, and we always learn lots! Come this week and bring a friend!

CONNECT YOUTH

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on **Wednesday nights, from 6:30-8:30.**

DEEPER – Wednesday nights from 4:00-6:30 (GRADES 8-12) Includes Bible Study and Supper and the occasional outreach.

SNAC N' YAC – The last Sunday of each month where teens go to a host home to eat and hang out.

FRIDAY NIGHT DROP IN – Every Friday night with the exception of the third Friday of each month.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE – A Fredericton wide youth service held on the first Sunday night of the month from 6:30-8:15 at various different churches. Go to www.snlworship.com to find out where.

MONTHLY EVENTS – We have 1 to 2 monthly events. One in which is planned by our Youth Leadership Council. We also have different trips throughout the year. We go skiing, camping, to Christian concerts; etc.

YOUTH WEBSITE – www.firstyouth.ca – to find out our current schedule.

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

Twas the Sunday before Christmas and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, except perhaps a mouse
The songs were sung by the choir with care,
In hopes that the blessing soon would be there

The children were settled while the Children’s Pastor read
With slight trepidation at what might lie ahead.
And Mamma with her coffee and I an “ice cap”
Had just settled down for a long sermon’s nap

When up near the platform there arose such a clatter
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter
A man on the edge of the pew just below
Had fallen asleep and what do you know

He fell on his face with the preacher still praying
Three deacons rushed forward with one of them saying,
“HalleLUjah, Amen, and Praise be to God!
They were so excited, but he was just caught in his nod.

And business as usual prevailed in that place
So sad in the light of God’s amazing grace
I heard him explain as he walked out of sight
“That’s what happens Sunday morning, after a late Saturday
night”

-- PK

Business as usual prevails in our lives and our services when we
come to the house of God with no great expectation to see
anything that makes one Sunday different from another.

We lose hope in our lives and accept our lot as bad fortune,
disappointment with God, disillusionment with the church. I
have to tell you today that pinning hope to circumstance is a
recipe for sameness, cynicism, and bitterness. I remember
reading one time that cynicism is a “lazy man’s way of thinking”
. . . I agree. It takes the color out of life, . . . blurs it’s beauty.

Today we speak of “HOPE”. But you are going to have to look
somewhere else today if you are to see it . . . to find it.
Somewhere other than the places that you have already scoured.

I have some ideas about where you may find “HOPE” . . . I am
hoping that you are tired of trying to find something different in
the same places and that God may bring something to you this
morning that will change your heart.

Pastor Karl

**PINNING HOPE TO
CIRCUMSTANCE**

Pastor Karl Ingersoll

December 20, 2009

Horizontal lines for sermon notes.