

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

It's not hard to notice the new buildings popping up across the street from our church. And by the time most of you read this our new sign will be in place and fully operational. Now why would I mention these two seemingly quite different items together? Because they are related.

One of our objectives at FEFC is to develop contact with "our neighbors" in order to build relationships, open doors for spiritual discussion, growth, and ministry partnership. Our new sign will certainly help to facilitate this objective, and the new apartments give each of us a wonderful opportunity of outreach.

There are so many ideas running through my head about how we can minister to and make contact with our new neighbors. Many of these new apartments will be occupied by single-parent families. Perhaps some of us can help them move in; maybe we can start a Saturday car service in the parking lot for single moms; many of our neighbors will need daycare; let's paint a crosswalk in the street that leads into a "park" area; let's build an outdoor basketball/volleyball area; and the list goes on.

We all know that man's greatest need is spiritual, regardless of economic or social status. Our new sign can be read by all, regardless of economic or social status. And the doors to the church are open to anyone, regardless of economic or social status. What a wonderful opportunity God has given us! In just a few months, literally hundreds of people will be right across the street (the first building is scheduled to be completed in September). And God's Word tells us several times to "love our neighbors as ourselves" (Matt. 19:19, Mark 12:31, Gal. 5:14, Eph. 4:25). Will we take time from our busy lives to love our neighbors? Will we allow our minds to be flooded with ways to open our church to our neighbors? Will we act on these ideas or leave it to someone else?

I know that many of you have some great ideas for showing our new neighbors we love them. And we need to hear those ideas! This opportunity is not for one of our boards to deal with, but for US! It's for the whole church family. Let's unite as a family and say to our new neighbors, "Welcome to the neighborhood." Here's a chance for us to demonstrate what Pastor Terry has been preaching about from Philippians: "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:1-4).

Please pray for Pastor Terry this week as he is in St. Louis for the national conference. Additionally, this Saturday three busses filled with students from all over our district will be travelling to Salt Lake City for the national youth conference. We covet your prayers as we travel, and for a safe and fruitful week in SLC. Pastor Kevin will be preaching for the first time at FEFC this Sunday. Don't miss it! I love you all, and appreciate the opportunity to serve at and be a part of the FEFC family.

Pastor Jamie Hamblet

MEN'S MOTORCYCLE TRIP

The Men's motorcycle trip is from Tuesday, August 5th-Sunday August 10th, 2008. If anyone is interested in joining us this year, please stop by the Motorcycle Trip display table in the foyer on **Sunday, June 22, 2008** right after the second service. Please contact Rick Janke for details on the trip.

BROTHERS IN BATTLE

Men, if you are committed to standing strong in your faith, the Men's Ministry has a plaque and pin available for you. It is our gift to you, and our commitment to you, that we want to stand with you on your spiritual journey. Pick up your plaque and pin at the Information Center.

MOPS NEED

The MOPS group at First Evangelical Free is looking for anyone willing to donate airline miles so they can send a small group of women to the MOPS convention this fall. Please contact Becky Strutz. Thank you!!

SUMMER WOMEN'S STUDY

Tuesday morning study starts at 9:30 a.m. and they are studying "Conversation Peace: The Power of Transformed Speech" by Mary Kassian. Child care is provided. For more info please contact Elaine Schelhaas. The Tuesday evening study starts at 6:30 p.m. and they are studying "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks" by Priscilla Shirer. For more info please contact Sandy Broschat.

LAWN CARE

North Dakota Teen Challenge is starting a lawn care maintenance crew as part of the work study program. This is a great opportunity to teach these men the importance of job integrity as well as serving the community. We are actively looking to establish clientele at this time, as well as secure the equipment that we would need to start this venture. If you would be interested in having your lawn mowed, or in donating equipment for this, please contact Chris Gerard at 667-2131. All lawn care service would be on a donation basis only.

STOPPING ABORTION SEMINAR

Are you interested in stopping abortion being used for birth control? Our sister state, South Dakota is in a position to do just that! Dr. Allen Unruh, spokesman for the campaign will be here to tell his amazing story. **Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.** at FEFC.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Dear FEFC Family, your food contributions to the Backpack Program have been very appreciated. So, please keep bringing more. Here is the food list: *Peanut Butter, Bread, Juice Boxes, Jelly, Cereal, Granola/Fruit bars, Crackers, Cheese, Fruit Cups, Applesauce, Cookies, Chef Boyardee Meals.* Purchase products in plastic containers and in single serve packages.

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 - June 26 Motorcycle Run Super Express @ Exit 161; 6:30 pm
Stopping Abortion Seminar; 7:00 pm
- FRI - June 27 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (Country West by Burnt
Boat Drive); 9:30 am
- SUN - June 29 Worship Service; 9:00 am
Sunday School; 9:00 am
Fellowship; 10:15 am
Worship Service; 10:45 am
Children's Church; 10:45 am
- MON - June 30 Men's Bible Study; 6:30 am
- TUE - July 1 Women's Bible Study; 9:30 am
- WED - July 2 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 #4; 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study; 7:00 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:45 pm

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