

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES

It is that time of the year again where we begin thinking about the New Year ahead of us. We all come up with resolutions that we say we will do this year that we didn't get to last year. It is good to look ahead and to determine that there will be things that we will do differently this New Year. Hopefully, we will all draw closer to Jesus and see Him in fresh new ways, as our faith gets stretched and we are put in positions where we have to operate not from our strengths, but out of our weaknesses, we rely on the strength of Christ. One of my favorite professors at seminary was Howard Hendricks. He often told us in class that when things get difficult, we often quit just before we will see success. He often said that "success is just around the corner" and that we "needed to always push forward, trusting Christ to give us the knowledge and understanding we are looking for." I came across a quote of his which I think is so typical of the many sayings that we heard from him. He said, "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems." We all face things in this life that seem like they are so huge and insurmountable that it seems easier to give up and move on to something else than to determine that by the grace of God, "I can do it". May this New Year ahead of us be one that we see incredible advances in our faith, as we cling to Christ to do the things that we have given up on so many times before, but resolve to see breakthrough's in the year ahead. Paul had such a focus on what he was doing and looked forward to his reward that he wrote in Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". I hope our focus for the New Year can be so laser like that we accomplish what we set out to do. And may Paul's words become ours, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"-Philippians 4:13.

I am looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. May all of you have a Blessed New Year!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Kevin Lardy

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.

DISCOVER FEFC

This is our introductory class to First Evangelical Free Church. It includes getting to meet others who are new to FEFC, finding out what the ministries are and reviewing our church's basic beliefs. This class also offers preparation for membership, if that is desired.

Contact Pastor Kevin at the church office at 223-3330 or email Pastor Kevin at kevin@firstefree.com for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes will be January 24 & 31.

FFFEAST GOODIES

If you have any leftover holiday cookies or bars that you would like to not have in your house. Well do we have a suggestion for you. The FFFEAST is looking for cookies/bars and you can drop them off in the kitchen labeled FFFEAST and we will put them to good use.

Congregational Meeting January 17 at noon

CELEBRATE THE LIFE SET HELP

Men and young men we are needing help moving the CTL set from the storage unit to the Community Room on Saturday January 2, 2010. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Contact Don Walter at 226-5541 or Ryan Renner at 220-5825. We will have pizza and pop for lunch!

ADULT COMMUNITY/GROWING YEARS

Starting the end of January, Pastor Kevin and his wife Anita will be leading the series Love & Respect based on the book by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. In this series, based upon Ephesians 5:33 and extensive biblical and psychological research, Dr. Emerson Eggerichs reveals the power of unconditional love and unconditional respect and how husbands and wives can reap the benefits of marriage that God intended.

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 13, 2010.

January 13, 2010
FFFEAST
first free family eating and studying together

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

Psalms 51:10

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME: Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT : 6:15 – 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 - 255-1361

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek - 255-0829

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.

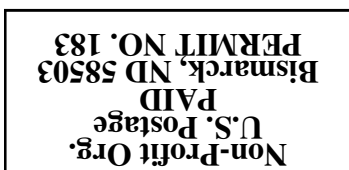
If you no longer wish to receive Info Central, please contact the church office at 223-3330 or email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

If you have items to sell or give away, the classified ad service is for you! A classified ad service for our FEFC attendees is being provided. Detailed information is posted on the bulletin board in the community room.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

FRI - Jan 01	New Year's Day
SUN - Jan 3	Worship Service - 9:00 am Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Community/ The Growing Years - 9:00 am Fellowship - 10:15 am Worship Service - 10:45 am Sunday School - 10:45 am CTL Everyone Drama/Choir - 2:30 to 5:30 pm
MON - Jan 4	Men's Living Stone Study - 6:30 am Fellowship & Caring Board - 7:00 pm
TUE - Jan 5	Men's Study Group - 7:00 pm
WED - Jan 6	MOPS - 9:00 am 412 R.A.G.E. - 6:30 pm 412 The Example - 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm



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