

# INFO CENTRAL

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## **SENIOR PASTOR INFO**

Have you ever had the life-changing experience of visiting the land of Israel? I have been there twice and I can't even begin to describe for you the impact that a study tour of Israel will have upon you, on your spiritual life and upon your "grasp" of the Word of God. It is one of the most significant things that a believer in Jesus Christ could ever do. It is probably the equivalent of "years" of study in a Bible college or seminary. Perhaps you have heard that I have started the process of putting together a Study Tour to Israel. It is being planned for either January or April of 2010. Since we will be presenting *Celebrate The Life* again in 2010 those are the only times that it is feasible to plan a study tour. I was absolutely amazed when I made some phone calls to Jerusalem University College (the Christian College/University with whom we did our last study tour). They are already full for their Pastor/Parishioner Study Tour in April. There is a possibility that one of those already scheduled will have to cancel for some reason so we are on a list. It really depends on how many people we would have in our group. So, that is why I am writing this article now. We are going to put together some kind of tour whether we do a small group that can fit in with other groups or plan another way to go. Our son, Luke, will complete his active duty commitment with the US Marine Corps in December and he has all but made me promise that he and I would go to Israel together sometime in the winter/spring of 2010. Of course, that is something about which he hasn't had to exert much pressure. So anyway, we are at the point of doing the scheduling and that requires determining how many people are seriously interested in going. I didn't think that the study tours for 2010 would already be full, but they are. There is obviously a great deal of interest on the part of Christians in the US to visit Israel. If you have any serious interest in participating in this tour, please let me know soon. But, you should know that you have to be in good physical condition to go on a study tour. There is great deal of brisk and strenuous walking and hiking required. It is an intense two-plus weeks with a lot of travel and a very "packed" schedule. We do "pre-study tour classes" before we leave to help prepare us for the tour. The cost of the "study tour/class" for Jerusalem University College is somewhere between \$1,900 - \$2,100 (depending on which "class" or "study tour" we do). The airfare is NOT included in that amount. At this time, the airfare would be at least \$1,000 and may be as much as \$1,500. So until we know how many are seriously planning to go, we won't be able to put any firm numbers on the costs. By the way, when we go with Jerusalem University College, you can get college/seminary credit for the study tour/class by doing a little more "pre-tour" work and writing a paper or two afterward. It is a great way to earn several college/seminary credits that are transferable to most universities/colleges and/or especially to most Christian colleges. So, please pray about it and, if you have a serious interest in this remarkable and profound experience, let me know as soon as possible. This is not a final commitment or "money down" time as of yet, so please talk to me if you have an interest or questions.

Safety is, of course, the first question many people have and I would be happy to answer questions of any kind. Well, I do look forward to seeing you on Sunday, D. V. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's summer Bible study will be held Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning June 9 and goes through July 28. Childcare is provided with registration fee.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

We have found a set of keys and a tie holder, so if you are missing any of these items, please contact the church office..

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S STUDY**

The men's study will be meeting at 7 p.m. during the summer months in the same place. We will be taking a break from Winning at Work & Home and going through the Promise Keepers Marathon Study during the summer.

## **HONG KONG IN 2010**

There is a need for a church team to come to Hong Kong in February 2010 to serve at the China Area Conference for American missionaries serving in Asia. The dates are from February 8 to 12, 2010. They need a church team to come lead worship and provide childcare for the missionaries attending the conference. The travel to Hong Kong would be self-funded. If anyone is interested, they can contact Larry or Cindy Renner.

## **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, lodge and class. Please contact Pastor Terry Kern at 223-3330 if you need more information or are interested in going.

## **CHURCH FAMILY POT BLESSING**

Sunday, June 14, ND Teen Challenge will be here during both services. We will have a church potluck following the second service to fellowship with the people from ND Teen Challenge and any of their families or friends that may be in attendance. All families should bring a main dish and those with last names beginning with A - L please bring a salad and M - Z please bring a dessert.

## **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.

*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@firststefree.com**

**PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO**

**DAYTIME** : Catherine Grosz

**EVENING** : Doris Ann Van Beek



**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.



**WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - June 4 VBS - 6:30 pm
- FRI - June 5 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am  
VBS - 6:30 pm  
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - June 7 Worship Service - 9:00 am  
Sunday School/Adult Community/Primetime-9 am  
Discover FEFC - 9:00 am  
Fellowship - 10:15 am  
Power of Prayer - 10:20 am  
Worship Service - 10:45 am  
Sunday School - 10:45 am  
Discover FEFC - 12:00 pm  
Parents of Youth Meeting - 2:00 pm
- MON - June 8 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am  
Education Board - 6:30 pm  
Stewardship Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - June 9 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 10 412 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

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