

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

This past Sunday evening we held a gathering that we have dubbed "The Event." The Event started as a kind of 'alternative worship service,' especially for the younger aged worshippers. It was begun with the intent of offering a much more contemporary style of worship music than we offer on Sunday mornings, as well as a very informal style of service in a very casual and relaxed atmosphere. We've tried several different approaches to "The Event," especially with regard to the "teaching time." This past Sunday night was our third "The Event" and from everything that I experienced and heard, it was a huge success. There were almost one hundred of us in the Community Room seated on couches and chairs placed randomly around large and small tables. The lighting was all floor lamps interspersed among the tables, cool, lighted table decorations and the stage lighting with motion lights constantly moving on the backdrop behind the worship team. There were refreshments available and people felt free to get up and refill their coffee or grab yet another one of the great bars the ladies provided as refreshments. The worship team was great. The relaxed atmosphere made their more contemporary style totally enjoyable. And the "message" was a very unusual one. A phone number was shown on the screen. All attendees were encouraged to take out their cell phone and text (yes, texting was actually 'encouraged' in church) in a question for Troy Shirley and/or myself to answer. It worked wonderfully. Questions began pouring in and Troy did a masterful job of emceeding the "teaching" time. We had all sorts of questions from the full gamut of theological, philosophical and biblical questions to thoroughly practical ones. It was so engaging that one person told me that you could "hear" the people in the room engaging and interacting with the answers. You can even check out most of the questions at the church website if you are interested in what subjects were covered. Just go to www.firstefree.com and click on "The Event" on the left side of the page and you will find the questions listed there. The service lasted a full two hours but no one seemed anxious to leave afterward. People milled around and visited while our young adult group cleared the room and cleaned up completely. People attended from young children to teenagers to young adults to middle-aged adults and there were even some "old" people there (I'm talking about Sandie and myself ☺). You may want to very seriously consider attending the next one. I have to admit, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and relaxed in the informal setting. When the next "The Event" is scheduled please consider this my personal invitation to come and enjoy a wonderful evening together of worship and fellowship and "study" of the precious Word of God together. In our Sunday morning worship services this week, we will return to our Complete In Christ series and the second part of our study of John 15 – "...For Without Me

You Can Do Nothing" - Jesus Christ! I do sincerely look forward to seeing you. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

March 30, 2009

FEFC Annual Meeting @ 7 pm

MARCH MADNESS PARTY

Calling all young couples! The Sotebeers have graciously opened their home to the young couples of FEFC! Since March Madness will be kicking off, we thought it would be a fun time to get together for a social event on Saturday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to jaynawiens@yahoo.com for further details and information!

THE BIG EVENT

CEF – Child Evangelism Fellowship will be doing an outreach carnival at the Civic Center April 25. Our church will have a game booth there. We are in need of new or used stuffed animals and hot wheels in good condition. A donation box will be set up in the Community Room. More information will be coming on this extraordinary event. Questions, call Linnet Walter 223-3330.

2ND HOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's registration will begin this Sunday in the Foyer. "Getting To Know God" Veggie Tales curriculum will be offered second hour beginning April 19 for ages 3 years to sixth grade. Please stop by and check it out. If you would like to help out, there will be a sign up sheet available. Questions, call Linnet Walter 223-3330.

ALL CHURCH FAMILY MEAL

Please join us for fellowship and sharing of a meal together on March 15. This will be held immediately following the second service. In order to provide for our family meal, please bring the following: Last Names: A-L, Main Dish AND Dessert; M-Z, Main Dish AND Salad. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Our next baptism service is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009. If you are interested in being baptized or would like to know more about baptism, please attend any one of these classes for adults and youth: Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. or Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Class for children is on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. Call the church office to sign up.

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.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek



COOK'S NIGHT OFF

Wednesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m.! Sign up at the Information Desk on Sunday or call Sandie at 223-3330.

\$2.00 per person with a \$10.00 per family maximum!

March 11 - Pizza casserole, bread, fruit and dessert

March 18 - Sloppy joes, vegetables, fruit and dessert



PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

Do you like photography? How's your focus? Do you have an eye for a shot? If yes, then contact Wendy Backman today at 223-3330 or email her at wendy@firstefree.com, she would like to speak to you.

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - March 12 Young Adult Bible Study; 6:30 pm
Men's Revelation Study; 7:00 pm
Women's Ministry Team Meeting; 7:00 pm
- FRI - March 13 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart); 9:30 am
Craftmania; 6:00 pm
Friday Night Singles; 6:30 pm
- SAT - March 14 Craftmania; 9:00 am
- SUN - March 15 Worship Service; 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community; 9:00 am
Fellowship; 10:15 am
Worship Service; 10:45 am
Parablelooza Rehearsals; 10:45 am
All Church Potluck; 12:00 pm
Adult and Youth Baptism Class; 2:00 pm
- MON - March 16 Living Stones Men's Study; 6:30 am
Missions & Outreach Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - March 17 Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
- WED - March 18 White Cross; 10:00 am
Cooks Nite Off; 5:00 pm
412 R.A.G.E. & The Example; 6:30 pm
All Church Prayer; 6:30 pm
Awana; 6:30 pm
Kids Baptism Class; 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
WT Rehearsal; 7:45 pm

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