



# INFO CENTRAL

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## FORMER ELDER OF WORSHIP INFORMATION

FEFC family,

It is with excitement and a bit of sadness that we bid you all farewell. As most of you have gotten to know Cheryl and me, you know that we do not take our church family lightly. You opened up your hearts and homes to us these past five plus years and we have developed valued relationships to the point of you allowing us to minister to you in many ways. We want you to know that you have ministered to us as well and we will always cherish our time here with you.

We are on to the Seattle area by relocating closer to our grown children so that we can be a more influential part of their lives. This is at their request and we are thrilled at the opportunity it presents. We recently had our first grandchild so you can imagine what is ahead for us. This is the exciting part.

The bit of sadness comes as not being a part of the very exciting things I believe the Lord is doing in our midst at FEFC. I have resigned as Elder but will represent the Northern Plains Biblical Seminary in the Pacific Northwest. I look forward to this ongoing connection with FEFC. Cheryl will greatly miss the excellence we are accustomed to on the worship teams and we will both miss the wonderful worship and teaching the truth unequivocally from the pulpit. Please do not ever take this for granted. You are all well served in more ways than you may realize now.

Please know that when we find a new home church we will, of course, jump right in and minister as the Lord allows. Rejoice with us as we continue to strive to serve Him in all that we do. Our emails remain the same so please keep in touch. Until we reside in Heaven together, our love in Christ Jesus, Jeff and Cheryl Benjamin

## CHILD DEDICATION

The next child dedication service is on Sunday, June 15, 2008. If you would like to dedicate your child, please call the church office by June 11, 2008, at 223-3330.

## MEN'S WED. EVENING STUDY

The men's group will continue through the summer with the study of Revelation. The summer hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All men are welcome.

## 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 Desk.

## CHINA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The past two out of three mission trips that FEFC has sent to China have been to a little village in Sichuan Province called Wenchuan. Yes, this is the same Wenchuan that was the epicenter of the recent earthquake that will have claimed the lives of over 80,000 Chinese. Since many of those who died were students and teachers of the schools that collapsed, we can only assume that many of the

friends we made there have now perished, and can only hope that the work we started had an eternal impact. Recently one of the leaders of the group that we work under, the EFCA, said, "I am convinced that a huge door has opened to our work in China as a result of the Sichuan earthquake tragedy of May 12. I see God using the relief effort in the Sichuan area to reveal God's love to many, including those in the government, those in China and those in the West. I am amazed how quickly God can bring the great and mighty to their knees before Him. The openness to the West through this tragedy is unprecedented in China. As believers join together from the West and the East in sharing the love of Jesus through these earthquake relief efforts, who knows what impact will be made for the gospel. An impact that will be felt for years if not for a generation. I believe this tragedy and the potential for God's glory through the recovery efforts is on a scale that a generation could be impacted in China." Due to all the visa difficulties in visiting China this year during the Olympic activities, we had already made the decision not to send a team. However, we will be taking up an offering for the relief efforts Sunday, June 8. Money sent from this offering will be used by EFCA personnel living fulltime in the earthquake region – people who can best treat both the short-term and long-term needs and who can use it effectively for the growth of the church in China.

## SUMMER WOMEN'S STUDY

Tuesday morning study will begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 10, and they will be studying "Conversation Peace: The Power of Transformed Speech" by Mary Kassian. Child care is provided. To sign up please contact Elaine Schelhaas. The Tuesday evening study will begin at 6:30 p.m. on June 10, and they will be studying "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks" by Priscilla Shirer. To sign up please contact Sandy Broschat.

## SUMMER SAFETY SOCIAL

Thursday, June 12, 2008, the Police and Fire Departments has a Summer Safety Social at Sleepy Hollow Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We are looking for people to help hand out free water and a card from FEFC to all those that attend this event. If you are able to assist in set up starting at 3:30 p.m. or even during the social until 7:30 p.m. please contact Don Walter.

## 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.

## 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 bnstrutz@hotmail.com. Thank you!!

## *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.

### **We need water!**

The 412 Ministries will be handing out water at Cottonwood Park on June 18th. We really need your donation of bottled water in single-serving sizes (16 oz or less). Please contact Pastor Jamie for pick-up or you can leave it in the kitchen clearly marked for 412 Ministries service project.

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### **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](mailto:prayer@firstefree.com)

#### **PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO**

**DAYTIME** : Catherine Grosz

**EVENING** : Doris Ann Van Beek

### **WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - June 5      VBS; 6:30 pm  
Motorcycle Run Super Express @ Exit 161; 6:30 pm  
Young Adult Bible Study; 7:00 pm
- FRI - June 6      Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (Country West by Burnt Boat Drive); 9:30 am
- SUN - June 8      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 9      Men's Bible Study; 6:30 am  
Worship Board; 7:00 pm  
Stewardship Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - June 10     Women's Bible Study; 9:30 am  
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm  
C-Life College Ministries; 7:00 pm
- WED - June 11    White Cross; 10:00 am  
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 #3; 6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study; 7:00 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:45 pm

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