

# INFO CENTRAL

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## SENIOR PASTOR INFO

*"Oh, how I love Your law!"* These are the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 119:97. It is an extremely rare sentiment these days. To the degree that it is rare nowadays, is the degree to which it will be (or perhaps already is) our demise. There was a fight to remove prayer from our public school system. It was removed. There have been numerous battles to remove the "Ten Commandments" from the walls of public schools and the halls of justice throughout our land. Many, if not most, have been removed. Our nation has been systematically purging the Word of God from our lives. We apparently don't want to be reminded of God's Words. The Psalmist, in Psalm 119, used at least ten different words to talk about the Word of God (Statutes, Commandments, Precepts, Testimonies, Judgments, Law, Ways, etc.). He talked about the Word of God in almost every one of the 176 verses of the Psalm (the longest chapter in the Bible). But, amidst all the talk about the Word of God, the Psalmist reflects the most important thing about himself; he loves the Law and the Ordinances of God. He cherishes his times reading it and studying it. He thinks about God's Words throughout his day ("It is my meditation all the day" – Psalm 119:97b). How can that be? How can someone hold down a job and still be thinking about the Precepts of God? Can you be of any earthly good when you're meditating on the Ways of God all day long? Obviously the answer is "Yes, of course!" Actually, God told Joshua that is precisely the way he would be successful and prosperous: *"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."* (Joshua 1:8) But we have come to the place in our society and in many of our own lives, that we consider God's Word to be archaic and unnecessary for our lives. Oh, we say we believe in God's Word. Okay, if that is so, it would be good to honestly ask ourselves if the amount of time we spend reading and meditating on God's Word really reflects what we "believe in" it. We have become so wise and so sophisticated (in our own eyes) that we have become complete 'idiots' (I know some of us don't like that word, but if you look it up one of its primary meanings is "an extremely foolish person"). Any people who place themselves "above" God in any way, shape or form is a complete "fool." To completely neglect God's Word is to place oneself "above" the need for God's Word. We had a funeral yesterday (Monday) for a 93-year-old spinster named Lena Berg. Lena spent the last years of her life on earth in the twilight world of dementia and perhaps Alzheimer's disease. But at her funeral, one of her nieces told us that on Lena's bed stand right beside her bed, was her worn out copy of the Word of God. It was all marked up and worn out. It was obviously used "constantly" in her everyday experience. The Word of God was "part of her" day and life. I believe, my friends, that one little fact about Lena's life will be of far greater significance to the "Judge" on the day of the Judgment Seat of Christ, than if she had built an empire and accumulated vast wealth and fame. Do you believe that?

Well, this Sunday, our church will be hosting the Teen Challenge ministry and Pastor Kevin will bring a message from God's Word. I do look forward to seeing you as we gather to worship, study and fellowship; "...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the habit of some..." (Hebrews 10:25). May the Lord bless you and keep you. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

## 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.

## 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. Contact Randy Alexander who will be facilitating the class.

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

## "SHRED-A-THON, FIGHT FRAUD-SHRED INSTEAD"

Monday, June 15, 2009 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bismarck Senior Center at 315 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street there will be trained volunteers available to help any senior with knowing what personal documents need to be kept and which ones can be shredded so that no one can access information that can be used to defraud any seniors. Any senior interested should bring check stubs, credit card offers, receipts, and old tax documents (five years). These will be shredded for you and any questions you may have will be answered by a qualified individual. This event is sponsored by the West Central Vulnerable Adult Coalition. If anyone needs a ride to the event please contact Pastor Kevin at 223-3330.

*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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**FUNDRAISER**

June 21 our Sunday School children will be doing a pancake & sausage fundraiser. The money raised will be used to purchase materials for which we were not able to budget and to begin some outreaches for our children. If you have questions, please contact Linnet Walter at 223-3330 or by email at linnet@firstefree.com .



**LOST AND FOUND**

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



**WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO**

- THU - June 11 1st Place for Health - 6:00 pm  
Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm  
Women's Ministry Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
- FRI - June 12 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am  
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SUN - June 14 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  
Pot Blessing - 12:00 pm
- MON - June 15 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am  
Adult Student Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Missions & Outreach Board - 7:00 pm
- TUE - June 16 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 17 White Cross - 10:00 am  
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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