

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

In our Elders Meeting (Counsel of Overseers) last evening, we talked at some length about local church ministry in the next few years. Many of us believe that the beliefs and policies of the present administration and Congress in Washington D. C. will create a very serious economic downturn, as well as an incredibly hostile environment for churches and Christians. In other words, there could very well be some very difficult days ahead for us who name the "name of the Lord." I came home from the meeting thinking and processing the discussion in which we had just been engaged. I was not frightened by the discussion. Quite the opposite, I was encouraged by it. I think opposition and challenges to our faith will present great opportunities for ministry. I see this as a great time to be in the service of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. I sat down with the Scriptures. I turned to II Timothy, one of my favorite books of the Bible. I read these words: "And the Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome, but kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." (II Timothy 3:24-26) As I read those words, my spirit was strengthened and my heart was warmed. There is so much about these times and the people with whom we disagree. There are personal sacrifices and hardships that will most certainly come to us because of those people. And yet, this passage of Scripture reminds us to carry ourselves with kindness, patience and gentleness. The Holy Spirit tells us here, through the Apostle Paul, to remember that our war is not against flesh and blood (other people) but against principalities and powers (Satan and demons). People believe the devil's lies and carry out his work as his "captives." They have fallen into his snare and they have believed his disgusting lies. Maybe, we can help them be set free from his grasp and see the truth. The Scriptures tell us to operate in this hostile world with patience, gentleness and kindness; but armed with the truth of God, that is truly a position of strength and confidence. Be preparing yourself, dear Brother and Sister. Ready your heart and your soul for difficult days that may well be before us as Christians. Don't live in fear and trepidation. Live soberly and strengthen your spiritual resolve by reading God's Word and praying for one another and by making sure you are completely "covered" by your spiritual armor (Ephesians 6). As difficult times come upon our culture, people will be more and more receptive to spiritual truth. Let's be making ourselves ready now to minister the grace and goodness of God when those days come.

I do look forward to seeing you this Sunday, D. V. We have both the regular Sunday morning time together as well as "The Event" this Sunday evening at 6 p.m. May the Lord give you a great day of acknowledging Him and His grace and love.

Maranatha,

Pastor Terry Kern <><

THE EVENT @ THE COFFEE HOUSE

The next event is on **Sunday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited for this great time of contemporary praise and worship! There will also be a Q & A time with Pastor Terry Kern!

HELP NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!! If you would like to get involved and use the gifts that God has blessed you with, our Children's Ministries is always looking for helping hands. If you are interested in helping out or would like to get more information please call or email me Linnet Walter 223-3330 or linnet@firstefree.com.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SEMINAR

Sunday, May 17th Medcenter One Dakota Children's Advocacy Center will be coming to our church to do a Child Abuse Prevention Seminar. We are highly encouraging this Seminar to anyone who works with children in our church and is open to anyone who is interested. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a cooks night off meal for \$2.00 per person. The Seminar is from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Information Center or by calling the church. (This Seminar is not for children.) For more information you may contact Linnet or Nanette at 223-3330.

FAMILY TIME EVENT

The next Family Time Event: "A Pizza Kit That God Grows!" is planned for Wednesday May 13, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the church. Questions call Linnet Walter at 223-3330 or Juanita Lee .

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's that time again! VBS!!! "Crocodile Dock" is the theme and all the action begins on Monday June 1st – Friday June 5th from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. We will do the preschool program this year if we get enough volunteers so if you would like to help out with this exciting outreach, a sign up sheet is available at the VBS table located in the Foyer. If you would like to get your child registered, please pick up a registration form at the same location or download it off of our web page at www.firstefree.com. T-shirts and CD's will be for sale beginning May 17th. Questions call Linnet Walter 223-3330.

THANK YOU

FEFC Family, Thank you for the rose bowl on the birth of our new baby boy, Aaden Joseph. We would also like to thank you for the meals that were provided, they were truly a blessing. Thanks again! *Mathias, Kelly, Michael & Aaden Pfliger*

THANK YOU!! Thank you to all of you who brought in stuffed animals, cars and prayed for the CEF "Big Event" carnival. Also a big thank you for those who helped set up, tear down and helped run the booths. It was indeed a great day as over 2,200 people came to the "Big Event" and of that number 50 children gave their lives to Christ. **WOW!** Can you just imagine the celebration that took place in heaven! If you missed out on the "Big Event" this year, stay tuned as we do plan to do it again next year.
Linnet Walter

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)



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.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek



CLASSIFIED ADS

If you have items to sell or give away, the classified ad service is for you! A classified ad service for our FEFC attendees is being provided. Detailed information is posted on the bulletin boards in the community room and next to the library.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - April 30 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
Men's Revelation Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - May 1 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
MOPS Rummage Sale - 12:00 to 7:00 pm
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SAT - May 2 MOPS Rummage Sale - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- SUN - May 3 Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Power of Prayer - 10:20 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Children's Sunday School - 10:45 am
The Event - 6:00 pm
- MON - May 4 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
Fellowship & Caring - 7:00 pm
- TUE - May 5 Hope In A Hostile World Study; 7:00 pm
- WED - May 6 MOPS - 9:00 am
CTL Production Team Meeting - 5:15 pm
412 R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
AWANA Awards - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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