

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

I would like to use this space today to remind us all of how important it is for us to support the Nation of Israel in prayer – to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Psalm 122:6). And, since the news media in the USA and internationally has become so politically biased against Israel, I feel compelled to offer my perspective of the ongoing assault by the Israelis on the Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip (a narrow strip of land along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, 25 miles long and 4-7.5 miles wide with a population of about 1.48 million Palestinian people). On December 27, 2008, the State of Israel launched an all-out offensive to stop the Hamas terrorists from firing rockets and missiles from homes and hospitals in the Gaza Strip into civilian Israeli communities. Over 6,300 rockets (that is NOT a typographical error) have rained down on Israeli citizens since Israel ended its occupation of the Gaza Strip in 2005. There is no nation or people on earth who would put up with that kind of terrorism of its citizens with the restraint that Israel has shown. The Hamas terrorists have not only terrorized the Israeli civilians but their use of the Palestinians’ homes and neighborhoods to launch their rockets and missiles terrorizes them as well. These Iranian and Syrian sponsored and supplied terrorists terrorize everyone. The Palestinian citizens must long for peace and normal life much as the Israeli citizens do. But these wicked men continue to do their violence. It is no accident that the Israelis have launched this offensive to root out the terrorists now – in the last days of the Bush Administration. They realize that after January 20<sup>th</sup> there will be far less support for their offensive against the Hamas terrorists in the US Government than there is now. President Bush denounced Hamas and laid all of the blame for this action on them – completely justifying Israel’s need to act. President Bush’s comments have softened the criticism of Israel by the international community. The USA also recently blocked a United Nations Security Council resolution demanding that Israel stand down in their offensive to root out the Hamas terrorists from the Gaza Strip. So I’m sure that the Israelis have been gearing up and preparing for this action since the November elections in the USA. All this, of course, just points again to the amazing prophetic Scriptures that promise war and rumors of war leading up to the war to end all wars – the Armageddon Campaign of the Tribulation Period. Of course, the Armageddon Campaign ends with the King of Kings and the Prince of Peace returning to this Earth with His glorious white robed armies (that’s us Friends) to put an end to war, violence and wickedness forever. AMEN and AMEN and Hallelujah (Praise Yahweh)! This Sunday we will once again obey our Lord’s command to celebrate the Lord’s Table together - REMEMBERING our Savior in this special way. I eagerly look forward to seeing you and fellowshiping with you - D.V. – Deo Volente = God Willing! Maranatha Pastor Terry Kern <><

## FRIDAY NIGHT SINGLES

All singles 35 and older are invited to a new singles ministry starting up on January 9, 2009, in room 301/302. See you there.

## ADULT COMMUNITY

Starting January 25, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., we will be offering a class “Going Public with Your Faith” by William Carr Peel and Walt Larimore, with Stephen & Amanda Sorenson. This class will tell us how to take evangelism out of the religious box and weave it into your life at work. You spend hours every day in the most high-impact mission field in the world: your workplace. But to have an impact, you need a perspective that’s different from anything you’ve ever heard or read about evangelism. This class walks you through a proven approach that respects the unique relationships you have with your coworkers, clients or customers. You’ll learn easy-to-implement ways to tell your personal faith story invitingly, cultivate common ground with non-Christians, recognize spiritual hunger and open doors. Please sign up at the Information Center if you are interested in joining this class.

## WEATHER RELATED CANCELATIONS

On very rare situations, we could cancel Sunday morning services due to severe and dangerous weather. The decision will be made by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Please check KFYR 550 AM radio station as well as the church website at [www.firstefree.com](http://www.firstefree.com) for this information.

## BIBLE READING PLANS FOR 2009

The Bible reading plans for 2009 are now available at the Information Center. Please pick up your copy and join us in reading through the Bible in 2009.

## NET LEADERS NEEDED

Starting January 11, a new young couples community group will be meeting during the 9 o’clock hour. We will be covering various topics relevant to young couples/families. The first will be *Fireproof Your Marriage*. This six-week series will challenge you to love better, to love first and to love for a lifetime! If you are interested in attending the class, sign up at the Information Center. There are participant guides (about \$8) to go with this series and we will be ordering them soon.

## 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](mailto:kevin@firstefree.com) for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes are on January 18 and 25, 2009.

## CHILD DEDICATION

The next dedication service is on Sunday, January 25, 2009. If you would like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office at 223-3330 by January 18, 2009.

*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!

January 14 - Cooks Surprise

January 21 - Cooks Surprise

**WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - Jan. 8 Young Adult Bible Study; 6:30 pm
- FRI - Jan. 9 Joy Club @ Mc Donald's (by K-Mart); 9:30 am  
Craftmania; 6:00 pm  
Friday Night Singles (35 plus); 6:30 pm
- SAT - Jan. 10 Craftmania; 9:00 am
- SUN - Jan. 11 Communion Service; 9:00 am  
Sunday School/Adult Community; 9:00 am  
Fellowship; 10:15 am  
Worship Service; 10:45 am  
Parableloozza Rehearsals; 10:45 am
- MON - Jan. 12 Men's Study; 6:30 am  
Education Board; 6:30 pm  
Stewardship Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - Jan. 13 Women's Bible Study; 9:00 am  
Griefshare; 6:45 pm
- WED - Jan. 14 MOPS Steering; 9:00 am  
Cooks Nite Off; 5:00 pm  
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



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