

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO



We've been enjoying a visit with our sons and their families over the last week. And, of course, the grandchildren were here too! I am amazed at how capable those little grandchildren are at winning the hearts of their grandparents. They are so easy to love. It is very much like your love for your own children but there is an added dimension. You

think and focus more on the overall task of training and teaching than you have time to do as a parent. When you are raising your children there seems to be little time for anything other than caring for your children's physical, emotional, developmental and social needs. Oftentimes, your child's spiritual training and development comes into focus later. But as a grandparent, that is the first thing in focus. And then there is our culture. In our staff meeting on Monday (yesterday) we had a very sobering discussion about how hostile our culture and lifestyles are to the spiritual training and development of our children. You literally have to FORCE yourself to sit down together as a family and have a significant spiritual discussion. We watch movies, we play games, we do sports activities, and we travel and see things. We learn how to play musical instruments, we do homework, we visit the zoo or attend concerts or participate in school activities. We may even attend church activities and participate in some church programs. But to formally commit ourselves to training our children in the things of God and formally show them how to love God with all our hearts and souls and minds; well that is another thing entirely. The most significant word from God to the Jewish people that became their daily commitment to the Lord was the GREAT SHEMA. It is found in the book of Deuteronomy – the 6th chapter; verses 4-9. "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children ..." The rest of the passage goes on to describe where and when these words should be talked about and taught to children. It amounted to every moment of every day and every activity of life. Jewish people recited these verses every morning and every evening of their lives. They wrote these words on tiny little strips of paper and put them in little boxes that they strapped to their foreheads and to their arm. They put these words and some others in little boxes that they affixed inside and outside their door to their house. These little boxes are called Mezuzahs and to this very day, whenever a devoted Jewish person goes into or out of their house they lovingly touch the Mezuzah.

But all those little practices and reminders didn't keep the Jews from wandering far from God either. They missed the little part in verse 6 about having these things "in your heart." As a Church, we are endeavoring to help individuals and families get the truth of God and His Word "in our hearts." FFEAST will be another tool to help "every person" become "complete in Christ."

Watch for more information and get ready to participate in FFEAST on Wednesday nights starting this fall.

This Sunday we will return to our normal schedule of two services and all children's and youth activities. We will also return to our "Complete In Christ" Sermon series in the Worship Services. I do look forward to seeing you as we gather together to worship and adore our Great and Good God and Savior and to study His holy Word and to enjoy fellowshiping together. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

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 or call LifeWay Registration at 800-254-2022.

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

"He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."

Revelation 1:16-17

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 boards in the community room and next to the library.

LOST AND FOUND

If you have misplaced an item or left it accidentally at church, check the lost and found area located at the bottom of the stairwell in the SE Entrance, Information Center, or the church office. Contact the church office you are missing men's rings or a set of keys.

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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

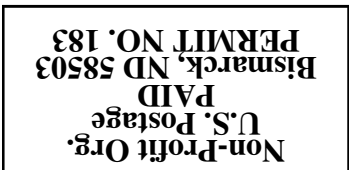
The church office is looking for ways to help save costs. If you have an email account, we would sure love to put you on our email list for the newsletter. If you do not have an email account, we would love to keep mailing you the newsletter. To start receiving Info Central via email, please email Wendy 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.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - July 23 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - July 24 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - July 26 Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Primetime/Adult Comm. - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Sunday School - 10:45 am
Men's Motorcycle Trip
- MON - July 27 Living Stone Study - 6:30 pm
Council of Overseers - 7:00 pm
- TUE - July 28 Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
- WED - July 29 412 R.A.G.E. - 6:30 pm
412 The Example - 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer - 6:30 pm
Men's Softball at Kelly #10 - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm



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