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First Evangelical Free Church of Springfield has announced a new name: The Springs Church. A special celebration is planned for Sunday morning, September 25th when "The Springs Church" will become official. More information is available at www.TheSprings.Church. The Springs Church is located at 5500 S. Southwood in Springfield, and is visible on south U.S. 65, just north of Evans Road. The building's sign was replaced on September 8th announcing the new name to the thousands of daily commuters and vacationers.

To commemorate the name change, The Springs Church will be having Free Food, Refreshments, Games, and Inflatables after the 10:45 am church service on the 25th.

"We have known for some time that our name was confusing to many people," said Pastor Jerry Carlin. "So we chose a name that finds its meaning from many Bible passages including John 4:7-14, which ends, 'Indeed, the water I (Jesus) give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"

"We're the same people, with the same beliefs but a more understandable name," Carlin said. "As a congregation, we wanted our name to remind the community that times of refreshing come when we become followers of Jesus Christ. We think "The Springs" communicates that really well."

The Springs offers two Sunday morning services: Traditional worship at 8:30 and Contemporary worship at 10:45; as well as ministries to children and youth, family worship times, men's and women's ministries, small groups, local outreach and world missions.

The old name of the church was "First Evangelical Free Church" of Springfield (many church members referred to it as "First Free Church"). The old name would cause some confusion because people would think that the church was free from evangelicals, which is not the case at all. Since the Church is a member of the Evangelical Free Church of America, the name made sense. However, many believe the new name will make a big difference in the community and will give a better understanding about the church.

More information is available on the church's new website, TheSprings.Church. The Evangelical Free Church of America is headquartered in Minneapolis, MN. For more information on the denomination, visit efca.org

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