

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

Many of us are deeply saddened, to the point of tears and discouragement, by some of the first acts of President Obama and his administration. It is quite inconceivable to me why anyone would want to “promote” and “encourage” abortion as a decision for anyone and certainly not as a policy as a nation to fund abortions and organizations that promote them in other countries around the world. But in the same week as the President signed an executive order to support and promote the death of innocents who are yet unborn, he also signed an executive order to close the “prison” at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, and supported the protection of the “rights” to fair treatment of men who have been captured on fields of battle trying to kill or maim our American troops or scheming to commit terrorist acts against Americans. What a strange and incoherent disconnect that is! Many of you have asked my opinion on how to respond to this new administration. One dear Brother (he will remain unnamed) asked me if I thought we should refuse to pay our taxes because of the reversal of the Mexico City Policy (he doesn’t want his tax dollars going to promote abortions). I asked my Brother, “What did Jesus say?” He immediately knew the passage I was referring to and said, “Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and unto God the things that are God’s.” I then asked my Brother if he thought that the Lord Jesus, when he said that, was unaware of the evils and atrocities that were done with some of those “dollars” that were paid in taxes to Caesar. He said he was sure the Lord knew but that he still struggled – even if he was quite sure that he needed to pay his taxes. I have found it difficult to know how to pray for President Obama and for the hard left leaning congress we have in our nation’s capitol. But when I stop and think about it, I am certain that not one of those people is there without God allowing it to be so. And, God has “exhorted us” to pray for them (I Timothy 2:1-3) and told us that it is a “good and acceptable thing to do.” In addition, I have recently reviewed Romans 13:1-10. There is a great deal of “truth” in this passage. I am confident that this passage was debated long and hard among the founding fathers of this country in their decision to “resist” the King of England and finally to have to go to war to protect themselves and their families and their homes. But obviously in the normal course of life, “governing authority” is from God. And, as Christians, we must pay our taxes (v. 6-7) and owe nothing except the debt of love.

So I pray for President Obama, for the people close to him, and for the people God has allowed to be in positions of power in Washington, D.C. I pray that their hearts will be changed. I pray that they would be confronted by the Holy Spirit in their spirit and recognize that “God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” (Gal. 6:7) I

pray that God will bring people to them who will help them see the truth and that the truth will set them free from the deception that has obviously overtaken them. And I pray for our Nation. I pray that our Heavenly Father would bring a great revival to our beloved America. I pray that Americans would turn their hearts back to God and to His Word. I pray that a wave of awareness of and repentance for our corporate sins and rebellion toward God would sweep across this land like a great flood. And, I pray that revival would start in “OUR HEARTS” as American Christians. Materialism and secularism has captured our affections as Christians. We have lost our way as “salt and light” in this world. May God help us to return to Him and to effectiveness for Him in this world. I do look forward to seeing you this week as we worship our Savior, study His Word and fellowship together - D.V. – Deo Volente = God Willing! Maranatha Pastor Terry Kern <><

WILD GAME FEED NOTE CHANGE

The men’s wild game feed has been changed from February 7 to February 21. So please correct your calendars and mark FEBRUARY 21 at 5:30 pm and sign up at the Information Center on Sunday.

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGLES

The Friday Night Singles will not be meeting this Friday, January 30, but will be meeting on February 6 at 7 pm in room 301. From now on, the Friday Night Singles will be meeting every first and third Friday evenings at 7 pm for Bible Study and will be meeting a third time each month for a social event. All singles 35 and older are encouraged to come and join us on February 6 for our next time together. Hope you can be with us.

WHAT’S IN YOUR LIBRARY?

The church library is seeking individuals to help out on a weekly basis in the library. If you can volunteer one or two hours a week it would help so much. Please contact Gayle if you are interested.

GIVE AWAY!!

If you or someone you know is in need of a good used dryer, here is your opportunity. Comes with a smile and free delivery!!

THANK YOU

Dear FEFC Family & Friends, Thank you all so much for your visits, phone calls, cards, prayers. And the beautiful pink rose bowl and to Pastor Lardy for his visit and prayer. My shoulder is healing well, but still has a lot of healing to do. I am thankful to God for his healing touch and trusting all will go well. *Marge Magnuson*

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)



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.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek



COOK'S NIGHT OFF

Wednesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m.! Sign up at the Information Desk on Sunday or call Sandie at 223-3330.

\$2.00 per person with a \$10.00 per family maximum!

Feb 4 - NO Cooks Nite Off due to Awana Grand Prix

Feb 11 - Baked potato bar, fruit and dessert

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - Jan. 29 Young Adult Bible Study; 6:30 pm
- FRI - Jan. 30 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (by K-Mart); 9:30 am
- SUN - Feb. 01
 - Worship Service; 9:00 am
 - Sunday School/Adult Community; 9:00 am
 - Fellowship; 10:15 am
 - Power of Prayer; 10:20 am
 - Worship Service; 10:45 am
 - Parablelooza Rehearsals; 10:45 am
 - 412 Ministries Youth Super Bowl Party; 4:30 pm
- MON - Feb. 2
 - Living Stones Men's Study; 6:30 am
 - Fellowship & Caring Board; 7:00 pm
 - Worship Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - Feb. 3
 - Women's Bible Study; 9:00 am
 - Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
- WED - Feb. 4
 - NO Cooks Nite Off
 - CTL Production Team Mtg; 5:15 pm
 - 412 R.A.G.E.; 6:30 pm
 - 412 The Example; 6:30 pm
 - All Church Prayer; 6:30 pm
 - Awana; 6:30 pm
 - Men's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
 - Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
 - WT Rehearsal; 6:45 pm

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