

INFO CENTRAL

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SINGING TO THE COWS BY GRETA WOLFF

When I was a child, one of the things I enjoyed doing was singing to the cows on our friend's farm. Okay, by now you've probably figured out that I was a weird child. None the less, I would perch myself up on the top rail of the fence and sing my heart out. I was curious to see if I could evoke a positive response from them. You might say it was an experiment in the power of love and tenderness. Sadly, for the most part, the cows were unaffected by my presence. Sure, they showed interest at first. But once they figured out there was no feed or water to back up my "sermon" on love, they wandered off.

Looking back, I have to wonder. If I really wanted to show love and tenderness, why didn't I come down from the fence and walk beside them? I could have offered them a tuft of fresh grass to nibble on or ran my hand across their back. Fear. Fear kept me up on that fence. After all, these animals were massive beside my small frame. They could be very unpredictable, even ornery at times. Not to mention what I'd have to walk through just to get alongside one of them.

So what were the results of my experiment? I learned that to truly show the power of love we need to get down off our fences. We can sing until the cows come home (sorry, I couldn't resist), but if we don't get down in the mud and meet some real needs, all we're really doing is making a whole lot of noise. And yes, there will still be some fear. But God is with you. He would not send you out in the world to do His will without equipping you to accomplish it! Ephesians 2:10 demonstrates this truth.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

So how about you? Are you really making a difference or just singing to the cows?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

The June 21st pancake and sausage fundraiser for Children's Ministries has been cancelled.

FATHER'S DAY GIVEAWAYS

On Sunday, June 21, in honor of Father's Day, the FEFC Men's Ministry will be giving away books to the men. Make sure you stop by the book table and select a book of your choice! Also, if you have not received your Brothers In Battle plaque / pin yet, we will have them available too!

FAMILY TIME EVENT

June 24th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Seeli Prince (Gracia Prischmann's mother) from India, will share a missionary story along with a slide show. We will be enjoying samples of Indian food and doing a rice craft. Everyone is welcome! Please sign up at the information

desk or contact Juanita Lee or Linnet Walter at 223-3330 or by email at linnet@firstefree.com.

GOSPEL CAFE

The Gospel Café will be held on Sunday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. The Gospel Café is open to all who want to sing hymns and gospel music. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of goodies to share.

COLLEGE LIFE MINISTRIES

This is a start-up ministry for college students that will begin June 14. We will meet in room 301 on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Upcoming topics include: Knowing God's Will, Financial Fitness, Tempted by Tolerance, and Planet Manicure. There will be no cost to the students, but Bibles are encouraged. Randy Alexander will be facilitating and he can be reached at 224-8532.

ADULT COMMUNITY

The Mixed Group Community will be studying the book of the "Song of Solomon" starting July 12th. This includes a workbook so please sign-up at the Information Center on Sundays or contact Pastor Kevin.

STUDY TOUR TO ISRAEL

We are planning a study tour to Israel in 2010, either in January or after Celebrate the Life in April. If you are interested in going on this trip, we will need to know by June 30. Limited seats available. The cost will be approximately \$3,000 per person to cover the cost of travel, lodging and class. Please contact Pastor Terry Kern at 223-3330 if you need more information or are interested in going.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

If you have lost a set of keys, tie holder, or rings. Please contact the church office at 223-3330. You can also check the lost and found if you have misplaced any items here at the church. The lost and found is located at the bottom of the stairwell in the SE entrance.

THANK YOU'S

A big thank you to everyone who took part in VBS. Thank you for your prayers, donations, time, energy but more importantly the willingness to shine for Jesus! We know of one child who gave his life to Christ and only God knows how many seeds were planted. Our mission project was an EFCA reach global project called "Shoe Me." We collected over \$200.00 in change to go towards buying shoes for orphans in Congo. Excellent job kids!!! Thanks so much again! *Linnet*

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Ruth Kinnischtzke. Thank you for the beautiful flowers for Mom's funeral. It was so thoughtful and much appreciated. Sincerely, *Karla, Dean, Mark, Stacey & Family.*

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.



WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - June 18 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - June 19 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - June 21 Happy Father's Day
Worship Service - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community/Primetime - 9 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
Worship Service - 10:45 am
Sunday School - 10:45 am
- MON - June 22 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
- TUE - June 23 Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
Hope in a Hostile World Study; 7:00 pm
- WED - June 24 Family Time Event - 6:00 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 Kelly #9 - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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