

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I wasn't sure I would be able to do it. Over 2,800 miles on a motorcycle seat in 8 days was pretty much all the "seat time" I want for a few days. But we saw some absolutely beautiful scenes of the handiwork and creativity of our awesome God. Seeing the North American Rockies (Montana, Alberta, & British Columbia) from the back of a motorcycle was at times breathtaking. The sheer size of those mountains is overwhelming. You look up – and up, and up and then up some more before you can see the tops of them. Psalm 121 kept running through my mind – *"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills – from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord (Yahweh) who made the heaven and earth."* It is an unusual worship experience to witness the beauty, the vastness and the grandeur of what God has made – so up close and personal. I couldn't help but think; God "spoke" all this into existence. The Scripture teach us that the only part of His creation that He "formed" or "fashioned" was the man and the woman. But for all the rest of His creation, He simply "spoke" and "it was so." (see Genesis 1:3,6,9, etc & 2:7,22). Alongside the road in those absolutely beautiful mountains that stand in grand, silent salute to the GLORY OF GOD there was a very big sign that read: "The mountains bring peace to the people." I sighed and even shed a tear over the foolishness of people who worship the creation rather than the Creator. At beautiful Lake Louise near Banf, Alberta, the signs tell you all about the how these things were made millions and billions of years ago by "accident" and completely deny God by refusing to acknowledge Him and His creative genius and glorious power. In fact, I read Romans 1 again on the trip in order to be reminded of the fact that this very kind of human arrogance and idolatry is what is bringing the wrath of God. Those Mountains and all of God's creation stand as a silent but bold witness to the existence, power and glory of God. Mankind's refusal to acknowledge Him who is so clearly seen in all of creation, elicits both the wrath and the judgment of our Holy God. Creation condemns mankind's refusal to acknowledge God as God. Mankind is therefore without excuse. That is what the Scriptures teach us in Romans 1. So, while the ride was beautiful, and grand to behold, while it created an unusual worship experience for us men from FEFC who rode together, the human responses to this grandeur was a sad and stark reminder of what Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14 – i.e. that broad is the way that leads to destruction and many go that way but narrow is the way that leads to life and only few go that way.

I am impressed at how much "work" there is for us to do and such a "short time" in which to do it. The Holy Spirit brought floods of Scriptures to my mind as I rode. The challenges of being alive at this time of history are many and varied but clearly God's purposes are for us who are His children to actively engaged in "proclaiming Him" to every person, and seeking to present as many as we can "complete in Christ Jesus." It's good to be back home and to look forward to sharing the Word of God, worship and fellowship together with you all on Sunday, D. V. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

## LOST AND FOUND

If you have misplaced an item or left it accidentally at church, check the lost and found area located at the bottom of the stairwell in the SE Entrance, Information Center, or the church office. Contact the church office you are missing men's rings or a set of keys.

## MOPS CHILD CARE

The MOPS Steering Team is providing child care for an evening out for couples on Thursday, August 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Contact Becky Strutz with the number of the kids and their ages or if you have any questions.

## 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

"And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh." Revelation 19:19-21

## FFFEAST

Coming Soon! Exciting new ministry starting this fall. FFFEAST is for the entire church family! More details coming soon! Stay tuned ...



FFFEAST  
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**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 6      First Place for Health - 6:00 pm  
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - Aug 7      Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am  
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - Aug 9      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 10    Living Stone Study - 6:30 pm  
Education Board - 6:30 pm  
Stewardship Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - Aug 11    Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
- WED - Aug 12    White Cross - 10:00 am  
412 R.A.G.E. - 6:30 pm  
412 The Example - 6:30 pm  
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm  
Men's Softball at Kelly #9- 6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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