

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I again want to say a big "THANKS" to all the ladies who were involved in the Children's Ministries Program and Musical that were presented this past Sunday morning. It was delightful – absolutely delightful - and so well done. I just can't get over the thoughts of how many little lives there were up there on that FEFC Worship Center Platform and the fact that each one of those children and young people is going to grow up so very fast. They are all – each and every one of them – a precious gift and a unique treasure that our Lord God has entrusted to the care and training of all of our parents in our FEFC Family. I know we have a tendency to call them "our kids" but they really aren't "ours." Just like any and every "good gift" that the Lord has entrusted to us, these "little people" are another very, very, important and significant part of the "stewardship" that the Lord has entrusted to our care. As a parent, I realize that we have them "under our wing" for such a short time. The day comes far more quickly than any of us even like to think about, when these "children" arrive at their late teen years and "adulthood." I remember sitting and praying for our sons and pondering the meaning of passages of Scripture like Ephesians 6:4 – "fathers do not provoke your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" and verse after verse from the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament. I used to ask Yahweh for wisdom to know how "train up a child in the way he should go" and to help our sons choose the paths of wisdom and life; keeping the commandments of God and walking in His ways. All parents today have even more challenges and distractions than we had (not that many years ago). Our culture is even more irreverent toward Yahweh and the things of God than it was ten or so years ago. But our great and gracious Heavenly Father is the same. His Word still stands sure and can be trusted as THE Truth and THE Path-to-Life.

Our Children's and Youth and Family Ministries of our church are of utmost importance. How can we possibly overstate the significance of these ministries? These are days, as our culture drifts farther and deeper into godless, unbiblical, debauched living, that churches like ours and ministries like those to which we are committed are more and more valuable and necessary. Even as it stands today, churches like FEFC are one of the very few places (and I do mean "FEW") where the Word of God is still held in reverence and honor. When every moral foundation (and I do mean "EVERY") in our culture in crumbling and/or already shattered, we need the support and encouragement of a deeply devoted church family more than ever before in American history. And our faithful workers and staff (paid and volunteer) need all of our encouragement and support. And parents also need encouragement and biblical help to do their incredibly important work of rearing and training their children to love God and honor His Word.

So thanks again to all the faithful workers who were part of this past Sunday's wonderful musical presentation and who faithfully serve our church families week after week. Your labor was not in

vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58) and we deeply appreciate your faithful service. I do look forward to worshipping, fellowshiping and studying God's Word together with all of you this coming Sunday. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

Christmas Eve Service
December 24, at 5:30 pm
One Worship Service
December 27 at 10:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES ON TUESDAYS

Tuesday morning join us for Bible study from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning January 12, 2010. You have a choice of two studies: Beth Moore's latest study "Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories" (updated edition) OR "Believing God" which will challenge you in your walk of faith. Childcare is available. Sign up at the Information Center or call Elaine.

Tuesday Evening Bible study meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. They will also begin the Beth Moore "Breaking Free" on January 12, 2010. Sign up at the Information Center or call Deb.

CELEBRATE THE LIFE

Be sure to mark the Celebrate the Life (CTL) 2010 performances on your calendar. The performance dates are as follows: March 26, March 27, March 28, March 31, April 1, and April 2. Please be praying for those involved in CTL and also for those that you could invite.

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

On very rare situations we could cancel events here at the church due to severe and dangerous weather. The decisions will be made by 7:00 a.m. on Sundays and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Please check KFJR 550 AM radio station as well www.firstefree.com for this information.

JOY CLUB COFFEE

Friday, December 18th at 9:30 a.m. the Joy Club is invited to Art & Marilyn Hummel's for coffee. **FFFEAST on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

This is our GROW level ministry at FEFC. We will be studying the Life and Ministry of Christ! The evening includes family time, food, in-depth teaching from God's Word & small group time. Please register at the Information Center on Sunday the cost is \$5 per person or \$25 max per family. The next FFFEAST starts on January 6, 2010.

FFFEAST
first free family eating and studying together

