



INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

It is 6:30pm on Wednesday evening. Children's and Youth Ministries are in full swing. The glorious sound of excited little voices of children having the privilege of learning the Word of God rings throughout the church building. Women's Bible Study is meeting and in another part of the building the Men's Bible Study is also meeting. Our faithful church maintenance guys have placed several chairs in a small semi-circle at the front of the Worship Center. It begins with a short time of singing as Barb, our Worship & Music Director, just stands at the electric piano in the Worship Center softly playing and beautifully singing "songs and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19). Our Technical Director, Wendy displays the words to the songs on the screens. A number of us (usually a dozen or so) come into the Worship Center, sit down at the front and after warmly greeting one another, we sing along with Barb or we just quietly sit and enjoy the refreshing time of meditation. It reminds me of some very precious times when our family used to gather around the old piano and sing songs together when I was a young boy. Barb usually leads three or four songs and then we begin to pray. It is relaxed, quiet, fervent, sincere, heartfelt and absolutely wonderful. We pray for a solid hour together. The time flies by – I am always quite amazed at how quickly the time seems to pass. We don't take time to "share requests" beforehand. We just pray the requests that come to our mind and about which we are prompted (I believe by the Holy Spirit) to pray. We pray for the church & our spiritual leaders. We pray for ministries and families and individuals. We pray for our city and our nation. We pray for our military and the individuals who serve our country in the various branches of military service. We pray for Law Enforcement, Firefighters and other Public Safety people. We pray for people going through financial hardships, physical illnesses, loss and grief, struggles in marriage, recovery from abuse, and a whole host of other things. We pray for our outreach into our community and surrounding areas and for greater opportunities to "proclaim Him to all." We pray for our ability to reflect the love of Jesus to others. We pray for spiritual protection for our children and teens and young men and women and families. We just "come boldly to the throne of grace" together. For me, this is one of the major highlights of my week. I genuinely and thoroughly love our "all church prayer" times together on Wednesday nights. You should try it sometime. I think you will find it enjoyable, spiritually satisfying and refreshing. "pray without ceasing..." (1 Thess 5:17).

I look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you and studying God's 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.

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.

**Congregational
Meeting
February 17
at 12:00 noon**

WHAT'S IN YOUR LIBRARY

Several books were donated by Mike and Mel Boyle when they moved. These are books that are filed in our Christian Living section. They include topics on confidence in Christ, Faith, revival, God's plan to touch your world as well as on the topic of marriage. The Christ Centered Marriage along with the study guide by Neil Anderson and Different by Design were included in the donation.

FEFC MEN'S MINISTRY HAS A NEW NAME!

The Men's ministry will now be going by the name of Brother's In Battle. The new name is just part of the No Man Left Behind concept for men's ministry. Over the next couple years, the FEFC Men's Ministry will be working to develop a "comprehensive" men's ministry program designed to excite, challenge and support them. One of the goals will be to provide spiritual opportunities for men no matter where they are in their spiritual journey. Are you ready to join the battle.

CHILD DEDICATION

The next dedication service is Sunday, February 24, 2008. If you would like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office by February 18th.

412 Ministries

EFCA National Youth Conference

Reminder to 9-12th grade students & parents: The \$100 deposit for Challenge 08 is due 2/1/08. 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@firststfree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- FRI - Feb. 1 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (K-Mart); 9:30 a.m.
- SUN - Feb. 3 Worship Service; 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School; 9:00 a.m.
412 Primetime; 9:00 a.m.
Discover FEFC; 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.
Discover FEFC; 12:30 p.m.
CTL Drama Rehearsal; 2:30 p.m.
CTL Choir Rehearsal; 3:30 p.m.
- MON - Feb. 4 Men's Bible Study; 6:30 a.m.
Sound Tech Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship & Caring Board; 7:00 p.m.
Worship Board; 7:00 p.m.
- TUE - Feb. 5 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 - Feb. 6 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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