



INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION



What an unusual year! This week, in a normal year is Easter week or just leading up to it. But it was so early this year that the month of April really seems quite strange. Last year at this time I was in Iraq attending the Kurdsman Christian Church Conference with Bruce Johnson in the city of Erbil, Iraq. I must say that was one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life. It was such a privilege to witness the power of the Gospel in the lives of men and women who were former Muslims and even terrorists. The love and joy in their hearts was an incredible testimony to the transformation the Lord Jesus Christ gives to anyone who comes to faith in Him. Satan is all about destroying, damaging, and bringing bondage and hate. Our precious Lord Jesus heals, loves, and give joy, life and liberty.

Our Missions and Outreach Board members have graciously and generously engaged in the work of following up on all the Celebrate The Life response forms that were returned to us. We had the privilege of placing 16 roses in the rose vase and we will be placing another one in the vase this week. I won't tell you the wonderful story of God's work here but the blessed Holy Spirit is still working in people's hearts and lives. He is continuing to use the individuals of our church family to share the Good News with people and help them find the truth and an eternal relationship with the Lord.

I want to remind you that we have a Baptism class this week – Thursday evening (April 10th) at 7:00pm. I would like to encourage you to attend this class if you have never been baptized as a believer or if you don't have a clear understanding of what the Bible says about baptism. Many of us grew up in homes and/or churches that taught us very different things about baptism (either by default or by belief) than what the New Testament teaches us. It is very well worth investing a couple of hours sitting in on this class to take another look. This is an inductive study (deriving our beliefs and ideas from the text of the Scriptures) that tries to simply collect and organize what the Bible actually teaches about baptism. I think you will find it very interesting and enjoyable – especially if you have some confusion and questions in your mind about baptism or wonder why there are such widely divergent ideas about it. Why is baptism important? Why do some groups baptize infants? Why don't we? Why do some groups teach that you must be baptized with the Holy Spirit – separately from being saved? What is being baptized with the Holy Spirit anyway? Come to the class on Thursday night – we'll address all of these and more issues – directly from the New Testament.

This week we will overview the wonderful little book of Philippians, which will be our focus of study together for the next few months. I do look forward to seeing you, worshipping our Lord together and studying His Holy and Living Word together – D. V. (Deo Volente – God willing).
Maranatha

Pastor Terry Kern <><

BAPTISM CLASSES

If you are interested in being Baptized on Sunday May 4, 2008, or would like to learn more about baptism, you can attend the classes for adults and youth on **Thursday April 10**, at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A class for children is being offered on **Wednesday, April 9**, at 6:30 p.m.

KING'S KIDS CHOIR

The choir is for kids in the 2nd to 6th grade. We will be rehearsing on Wednesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. If you need more information contact Barb Fredrickson.

WORSHIP CHOIR

We invite anyone and everyone who loves to sing and worship to join the worship choir April 27th. Rehearsal will be that Sunday morning at 8:00. We will be singing in both services but join us even if you can only participate in just one service. Questions? E-mail or call Barb @ 223-3330

WHITE CROSS

White Cross is in need of sheets to be used for making bandages for Tandala Hospital. Sheets may be left at the Information desk. Questions: call Elaine Walker

CHILD DEDICATION

Child dedication service is Sunday, April 20, 2008. To dedicate your child, email Barb at barb@firstefree.com or call her at 223-3330, by April 13, 2008.

DVD'S MISSING

The Stepping Up DVD's are missing! If you have borrowed them or have any idea where they are, please call the church (223-3330) immediately. The Wednesday night group needs them.

CELEBRATE THE LIFE POTLUCK (BLESSING) PARTY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 27 at 5:00 pm to join us in a Pot-blessing meal followed by a viewing of the CTL DVD. Rick may even give us a few blooper shots! Bring a main dish and one side of salad, veggies/fruit, or DESSERT. Hope you can come! This is open to the whole church family whether you were a participant or not..

BROTHERS IN BATTLE - SCRIPTURE VERSE

“And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
Acts 1:7-8

THANK YOU

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to all who participated in or helped out with CTL this year. Whether you invested several hours or just a few it was time God was able to use in powerful ways! We are so grateful for our church family. We realize it takes a very special church body and a BIG GOD to be able to minister to our community in this way. May God bless you all! Pray for the team as we begin planning CTL 2010. In God's Love and Service, *The CTL Production Team: Barb, Kathleen, Wendy, Nate, Pastor Terry*

Thank you to our wonderful church family for your prayers, calls and cards. Special thanks to Pastor Terry and Sandie for your hospital visit and prayers, and to FEFC for the beautiful rose. What a loving church family we have. *Shirley Kamrath*

412 Ministries

1st Annual Chili Cook-Off

Do you have a favorite or secret chili recipe? 412 Ministries is sponsoring FEFC's first chili cook-off on April 20th. We need several pots of chili for our esteemed panel of expert taste testers.... You! Everyone is invited to join us after the 2nd service, make a donation for a bowl and then let the sampling begin! The top three chilis and their makers will receive an extra special prize. If you would like to prepare a pot of chili for this event, please contact Pastor Jamie.

FOOD & FUN NIGHT

This Saturday (April 12)
5:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Community Room

C Life College Ministry

Tuesdays for college students (18 - 20 something) at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the youth room downstairs.

PRAYER CHAIN INFO

Please call the Phone Prayer Chain Captains and e-mail your requests to Laurie Grosz at the e-mail address below to activate your prayer requests.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - April 10 Baptism Class; 7:00 p.m.
Young Adult Bible Study; 7:00 p.m.
Women's Ministry Team Meeting; 7:00 p.m.
- FRI - April 11 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (K-Mart); 9:30 a.m.
Craftmania; 6:00 p.m.
- SAT - April 12 Craftmania; 9:00 a.m.
412 Ministries Food & Fun Night; 5:00 p.m.
- SUN - April 13 Worship Service; 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School; 9:00 a.m.
412 Primetime; 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship; 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service; 10:45 a.m.
Children's Church; 9:45 a.m.
- MON - April 14 Men's Bible Study; 6:30 a.m.
Stewardship Board; 7:00 p.m.
- TUE - April 15 Women's Bible Study; 9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m.
C-Life College Ministries; 7:00 p.m.
Men's Top Gun Study; 7:00 p.m.
- WED - April 16 MOPS Steering; 9:00 a.m.
White Cross; 10:00 a.m.
King's Kids Choir; 5:45 p.m.
All Church Prayer; 6:30 p.m.
Awana; 6:30 p.m.
412 R.A.G.E.; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
412 The Example; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m.
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:45 p.m.

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