



INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

Pastor Jamie, the Staff and Students of our FEFC Student Ministries returned from Snow Camp this past Sunday afternoon with great stories of what the Lord did. They will share at least one of those stories this Sunday morning so I won't steal any of their thunder but you will be rejoicing along with them at all the Lord did at Snow Camp. Pastor Jamie established our FEFC Mission Statement (Him, We Proclaim To All – Colossians 1:28) as the theme of this year's Snow Camp. The speaker and the messages were both chosen to emphasize and clarify the importance of the Gospel and to give our students better facility and ease in sharing the Good News. Of course, this is in keeping with our whole church efforts to embrace the great truth that "God so loved the World" and everyone should have opportunities to hear clear presentations of this wonderful news.

It is so good to hear how the Lord is working in the lives of our very precious and deeply loved teens. The teenage years have always been turbulent and tumultuous years but in a culture like we are in now, these years are even more challenging. So to have a strong and effective Student Ministries program in our church life is growing more and more important. And since we are a church that is so fundamentally committed to the Bible as the authoritative Word of God (and churches like that are growing fewer and farther between) it really underscores the need to pray for our church and all of its ministries.

I want to keep you posted on developments regarding the upcoming candidating time for the Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries. I am not at liberty yet to announce publicly who he is – because he is presently pastoring in a church and we must be sensitive about the timing of his letting his church know that he is considering this position. But plans are being made for the weekend of February 9-10. We will be introducing him to the entire church family on Sunday Morning and he will be given an opportunity to share his testimony, call to ministry and vision for how he believes God wants to use him in ministry. Also, we will be planning for a church family meal together on Sunday evening along with a time to visit more informally with the Candidate and his family – questions and answers, etc. There will also be several special group meetings planned with the Candidate on Saturday – Small Groups leaders, Assimilation Ministries leaders, etc. So please keep this important weekend in your prayers and try to keep it open so you can attend as many of the activities as possible.

Celebrate The Life practices are going wonderfully. Our choir is significantly larger than other CTL choirs, there are a number of young people who have auditioned for and been assigned very significant roles, there are loads of new people involved who have never been involved before, our set crew is working hard and well, our sound, lighting and tech crews are getting some new equipment and tools for strengthening CTL, our costume people are making new costumes and improving old ones, our promotion and advertising team is already doing great work, our ticketing team is in place and has already made some great progress, Jack the Donkey has already declared his readiness to come back and carry Jesus on His Triumphal Entry, and the Lord is clearly working. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! INVITE FRIENDS! INVITE NEIGHBORS! INVITE COWORKERS! INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW AND PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW!!!! And then pray more!

I do truly look forward to seeing you, fellowshiping with you, worshipping our Glorious and Gracious Lord and studying God's Precious and Holy Word together this Sunday D.V.

Maranatha,
Pastor Terry Kern <><

NP DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 2008 Northern Plains District Conference will be hosted by Trinity Church in Minot, ND on Feb. 22 - 23, 2008. The conference theme is "Reaching Our Samaria" with guest speakers, Dr. William J. Hamel, President of the EFCA and Jackie Redmond, National Women's Ministries Director, EFCA. The business of the Northern Plains District Association will be conducted during the business meeting on Friday, Feb. 22, at 3:00 pm. We need to provide delegates to vote during the business meeting. If you can attend this conference Feb. 22- 23, 2007, please contact the church office by Feb. 3, 2008.

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for Christopher Wolf's High School Graduation open house brunch on Sunday, January 27th from 12:30 - 3:30 at 305 south 10th Street, Bismarck, ND.

MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat at Cooperstown Bible Camp
January 18-20, 2008
All men are invited!
Contact Grant at 701-797-2174 to register
See you there!

INFO CENTRAL EXTRA

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Join us Jan. 26, 2008, on "A Journey to Moab" by studying "A message from Ruth." Speaker Kitty Magee, graduate of Providence Bible Institute with a B.A. from Seattle Pacific University and 21 years experience in the mission field, will be taking us on this journey through Ruth's time in history. Kitty, a vibrant and entertaining speaker, is truly devoted to God. There is not one who wouldn't benefit and be stretched by her teaching.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Three times a year, the ancient Israelites traveled to the temple in Jerusalem. Now it's your turn! Through an in-depth look at Psalms 120-134, participants in this study can pray, reflect and write a personal rendition of these ancient choruses. Themes such as unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy. Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in room 200. Tuesday Morning at 9:00 am and Tuesday Evening at 6:30 p.m. will meet in the Community room.

DISCOVER FEFC/MEMBER CLASS

January 27 and February 3, 2008

It's two-fold purpose is:

Provide an informal setting for those new to the church and those interested in knowing what we believe as a church.

Provide information and opportunity for those who choose to become members here to be personally contacted by an elder and assist them in finding their way into one or more of the church's various ministries.

If you are interested in being a part of the Discover FEFC class, please pre-register by calling the church office at 223-3330 or email gracia@firstefree.com.

January 27th - Know more about FEFC

February 3rd - Membership Emphasis

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

You will need to attend both days in order to fulfill the membership requirements. Lunch will be provided for both dates.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

MOPS is a non-denominational group of moms who have children ages 0-5 who get together every other Wednesday. Our theme this year is "the home factor" and we will be focusing on marriage and parenting. Any questions: Call Becky . MOPS meets every other Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. MOPS will resume on January 30, 2008

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE SEMINAR

"The key to a successful marriage is not finding the right person. The key to a successful marriage is doing the right things. If you do the right things you'll succeed...if you don't, you'll fail. It's just that simple." by Mark Gungor the speaker for the Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Seminar. He will be speaking Friday, February 1 starting at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 2, 2008 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Bismarck Community Church located at 1617 Michigan Ave, Bismarck. To register contact Bismarck Community Church at 223-3304 or go to www.laughyourway.com the cost is \$69.00 per couple and \$35.00 per single.

BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN

Did You Know...There were 300 homeless children identified throughout Bismarck schools in 2006. These children often go hungry in the evening and on weekends while away from school.

Did you know...Community Action program designed to help these homeless children, called "Backpacks-for-Kids" was started. Backpacks are filled with nutritional food items each Friday and delivered to those in need.

Did you know...We can help! A bin has been set up in the church foyer for donated items to be collected. If everyone in our church family bought just one extra item every week at the grocery store and donated it to the Backpack program, we would be able to fill a lot of backpacks. Just think of how wonderful it would be if everyone could donate even just a little more.

If you would like to help feed these children, please bring any of the following items and leave them in the bin. They will be delivered to Community Action weekly. Items needed: peanut butter, bread, juice boxes, jelly, cereal, granola/fruit bars, crackers, cheese, fruit cups, applesauce, cookies, and Chef Boyardee meals.

Please make sure that you purchase items such as juice, peanut butter and jelly in plastic containers and the cereal, crackers and other items (except bread) in single serve packages (like the small cereal boxes and cheese/cracker packages).

If you are planning to make a large donation, please purchase several of the same item. Thank you so much.

ALL CHURCH PRAYER

Please join us every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the worship center at FEFC.

RIDE TO CHURCH & BACK

We have a ministry available for those who need rides to church and back. If you would like to make use of this opportunity please contact the church office at 223-3330.

Celebrate the Life 2008

Celebrate the Life 2008 Dates to Remember

Performance Dates:	Times:	Day of the Week:
March 14, 2008	7:30 PM	Friday
March 15, 2008	3:00 PM	Saturday
March 16, 2008	10:00 AM	Sunday
March 16, 2008	3:00 PM	Sunday
March 19, 2008	7:30 PM	Wednesday
March 20, 2008	7:30 PM	Thursday
March 21, 2008	7:30 PM	Friday

Rehearsal Dates:	Times:	Day of the Week:	Participants:
January 6, 2008	2:30 - 5:30 PM	Sunday	Everyone
January 13, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
January 20, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
January 27, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
February 3, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
February 10, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama
February 17, 2008	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Sunday	Choir
	2:30 - 6:00 PM		Selected Drama

Full Rehearsal Dates:	Times:	Day of the Week:	Description:
February 23, 2008	9:30 - 12:00 Noon	Saturday	First half walk through
February 24, 2008	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Sunday	Second half walk through
March 2, 2008	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Sunday	Full Rehearsal
March 6, 2008	6:30 PM -	Thursday	Tech Rehearsal (No Cast)
March 9, 2008	3:00 - 6:00 PM	Sunday	Full Rehearsal
March 10, 2008	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Monday	Full Dress Rehearsal
March 11, 2008	6:30 PM -	Tuesday	Tech Rehearsal (No Cast)
March 12, 2008	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Wednesday	Final Dress Rehearsal
March 13, 2008	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Thursday	Possible Selected Scenes

Performance Evenings Schedule:

Times:	Description:
6:00 PM	Makeup
6:30 PM	Choir Warm-up
7:00 PM	Prayer Time

Costumes:	Times:	Description:
February 10, 2008	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Drama Roles—Roman Soldiers, Kings & Attendants, Pharisees, Simeon, Nicodemus, Barabus, Leper
February 17, 2008	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Choir Men, Drama Men, Youth Angels
February 23, 2008	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Choir Women, Drama Women, children (following the 2nd half walk through)

412 Ministries

Primetime

Sunday morning for Jr. High and Sr. High 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.

R.A.G.E.

Jr. High Youth (7th & 8th grades)

The Example

Sr. High Youth (9th - 12th grades)

Sports Fest

Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Contact Pastor Jamie for more details.

Movie Night

Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Movie, Popcorn and a time of fellowship

Contact Pastor Jamie for more details.

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

- FRI - Jan. 18 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (K-Mart); 9:30 a.m.
- SAT - Jan. 19 412 Youth Sports fest; 11:00 a.m.
- SUN - Jan. 20 Worship Service; 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School; 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship; 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service; 10:45 a.m.
Children's Church; 10:45 a.m.
CTL Drama Rehearsal; 2:30 p.m.
CTL Choir Rehearsal; 3:30 p.m.
- MON - Jan. 21 Men's Bible Study; 6:30 a.m.
Student Adult Ministry Team Mtg; 6:30 p.m.
Missions & Outreach Board; 7:00 p.m.
- TUE - Jan. 22 Women's Bible Study; 9:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m.
C-Life College Ministry; 7:00 p.m.
Men's Top Gun Study; 7:00 p.m.
- WED - Jan. 23 All Church Prayer; 6:30 p.m.
Awana; 6:30 p.m.
R.A.G.E.; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
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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