

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

It has been several weeks now since I submitted a letter of resignation to our Elder Board, and I have really been struggling since I sent my letter. Let me try to explain what God has been doing in our life the last few weeks.

There was a time early in our Christian walk that I moved our family, outside of God's will, across the country to "begin a new ministry". Without making this a terribly long story, suffice it to say that God got my attention as we were unloading the U-Haul truck into our new home. As I walked around the expansive porch that circled the home, God impressed very strongly that we were not where He wanted us. Far from it, actually. By the time I returned to the U-Haul truck, the decision had been made. Reload what had been unloaded and "flee from this place". I had never had something impressed upon my heart so strongly before that day in Valdosta, GA. And, while God has certainly impressed things upon my heart since, I have not experienced such an "audible" impression until recently.

Although I will miss terribly ministering to the kids, God has given us peace about our decision. That was not the struggle. We have confidence that God is going to send a man here who will love and feed our youth. What I have been struggling with was transitioning to seminary work at this time. I didn't know why until God clarified a few things.

God has called me to preach the Word and shepherd the people He gives me to shepherd. Undoubtedly there are churches within ND alone that are either temporarily absent a pastor or can't afford a pastor. With God's direction, we would love to be of service and provide pulpit supply to these churches. Marj and I made a commitment to God several years ago that if we could do ministry full-time for free, we would. We are currently that close (hold your thumb and index finger about a 1/4 inch apart). By adding just two or three kids to our daycare, we're there. So, that means during the week I'll not only be preparing messages, but working for Marj as well, as she cannot tend to the needs of 5-7 toddlers by herself. What an amazing opportunity God has given us to be a blessing (hopefully) to churches that are struggling to find/afford a pastor.

Marj and I plan to spend the bulk of the month of September "decompressing", reflecting and praying for God's guidance to churches that we can help. We pray that in the future we will be able to assist with the seminary start-up/operation in some capacity. As we have said many times, it has been a privilege to serve all of you and the youth ministry at FEFC. We are truly thankful that God used FEFC to bring us to Bismarck, and consider this our home. We are looking forward to our next journey in ministry, and covet your prayers for God's blessing.

Please pray with us that many hundreds, even thousands, would come to know our Savior through all our ministries, and may we ALWAYS give Him the honor and glory for everything. I'm looking forward to seeing you all this Sunday as we worship the Lord and study His Word together.

Pastor Jamie Hamblet

COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP WOMEN'S 2009 RETREAT

This year's theme 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool - 6th Grade Sunday School Registration forms for 2009-2010 are now available. Registration forms can be picked up in the Foyer at the registration table. If you would like to help out in the preschool area, please contact Nanette at 223-3330. If you would like to help out in the K-6th grade area, please contact Linnet at 223-3330.

FFFEAST HELP NEEDED

FFFeast help is needed in the children's area. This is a 10 week commitment but holds eternal value. Would you please consider and pray about growing our children in Christ? If you have questions, please contact Linnet or Nanette at 223-3330.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will perform a variety of different health screenings at First E Free on Monday, September 14. The screenings that are available are: stroke/carotid artery screening; abdominal aortic aneurysm; ankle brachial index; bone density screening (both men & women); atrial fibrillation; single finger-stick blood test for heart disease and diabetes. Each test takes about 10 minutes and costs \$30-\$45/test. Appointments start at 9 am. Pre-registration is required call 1-800-324-1851 and mention source cod ISC-4957.

INSIDE THE REVOLUTION

National Town Hall Meeting - September 11, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for a live webcast event featuring Joel C. Rosenberg and guest Ret. Lt. General Jerry Boykin. This meeting will explore the global implications of Radical Islam and the church's response.

**One Worship Service
September 6 at 10:00 a.m.**

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)

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Friday August 21 @ 7:00 pm @ FEFC



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 20 First Place for Health - 6:00 pm
 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - Aug 21 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
 Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
 412 Ministries Back to School Bash - 7:00 pm
- SUN - Aug 23 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
- MON - Aug 24 Living Stone Study - 6:30 pm
 Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Aug 25 Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
- WED - Aug 26 MOPS Registration - 9:00 am
 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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