

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

The political turmoil in America these days could be quite unsettling – if you didn’t have an anchor for your soul. Obviously it is outrage borne of fear that is being expressed, especially by senior citizens, toward lawmakers for their refusal to “hear” the people who elected them to represent them in Washington, D.C. The US Congress and the present Administration clearly have an agenda with regard to many things, including socialized medicine, and they are not much interested in fielding questions or criticisms of their plans. I am so comforted to know that my confidence does not have to rest in anything manmade or human-based. I don’t want to “trust” in the US Government for anything – especially my health and life. I love Psalm 20:7. I think about that verse often as I am listening to reports of all the turmoil in our world and nation. Psalm 20:7 says, “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord (Yahweh) our God (Elohim).” (NOTE: These two names of God summarize His glorious power and person of loyal love coupled with limitless power.) Notice that David was the author of this Psalm. We should also note that David was the great warrior-king who would certainly be expected to put his trust in his army, horses and chariots. The horse-drawn chariot was the game-changer in battle in those days. Foot soldiers fled in the face of an array of chariots. But David, the man after God’s own heart, didn’t put his trust in his superb army or in his horses or in chariots. David remembered the day when he, a young lad, stood completely exposed (no armor), armed with nothing but a slingshot, facing the most renowned and powerful warrior in the world of that day, Goliath. David trusted in the Lord that day. He was not disappointed. He didn’t forget. He knew he could always trust in the Lord. An anonymous Psalmist wrote some very similar kinds of things in Psalm 33. Psalm 33:13-22 is a section I encourage you to read. If you are troubled, unsettled, or a bit fearful of what is taking place in the nation or the world these days (whether it is economically, politically, socially, militarily, or spiritually) Psalm 33 would be a great encouragement to your soul. If we actually believe it, the entire Psalm is a powerful and beautiful anchor for our soul. The Psalm anchors our soul to the Lord God. Who is trustworthy, Who is merciful, Who is powerful, Who is perfectly righteous and good in all His ways, and Who watches over (v. 18) all who fear Him.

This Sunday there is a very special service planned with lots of “elements” to the service. Of course, you’ll have to be there to get the rich benefits ☺. We will be presenting publicly, for the first time, some of the benefits and details of FFFEAST. You won’t want to miss that. And, we will be “commissioning” Dan Murphy to his “ministry” deployment in Kosovo with the North Dakota National Guard. And there’s more. Hope to see you and I do look forward to worshipping, studying God’s Word and fellowshiping together with you this Sunday, D. V. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <<>>

PARENTS OF YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, August 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of parents of youth here at the church. Please mark your calendars and hope to see you on Sunday.

ANNUAL CAMPING/CANOE TRIP

August 28 & 29, 2009 at Cross Ranch for men, dads, and kids. Food will be provided. Bring canoes, tents, camping, fishing equipment. For more information contact Bob Schindler or sign up at the Information Center.

COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP WOMEN’S 2009 RETREAT

This year’s them is “Donkeys Still Talk - Hearing God’s Voice When You’re Not Listening.” Set aside September 25-27, 2009 for a wonderful weekend at Cooperstown Bible Camp with special speaker, Virelle Kidder and worship leader, Kelly Thoreson. If you need more information, please visit www.cooperstownbiblecamp.com or call the camp at 701-797-2174. We will also have registration forms at the Information Center on Sunday.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES FALL BIBLE STUDY

“Lord Change My Attitude” by James McDonald. What does God think about attitudes? This study uses examples from the Israelites’ journey out of Egypt to illustrate how attitudes can affect whether someone stays in the wilderness or crosses over and enjoys the blessings of the Promised Land. There is hope for the “attitudinally” challenged! In this 11-week study, James McDonald shows how you can lead others (and even yourself) out of attitudes God hates and into those He honors. Register at the Information Center for Tuesday morning (9:00 am to 11:30 am) or Tuesday Evening (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm).

BROTHERS IN BATTLE - SCRIPTURE VERSE

“After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” Genesis 15:1

FFFEAST

Coming Soon! Exciting new ministry starting this fall.

FFFEAST is for the entire church family! More details coming soon! Stay tuned ...



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

EMAIL INFO CENTRAL

The church office is looking for ways to help save costs. If you have an email account, we would sure love to put you on our email list for the newsletter. If you do not have an email account, we would love to keep mailing you the newsletter. To start receiving Info Central via email, please email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.

If you no longer wish to receive Info Central please contact the church office at 223-3330 or email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - Aug 13 First Place for Health - 6:00 pm
 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
 Women's Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
- FRI - Aug 14 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
 Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - Aug 16 Worship Service - 9:00 am
 Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Comm. - 9:00 am
 Fellowship - 10:15 am
 Worship Service - 10:45 am
 Sunday School - 10:45 am
 Parents Meeting of Youth - 2:00 pm
- MON - Aug 17 Living Stone Study - 6:30 pm
 Adult Student Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
 Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Aug 18 Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
- WED - Aug 19 CTL Production Team Meeting - 5:15 pm
 412 R.A.G.E. - 6:30 pm
 412 The Example - 6:30 pm
 All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
 Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
 Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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