

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

The last two Sundays have been wonderfully encouraging and inspiring. The Brown family gave us the gift of music beautifully presented but so much more. Their sincere love for our Lord Jesus and their deep desire to share Him and reflect Him came through so clearly. I am always inspired by a family that loves to serve the Lord together. This past Sunday was a wonderful experience as well. The presentations by our Juarez, Mexico team and our Student Ministries were incredibly encouraging and inspiring. Short-term missions experiences can be spiritually life-shaping. It certainly sounds as if that was the case for many who went to Mexico this summer. I just want to publicly thank Pastor Jamie for his leadership of the Student Ministries of our FEFC Family. He and his team of adult leaders are providing continuing opportunities and environments for our young guys and girls to know the Lord and His Word better, to grow in their relationship with the Lord and one another, and to show the love of our blessed and only Savior to those who do not yet know Him. Knowing, Growing and Showing!

I am preparing to lead our times of Bible Study on the Men's Motorcycle Trip next week. I have been reading and studying the OT books of Judges, Ruth and I & II Samuel over the last few weeks. I am struck by the sad and sorry state of the hearts of the people of Israel during that period of their national history. It amounted to a period (somewhere around 350 years) significantly longer than our whole existence as a United States of America. The book of Judges ends with the hollow and haunting words, "...everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25) That is a sentence that could describe the world we live in today.

The book of I Samuel begins with the sad and shameful story of the house of Eli, the High Priest. Eli's priest sons (Hophni and Phineas) were among the most corrupt and ungodly people of all. The Scripture says of them that they were "worthless men" (corrupt or literally – "sons of belial") who did not "know the Lord." (I Sam. 2:12) I shudder when I read things like that. These men were supposed to be leading the nation of God's people to love and reverence the Lord and they were doing just the opposite - (names like Jeremiah Wright and Jesse Jackson come to mind).

But as always, tucked away between the pages of the book of Judges with its depressing accounts of the actions and lifestyles of God's people and the corrupt priesthood of the early pages of the book of I Samuel, are the beautiful, heartwarming, encouraging and inspiring stories of Ruth and Boaz and Hannah and Elkanah. All of these quiet, gentle,

godly people lived their lives somewhere in this horrible period of Israel's history. All lived through hardships and difficulties with inspiring faith and courage. And all honored and glorified the Lord. Wow. God always has His "stars" who "twinkle" with His unrelenting goodness and His awesome grace. And, of course, the darker the night, the more brightly these little "stars" do shine. If we "know" the Lord and "trust and honor Him first and foremost" with our lives, He will always honor us and He will never disappoint us. .

This Sunday will be a rather "normal" Sunday – how about that? We will return to the encouraging and inspiring "book of rejoicing" – the book of Philipians. I do look forward to seeing you Sunday – D. V. (Hebrews 10:25).
Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

Sunday, August 10, Teen Challenge will be sharing in our worship services. After the second service we will be having an all-church potluck. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a main dish; or N-Z please bring a salad or desert. The members of Teen Challenge will join us for the potluck. If you can bring extras or if you have any questions please contact Mary Syvrud.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE

Available in August, a two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, garage, washer, dryer, stove, fridge, dishwasher. No pets, no smoking. \$685.00 heat included. Call Pat at 223-3330.

JANITORIAL/CUSTODIAL POSITION AVAILABLE AT FEFC

Joe Haugen has decided to leave, therefore, we are looking to fill his position. The janitorial/custodial position is a full-time position. The position is available immediately. Flexible hours & arrangements are available. A competitive salary is being offered with the view of attracting a qualified person for the position. It is our desire to find a person who will be a long-term employee of FEFC and see this as an opportunity for ministry as well. If you or someone you know is interested in this ministry position, please call the church office at 223-3330 and ask for Pat.

LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP

August 29 to September 1, 2008, Cooperstown Bible Camp is having its Labor Day Family Camp. Join them for four days of fun in the beautiful Sheyenne River Valley! Come for a weekend of spiritual growth with other families from whom you can learn and with whom you can enjoy. The speaker will be Tom Harmon. Registration forms are available at the Information Center.

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

R.A.G.E.

Jr. High (7th & 8th grades)

THE EXAMPLE

Sr. High (9th & 12th grades)

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 - July 31 Motorcycle Run Super Express @ Exit 161; 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:45 pm
- FRI - Aug. 1 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (Country West by Burnt
Boat Drive); 9:30 am
- SUN - Aug. 3 Worship Service; 9:00 am
Sunday School; 9:00 am
Fellowship; 10:15 am
Power of Prayer; 10:20 am
Worship Service; 10:45 am
Children's Church; 10:45 am
- MON - Aug. 4 Men's Study; 6:30 am
Fellowship & Caring Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - Aug. 5 C-Life College Ministry; 7:00 pm
- WED - Aug. 6 All Church Prayer; 6:30 pm
412 R.A.G.E.; 6:30 pm
412 The Example; 6:30 pm
Men's Softball @ Cottonwood #5; 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study; 7:00 pm

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