

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFO



As a pastor, I visit with people almost on a daily basis who are struggling with various “issues” in their lives. Some of the problems and struggles we face in our lives can easily be identified as being directly related to our own sin or to someone else’s sin that has impacted

our lives. Greed, alcohol and drug abuse, immorality, arrogant, self-centeredness, and bitterness are some of the most common sins that generate enormous consequences. Other times, we face issues and struggles in our lives that we don’t have a clue as to “why” this has come to pass in our life. Sickness and tragic accidents are often these kinds of struggles. But one thing is true no matter what the circumstances: Our God and our Savior; our Lord Jesus Christ is always the same, always available and always responsive to our call for help. Our life and our circumstances may be so topsy-turvy and twisted around that it is impossible to sort out. But the Lord can and does always bring order in the chaos, peace in the tumult, and hope in the despair. The Sons of Korah understood. In Psalm 46:1 they said, “Elohim is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” David understood. He wrote, “Yahweh is my shepherd....” (Ps. 23:1). Asaph understood. He wrote, “Whom have I in heaven besides You and there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail, but Elohim is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” (Ps. 73:25-26). The Lord Jesus summarized all this perfectly (as we would expect) when He said, “I Am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly. I Am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” (John 10:9-11). Isn’t it absolutely wonderful to know Him? There is nothing more important in this messy and mixed up world than “knowing Him” and “knowing Him intimately and in a deeply personal and real way.” It makes no difference whether our head and heart are spinning with questions like “Why is this happening to me?” or we are so covered over with shame and disgust with ourselves knowing full well that we have ‘caused’ the problems we now face. Our Lord Jesus; The Christ (Yeshua Hamashiach – His Hebrew name) is always the Good Shepherd who is ready to give us “life” and that we might have it “abundantly.” This isn’t just sugary talk that has no foundation in reality. This is “promise” grounded in the sure foundation of the Word of God and “witnessed” in the experience of uncounted lives down through the ages. I can personally attest to my Yeshua Hamashiach’s personal care and shepherding at the lowest points of despair in my life – when I was so ready for relief from the despair that I wanted to run away or take my own life.

THERE HE WAS! As always, loving, leading, guiding, caring, extending His grace, extending His loving invite, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30).

I do look forward to seeing you this Sunday. REMEMBER! The Kingsmen Quartet will be here this Sunday and there is only ONE SERVICE @ 10:00AM! May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

**One Worship Service**  
**July 19 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Kingsmen Quartet**

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Beth Moore is coming to the Fargo Dome with Living Proof Live! Beth’s focus will be on the scripture that God lays on her heart - no two Living Proof Live are the same. Her mission is to guide women everywhere into a richer, more fulfilling relationship with the Father. Each Living Proof Live event is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, August 15, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ticket information may be found at [www.lproof.com](http://www.lproof.com) or call LifeWay Registration at 800-254-2022.

## CRAFTMANIA

The next Craftmania will be Friday, July 17, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the home of Patty Wagner.

## HELP A FAMILY

A family of 5 is looking for a place to rent. Please contact Brian Albertson at 219-246-0671.

## THE EVENT

Sunday evening, July 19 at 6:00 p.m. is The Event @ The-Coffee House. Join us for a time of contemporary worship music, teaching, and Q&A time with Pastor Terry.

## ADULT COMMUNITY

Pastor Kevin is leading the Mixed Group Community in a study on the book of the “Song of Solomon” by Tommy Nelson.

## BROTHERS IN BATTLE - SCRIPTURE VERSE

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

*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.

**E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO**

**prayer@firstefree.com**

**PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO**

**DAYTIME** : Catherine Grosz

**EVENING** : Doris Ann Van Beek



**EMAIL INFO CENTRAL**

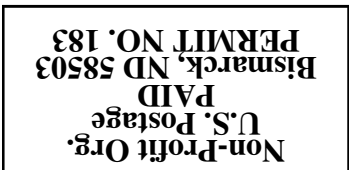
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If you no longer wish to receive Info Central please contact the church office at 223-3330 or email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.

**WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - July 16 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm  
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - July 17 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am  
Young Families Picnic Potluck - 6:00 PM  
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm  
Men's Study Group Camping Trip
- SAT - July 18 Steer BBQ - 5:00 pm  
Men's Study Group Camping Trip
- SUN - July 19 Kingsmen Quartet - 10:00 am  
The Event - 6:00 pm
- MON - July 20 Living Stone Study - 6:30 pm  
Adult Student Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - July 21 Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am  
Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
- WED - July 22 CTL Production Team Meeting - 5:15 pm  
412 R.A.G.E. - 6:30 pm  
412 The Example - 6:30 pm  
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm  
Men's Softball at Tatley South - 6:30 pm  
Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm  
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm



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