

# INFO CENTRAL

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## ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

Billy Graham has preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone in history-nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories. Over the years, Dr. Graham and his crusade teams have been able to predict, with incredible accuracy, the number of people who would give their lives to Christ during their crusades that have been held all over the world. Obviously, they can't predict exactly how many people will come forward, and they would never claim to, but just understanding a simple principle has helped them prepare for the numbers of people who may come forward during the crusades. The principle is this: God will never give you more than you are prepared to receive. Pastor Nelson Searcy, who pastors a church in New York City, calls this, "The Principle of Spiritual Readiness." The idea behind this principle is that the number of people who will come forward corresponds directly to the number of volunteers they have in place to receive them. This doesn't only pertain to Graham's crusades, but it also relates to the churches' ability and, more specifically, to our own church's ability to minister to the needs of the people who come to our church for the first time and, hopefully, a second and, hopefully many more till they become full members into our church, with the goal of everyone becoming growing disciples of Christ. Searcy has seen this principle work in this own church; that God works in conjunction with our level of readiness to receive and minister to all the people God brings into our churches.

I have been doing a lot of thinking about this, having just finished reading Searcy's book, "Fusion-Turning First Time Guests Into Fully Engaged Members of Your Church." I am excited to think about the future possibilities here at FEFC. I am excited to hear about the leadership taking on the task of formulating a vision for the church that everyone can believe in and own for themselves that will come alongside our mission statement that is expressed in Colossians 1:28. I am excited at how God is placing people all around our church who will need to be cared for and reached for the gospel of Christ. There are the new subdivisions that are continually being built around us and also the low-rent housing that is coming very quickly just to the east of us. We need to be ready to handle the people that God may place in our path. All of us need to be thinking about the part we will play in being God's servants to these people. Wow! The possibilities are incredible for reaching the lost! I am reminded of the passage of scripture that Pastor Terry spoke on a few weeks ago from Philipians 2:1-4. We are encouraged to be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord. We are not to be selfish, but are to esteem others as better than ourselves. And in verse 4 it says, "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." There are some really exciting times of ministry ahead, along with the existing ministry that God has

given us. May we all be ready in anticipation for all that God may entrust to us for the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Remember that we will be celebrating communion this Sunday. Let's begin to prepare our hearts now, as we remember what He did for us on the cross. Hope to see you this Sunday at FEFC.  
God Bless Pastor Kevin Lardy

## FLOWERS, FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP

Women of all ages are invited to enjoy a summer evening in Peggy Martin's backyard on Friday, July 25 from 7-9 pm. Anita Lardy will share her testimony. A free-will offering for Women's Ministries will be taken.

Please join us for a fun and encouraging evening of fellowship in a beautiful setting. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at the Information Center prior to July 20 to attend.

Bring a friend or two! If the weather should not allow us to be outside, we will meet in Peggy's home.

## JUAREZ MISSIONS TRIP

Please pray for us while we are in Juarez! July 12-20th we will be serving in an orphanage and mission in Juarez Mexico. Many of you met Betty and Josia Compean in church on Sunday. It is a blessing to have them share their musical gifts in Bismarck, and to help us finish our preparations for the VBS in Juarez.

Thank you and Grace and Peace to you in the name of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Greg Molinaro and the Juarez Team

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the rose bowl while Irene was in the hospital as well as the flowers you sent for the funeral.

Irene was special to many and will be missed. There is an emptiness today, yet great peace knowing she is no longer in pain and we will one day meet again according to His plan.

Your prayers have been coveted deeply.  
Paul & Suzi Grosz and Carol and Kevin Bjork

## WHAT'S IN YOUR LIBRARY?

We read your requests you place in the library suggestion box. In fact, the book order we recently received resulted from suggestions we received from you - our readers!

- \* Several books for early readers, ages 5-8
- \* Get Out of That Pit by Beth Moore, book and audio CD's
- \* Grace in Thine Eyes, 4th in series by Liz Higgs
- \* Veggie Tales books for ages 3-6
- \* Jesus Freaks, Vol. II by dc Talk

A display of the new books will be in the library. Next week, more new items will be featured. Happy Reading!  
Gayle and Kim

*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 10     Motorcycle Run Super Express @ Exit 161; 6:30 pm  
Young Adults; 7:00 pm
- FRI - July 11     Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (Country West by Burnt  
Boat Drive); 9:30 am  
Craftmania; 6:00 pm
- SAT - July 12     Craftmania; 9:00 am
- SUN - July 13     Communion/Worship Service; 9:00 am  
Sunday School; 9:00 am  
Fellowship; 10:15 am  
Communion/Worship Service; 10:45 am  
Children's Church; 10:45 am
- MON - July 14     Men's Bible Study; 6:30 am  
Stewardship Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - July 15     Women's Bible Study; 9:30 am  
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm  
C-Life College Ministry; 7:00 pm
- WED - July 16     All Church Prayer; 6:30 pm  
412 R.A.G.E.; 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
412 The Example; 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Men's Softball @ Cottonwood #6; 6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study; 7:00 pm

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