

INFO CENTRAL

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF ADULT MINISTRIES

Hopefully, all of you are enjoying the Christmas season. It comes and goes so quickly. To be with friends and family along with our church family during this time of the year, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child is truly a great joy that I look forward to each new year. One of the highlights for myself and the staff this past year has been the introduction of FEAST to our ministry here at FEFC. A lot of prayer and planning went into the start up of this ministry. We asked God to direct us to a ministry that would focus on our unity as a church family, and our ability to encourage one another in the Word and to help families grow together as they studied the bible with one another. And the focus of this ministry would be the study of God's Word, prayer, and the scripture memory.

We finished the first ten weeks of FEAST on November 18, and then came together on December 2 for a Christmas celebration. It was a lot of fun! It was great to laugh and to enjoy our fellowship together. A few highlights that made the evening special was the way people brought toys that would be given to Linda Anderson who will distribute the toys to families in her school who are not able to purchase toys for their kids. Christmas is about giving, and all the people involved with FEAST want to express our thanks for all of you who gave toys to this special need. Another special part of the evening was the way people gave money to give to a needy family whose father had no means of providing Christmas presents to his kids for Christmas. Ron Tangen and the men's ministry has been instrumental in showing the love of Christ to this man who became a Christian, and has since been learning more and more about his new faith in Jesus Christ. This father wanted to express his love to his kids, but had no money to buy presents, and so many of you gave money to help him buy presents. A big thank you to all who gave the \$282 to help him buy presents this year. I was so blessed to see so many people helping this family out. Wow!! And thirdly, it was with great joy that we gave out scripture memory awards for those people who worked hard to memorize as many scriptures as they could for the ten weeks of FEAST. Our top three scripture memory winners were Sandy Broschat who memorized 18 verses, and Julie Hoffman who memorized all 20 of the verses that we gave people to memorize. Eight other adults memorized 10 or more verses. And, for the youth, Erik Graham memorized all 20 of the verses. Great job!! The children also received awards for all the work they put into memorizing scripture. We applaud all of you for the time you put in to making the Word of God a part of your life.

Our next FEAST will start January 6, and will go for another ten weeks. We will be studying the "Life and Ministry of Jesus the Christ". It will be a great study. We hope all who have been a part of FEAST this first round will come back and be a part of it the next round, and if you have never been to FEAST, give it a try this new year. Sign ups will be Sunday mornings the next few Sundays. Hope to see you this Sunday as our children will be doing their Christmas musical, at the 9:00 and 10:45 am service titled "The

Plane Truth". It will be a great time of worshipping together as our church family once again! I leave you with this verse from I John 4:9, "By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him". Pastor Kevin Lardy

LITTLE CHRISTMAS ANGELS

The Pre-school, "Little Christmas Angels" children's choir (all two years olds to five years olds—not in kindergarten) will open the program with 4 songs. The Little Christmas Angels need to be at rehearsal on Saturday Dec. 12, from 2:00 p.m., so they can practice on the Worship Center platform, know where they will stand and how to enter and exit. These Little Christmas angels should be at the church in their Sunday School classrooms by 8:50 a.m., so they can get lined up and ready to sing for Jesus.

SINGING AIRPORT ATTENDANTS

The Singing Airport Attendants, Kindergarten and 1st graders who have been busy rehearsing their songs from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. for the past few Sundays will sing "Are You Missing Christmas" and "Gloria". These attendants will be the opening for "The Plane Truth About Christmas" musical. The Attendants need to be at rehearsal on Saturday Dec. 12, from 2:30 p.m., so they can practice on the Worship Center platform, know where they will stand and how to enter and exit. These Attendants should be here at the church by 8:50 a.m. in the Community Room in the corner where the stairs go to the sound booth, so that they can get lined up and go into the sanctuary as soon as the preschoolers are finished singing.

THE PLANE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS

This is a story about a family who are on their way to spend Christmas with Nana, but end up stranded in the O'Hare Airport. While they are in the airport, they decide to share their faith with other travelers by putting on a mini Christmas pageant. The 2nd grade thru 6th grade children will be sharing this heartfelt story at the 9:00 and 10:45 am worship service. We rehearse on Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the Worship Center at 6:30 p.m., and Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 3:30 pm in the Worship Center. The children should be here on Sunday Dec. 13, at 8:30 am in Room 301/302.

CREATION SEMINAR "IN THE BEGINNING"

Recent fossil discoveries and the scientific and religious implications. Geologic evidence of ancient life suddenly appearing has been the focus of philosophical debates for many years. How does this evidence fit in with a literal interpretation of scripture? Joseph A. Martinetti, MS, will be giving the presentation. Join us for this free seminar Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. The opinions presented in this seminar do not represent the theological position of the First Evangelical Free Church.

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

