

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

We had our Annual Congregational Meeting last evening (Monday, April 6th). It was surprisingly short. I expected a great deal more discussion and interaction about the budget as it had been proposed. As it was, I expect everyone realized that the Elders, the Stewardship Board, the Missions and Outreach Board and the Staff had prayed, agonized and labored over the budget to present one that reflects good stewardship of the resources with which the Lord is entrusting our Church. I was particularly drawn to the Dr. Jon Hansen's statements to the effect that there is a seriously mistaken idea to the effect that some people believe our Church's support for missionaries is "missions" but giving to the General Fund of the Church is not "mission(s)" giving. When Jon was making his comments on that matter, my mind went back to my days as a very young pastor when I was also a student at Dallas Seminary. I was pasturing a small Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Fort Worth at the time. The C&MA is a denomination that is known for its strong support for "missions." But during that time, all the pastors and congregations of C&MA churches were being challenged by the National and International Headquarters of the C&MA to realize that if the churches are not healthy and strong, there would not be much giving to missions. They urged us all to realize that our local church "is missions" every bit as much as support for missionaries serving overseas is "missions." That, coupled with our District Superintendent telling us a couple of weeks ago that the United States of America is, in fact, the largest "English speaking mission field in the world" says a great deal about how important it is for us to build an effective, lean, carefully-monitored and managed local church ministry here. Then, as we strengthen our ministry, we will be able to give more and more (money as well as personnel) to the work of the Gospel around the world. I would love to see the day when we can increase the percentages that we give to support outreach and overseas ministries year by year. I will rejoice when we are able to return to and far exceed the levels of giving to our "missions & outreach" budget that we were at last year. May our Lord help us to be better stewards of the resources God entrusts to us "individually" so that we can be better able to do what God wants us to do "collectively" as a church family.

This Sunday is Resurrection Sunday (well, every Sunday is Resurrection Sunday, but this is the one we call Easter Sunday). It is, without a doubt, a day to celebrate. "He is Risen, HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!" Oh, the gloriousness of that great truth! We will be celebrating our Lord's Resurrection by celebrating His Resurrection Life in 15 people who will be baptized this Sunday. What an awesome way to honor and express our love for our Lord Jesus by obeying His command to "baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit." I do sincerely look forward to seeing you on Sunday D. V. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGLES

"The Friday Night Singles" will not be meeting this Friday night, April 10, because of it being Good Friday. Hope everyone has a great Easter, and make sure you pass the word around that we will not be meeting. The Friday Night Singles will be meeting the following Friday evening, April 17, to continue on with the present study of "Experiencing God."

ADULT COMMUNITY

Victorious Living - 7 week DVD series with Raymond Dunton is starting April 26. Topics include: worldview, identity, character of God, forgiveness, overcoming fear. The leaders will be Jon and Phyllis Hanson and Bruce and Judy Johnson with a surprise visit by Raymond and Tuggy at one of the sessions.

THE BIG EVENT

CEF - Child Evangelism Fellowship will be doing an outreach carnival at the Civic Center April 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Our church will have a game booth there. We need new or used stuffed animals and Hot Wheels in good condition. A donation box will be set up in the Community Room. If you would like to help out at the "Big Event" or want more information, call Linnet Walter 223-3330.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Do you have something to sell or give away? We will be starting a classified ad service for our FEFC attendees beginning next week. Information will be available on the Bulletin Board outside the Library and at the Information Center. If you have items to sell or give away, the classified ad service is for you.

CHILD DEDICATION

The next dedication service is on Sunday, May 10, 2009. If you would like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office at 223-3330 by May 6, 2009.

THANK YOU

"I want to extend a big thank you to all of the Young Adults for all the great work they did over the weekend to redo the foyer area of the church. You were so good to work with and it was very evident that you have a love for one another and a deeper love for the Lord and with it a desire to make a difference in the world through your service to one another and to this church and in the community. All of you were such a joy to be around! Thanks for giving up much of your weekend to make a difference in the life of this church." *Pastor Kevin*

Dear First E Free Pastors, Board, & Parishioners; A heartfelt thank you for your faithful support of New Life! We appreciate the trust you place in us to carry out our mission of helping young girl/women in a crisis situation. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion. And pray also that we reach those who are hurting because of an unplanned pregnancy or an abortion, with God's merciful love & forgiveness. Your Sister in Christ, *Suzie Sund Director*

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



COOK'S NIGHT OFF

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

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

April 15 - Tacos, beans, fruit and dessert

April 22 - Stroganoff, vegetables, fruit and dessert



HATS OFF TO YOU MINI SEMINAR

This mini-seminar has been rescheduled for April 25.

Women, please sign up or confirm your reservation at the Information Center.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - April 9 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Men's Revelation Study - 7:00 pm
Women's Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
- FRI - April 10 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
NO Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - April 12 Youth Service - 8:45 am
Youth Carmel Roll Fundraiser - 9:45 am
Baptism/Worship Service - 10:45 am
Children's Church - 10:45 am
- MON - April 13 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
Education Board; 6:30 pm
Stewardship Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - April 14 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Hope In A Hostile World Study; 7:00 pm
- WED - April 15 White Cross - 10:00 am
Cooks Nite Off - 5:00 pm
CTL Production Team Meeting; 5:15 pm
412 R.A.G.E. & The Example - 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
Awana - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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