

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR

It's Tuesday morning and as usual I am sitting here at our dining room table writing this Info Central spot. Our golden retriever, Lady Anne is sitting here beside me anxiously awaiting some of the attention I always give to her. I am pondering the meeting last night - we had our Council of Overseers meeting (FEFC Elder Board). We prayed and talked together about a number of things that we had on our agenda. Then toward the end of our meeting (that ended up to be a very significant discussion) our Elder of Stewardship (Jon Hanson) alerted us to the fact that we are nearing the Budget Cycle process of having to develop the budget to be presented to the congregation at our Annual Meeting in March, 2009. Dr. Hanson began to talk about his concerns for that process in light of the economic situation we are facing in our nation. This generated a great deal of discussion about the economic challenges that we all will almost certainly be facing in the years ahead. It was a very sobering discussion. All of the men seemed to agree that all of the "indicators" are for some very serious and deeply impacting economic downturns ahead for our nation and even for the world. That kind of economic downturn, if it occurs, will have a very significant effect on all of us which would in turn have a deep impact on our church. All churches may find themselves in the unenviable position of having to make some very significant and some very difficult cuts and changes in their ministry.

The Elders decided that we need to communicate more fully as church family. They scheduled a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 16th, after the 10:45 a.m. service. That may be just the first of a series of meetings we will want to have as a church together. By that time the election will be over and we will know more about the direction the US Congress and President will want to go. But the feeling of the Elders last night was that it makes little difference who is elected, there will still likely be some major economic challenges to be faced in the next several years. So, please mark your calendars and if at all possible, make sure you are present on November 16th for this meeting.

Dear Friends, I know that many of us are very concerned and some of us are quite anxious and even frightened by this talk of economic hard times and of course the election. But let's keep in mind that our God is SOVEREIGN. He is always GOOD. Our God is able to supply all of our needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. And He will never leave us nor forsake us. There is a need to prepare and be good and careful stewards. But there is no need to worry or be filled with fear and anxiousness about the future. I do look forward to seeing you, worshipping, studying and fellowshiping with you this Sunday, D. V. (Hebrews 10:25).  
Pastor Terry Kern <><

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

This Saturday when you go to bed make sure that you turn your clocks back 1 hour.

## PRAISE GATHERING

Sunday, November 23, 2008, is Praise Gathering Sunday. We will be having 1 Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. There will be NO Sunday School. Nursery will be available. We will also have an FEFC Church Family Potluck meal and "Share the Harvest Food Pantry Drive." Watch for details.

## PRAYER VIGIL

The doors of our sanctuary will be open all day and night starting November 2, through Monday night November 3, for a prayer vigil focusing on praying and even fasting if you choose to for the elections on November 4, 2008. We invite as many of you, as families, individuals or small groups to come anytime during this time to pray for our country, it's elections and it's future. Our desire is that through the prayers of His people, God would accomplish His plans and purposes for our country!

**November 16  
Congregational  
Meeting  
At 12:00 p.m.**

## FAMILY FUN FAIR

Family Fun Fair will be Friday, October 31, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room at First Evangelical Free Church. We are still in need of a lot of candy for Family Fun Fair. If you would like to make a candy donation, the bucket is located in the foyer

next to the Information Desk. If you would like to make a cash donation for items needed for Family Fun Fair, you may drop checks or cash off in the office. Please make a note that it is for Family Fun Fair. If you have any questions, you may contact Linnet Walter at 226-6924. Thank you for your service in Christ.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are looking for people to help volunteer to help during Operation Christmas Child drop off week November 17 - 24, 2008. If you can volunteer for 1/2 hour, 1 hour, 2 hours, or all day, please go to the Information Desk and sign up for the amount of time that you can be here. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Curtiss.

## HOLIDAY HAND-ME-DOWNS UPS!!

Need to "Recycle" Holiday Décor? Bring your holiday (4th of July, Thanksgiving, Valentine, etc.) items including "like-new" toys! To FEFC Community Room **PRICED AND READY FOR SALE** Friday November 14 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. **SALE DAY** is Saturday November 15 from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to Operation Christmas Child Boxes. If you have any questions or would like more information contact Lynn Schindler .

*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 Merged with Campus Crusade**

Tuesdays for college students (18 - 20 something) at 8:00 p.m. at BSC in the Student Union.



**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



**COOK'S NIGHT OFF**

Wednesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m.! Sign up at the Info Desk on Sunday or call Sandie at 223-3330.

\$2.00 per person with a \$10.00 per family maximum!

Oct. 29 - Chicken & Rice Casserole, corn, bread, fruit, dessert

Nov. 5 - Tate Tot Hotdish, vegetables, fruit and dessert

**WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - Oct. 29 Young Adult Bible Study; 7:00 pm
- FRI - Oct. 31 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (by K-Mart); 9:30 am  
Family Fun Fair; 6:00 pm  
Youth Lock In
- SUN - Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time  
Worship Service; 9:00 am  
Adult Community/Sunday School; 9:00 am  
Fellowship; 10:15 am  
Worship Service; 10:45 am  
Children's Church; 10:45 am  
Worship Team Jam Session; 1:30 pm  
Prayer Vigil; 5:00 pm
- MON - Nov. 3 Prayer Vigil  
Men's Study; 6:30 am  
Fellowship & Caring Board; 7:00 pm  
Worship Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - Nov. 4 Women's Bible Study; 9:00 am  
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm  
Griefshare; 6:45 pm  
C-Life College Ministry @ BSC; 8:00 pm
- WED - Nov. 5 MOPS; 10:00 am  
Cook's Night Off; 5:00 pm  
King's Kids Choir; 5:30 pm  
All Church Prayer; 6:30 pm  
Awana; 6:30 pm  
412 R.A.G.E. & The Example; 6:30 pm  
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study; 6:30 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal; 7:45 pm

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