



# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

I wonder if I will ever learn. It isn't that I haven't had plenty of opportunity. But for some reason, I get "comfortable & complacent" or maybe it is "busy & preoccupied." But whatever the reason for not "standing ready," I find myself unprepared from time to time. I'm talking about having on the "full armor of God" so that I can stand against the wiles of the devil and his "underlings." I know about "resisting the devil" and that he will "flee from me" if/when I do. Also, the Lord clearly warns me that he is a fierce enemy for whom I need to constantly watch. The Apostle Peter described him as being very much like a famished lion that is on the prowl for food. He doesn't care about anything except to find, catch and devour his prey (1 Peter 5:8).

It literally amazed me last week to realize we had been attacked and to see the unfolding of the "schemes of the devil" in our church life last week. As I suspect most of you know, there was some confusion between the Elders of our church and myself at the congregational meeting a week ago on Sunday. So, last week we had a long and, in some ways, difficult meeting (in other ways a very good meeting). But in the end it became pretty clear what was really happening. The enemy had launched a successful attack and we weren't fully armored. None of the Elders or anyone else was operating with any ill-intentions. In fact we all wanted the Lord's will and the Lord to be honored in the entire process of finding an Associate Pastor to fill our vacant staff position. The details of the confusion aren't necessary to share here (they have been discussed at length and addressed). But the big picture of the whole situation is one of the enemy prowling about looking for someone to devour. He found an opportunity there and he launched a full scale "flaming missile" attack. What I am so grateful for is a group of Elders who love God and who humbly serve the Lord together. This group of men sat together, discussed through the issues, prayed, honestly evaluated the situation, asked forgiveness of one another for any wrongdoing, miscommunication, etc. that had occurred and proceeded on with the business of giving godly, quality leadership to our church in these very challenging and yet exciting days of preparing to offer the wonderful, glorious Gospel message to our region through Celebrate The Life. So I guess what I am saying is twofold: 1) let's never forget or underestimate the readiness of the enemy to devour us, divide us and destroy our ministry. 2) let's both love and appreciate our Elders and express our gratitude to God for them and to them as well. I think of Hebrews 13:7, 17 in this context.

And PLEASE PRAY FOR CTL! Things are going VERY WELL at this point. Pray for people to get tickets. Please pray that the Lord will fill every seat for every performance. Pray that the Lord will bring the people who need to hear about our Blessed Savior and see His love and His life portrayed and dramatized to wonderful music. I do look forward to seeing you, worshipping with you, and studying God's Word together this Sunday - DV.

Maranatha Pastor Terry Kern <><

## NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS

You can make contributions or purchase CTL tickets using your credit cards. All major credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express) are accepted. Just go to the church office to process your request. We plan to install a Kiosk in the foyer for those who want to use their credit cards.

## POWER OF PRAYER CTL

Just a reminder for those who signed up Sunday to pray once a day for Celebrate the Life from today until the last day of performances (March 21, 2008). If you did not sign up please remember to pray for CTL.

## 412 MINISTRIES COFFEE HOUSE

During the CTL Production we will be having a Coffee House/Snack Bar for those who attended the production and would like to visit afterwards about what they had seen or ask questions of the cast and crew. We need volunteers to help. If you can, please contact Pastor Jamie today!

## PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday March 16th we will be presenting CTL for our church family at 10:00 a.m. This is not a ticketed event.

The Sunday Schedule for Easter Sunday will be as follows:

8:45 a.m. - Youth Service

9:45 a.m. - 412 Ministries Carmel Roll Fund Raiser

10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

**Annual Meeting  
March 31  
at 7:00 p.m.**

## BROTHERS IN BATTLE - INFO TO THE TROUPS

Brothers In Battle is the new name for men's ministries at FEFC. No Man Left Behind advocates development of a name and symbol that resonates with and will challenge men. "Brothers" is meant to draw men together under a common bond or cause. There is, however, a "Battle" that

rages as we seek to be like Him and be close to Him. This battle is often given little thought in our society these days, even though losing this battle, for some, may mean eternal separation from the one who created us and loves us. This battle is one we must bring to the forefront of our lives. As it is a battle for our eternal destiny, it is a struggle we cannot afford to lose. As we join together as brothers, this battle becomes easier.

## BROTHERS IN BATTLE - SCRIPTURE VERSE

"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

Ephesians 6:14-16

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

For those who are thinking ahead and are wondering when we turn our clocks forward one hour for Daylight savings. The date is March 9.

## *412 Ministries*

### **EFCA National Youth Conference**

Reminder to 9-12th grade students & parents: Challenge 08 is the EFCA National Youth Conference. We will be traveling as a District and joining 7,000 youth in Salt Lake City, Utah June 28-July 4th. Challenge is a growth level conference that you won't want to miss! If you have questions please contact Dawn Meier

### **C Life College Ministry**

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

### **BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Dear FEFC Family - Your food contributions to the Backpack Program have been very appreciated. We ask that you please pray about it and, if God puts it on your heart to continue, please keep bringing more.

Of the 300 "homeless" children only about 170 (depending on donations) are currently receiving backpacks. That means that about 130 children are still going hungry from Friday after their school lunch until Monday morning when they have breakfast at school. Thank you for your consideration.

### **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](mailto:prayer@firstefree.com)

#### **PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO**

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek

### **WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- FRI - Feb. 29 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (K-Mart); 9:30 a.m.
- SUN - Mar. 2 Worship Service; 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School; 9:00 a.m.  
412 Primetime; 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship; 10:15 a.m.  
Power of Prayer; 10:20 a.m.  
Worship Service; 10:45 a.m.  
Children's Church; 10:45 a.m.  
CTL Full Rehearsal; 3:00 p.m.
- MON - Mar. 3 Men's Bible Study; 6:30 a.m.  
Fellowship & Caring Board; 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Board; 7:00 p.m.
- TUE - Mar. 4 C-Life College Ministry; 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Top Gun Study; 7:00 p.m.
- WED - Mar. 5 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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