

INFO CENTRAL

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March 26, 2009

SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

Well, this has already been quite the week. Many of you are displaced from your homes as I write this due to the flooding of the Mighty Missouri River and many of its tributaries. Many years ago, we assigned our church facilities to be used as a Red Cross Disaster Relief Center. On Tuesday morning, I received a call from the Burleigh County Emergency Management Center asking if we were willing to have our church facilities be used as a Red Cross Relief Center. By mid-Tuesday, we were moving sleeping cots and Red Cross Relief Center supplies into our Church Community Room and we were doing the necessary paperwork to house people who were being evacuated from their homes as the flood waters continued to rise and threaten all of south Bismarck.

As I visited with the person from the Red Cross who was in charge of setting up the center, she asked me if we would be charging anything for the use of our facilities. I said, "no, we won't be charging anything, we just want to be able to show the love of Christ to the people of our community." Many of our young men came over with just a phone call and helped. Even our son Luke, home on leave from his recent deployment to Iraq, got into the action as he and I prepared the facilities for the arrival of the Red Cross. Gerry Anderson and Pat O'Dell took turns throughout the night on Tuesday night to staff the facility in case there was a need for someone on our staff here at the church. As I write this Info Central article on Wednesday afternoon, there have been hundreds of people through our facilities: some stayed for only a few hours until they were able to make more permanent arrangements, some families met here and went together to other communities to stay with family members, and still others have nowhere else to go and are staying here until they can get back into their home.

This is a very difficult time for many of our fellow citizens of Bismarck/Mandan. We count it a privilege to have a place that we can use to extend the mercy and love of Christ to people in their time of need. We don't know what the rest of the week will hold. At this point, we are quite certain that the Red Cross will want to maintain this Relief Shelter here at our FEFC facilities until at least Thursday or Friday. We have cancelled the Women's Retreat event scheduled here for Saturday. But we are planning that we WILL BE HAVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES here on Sunday. If we are still housing people here on Sunday we will simply invite them to come and worship with us. Remember, this Sunday is our Children's Musical, "Parabelooza." It will be a wonderful opportunity to witness, firsthand, the wonderful ministries that are taking place in our FEFC Children's Ministries. Plan to come and bring family and friends. It will be a delightful worship experience. I do look forward to seeing you on Sunday, D. V. Please remember to pray for all the folks who are being affected by the flood and especially those whose homes have been flooded. See you, D. V. Maranatha, Pastor Terry Kern <><

MISSIONS & OUTREACH BUDGET

Please note the Missions and Outreach Budget changes to reflect the support for Arlyn Nies (Awana) in the amount of \$500, decreased Tandala Hospital to \$650, Discretionary to \$1,250 and Local Outreach to \$1,400.

THE BIG EVENT

CEF – Child Evangelism Fellowship will be doing an outreach carnival at the Civic Center April 25th from 1:00-4:00p.m. 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. If you would like to help out at the "Big Event" or want more information, please come and check out our booth located in the Foyer. Questions, call Linnet Walter 223-3330.

S.O.S.

Seeking Out Someone who would like to help out in the 3rd grade, first hour Sunday School class. If you would like to help out, please contact Linnet Walter at 223-3330.

March 30, 2009

FEFC Annual Meeting @ 7 pm

2ND HOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children can register this Sunday in the Foyer. "Getting To Know God" Veggie Tales curriculum will be offered 2nd hour beginning April 19th for ages 3 years through 6th 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the candidates seeking FEFC membership. All applicants have attended a membership class to become acquainted with the Statement of Faith, the Philosophy of Ministry, and the organizational functions of the church. The applicants have all shared their personal testimony of faith in Jesus Christ..

FEFC bylaws require the names of the applicants to be sent to all Active and Junior Members of the congregation. If any member has a valid reason for objecting to the receiving of any applicant into the church, they shall immediately appear before the Council of Overseers and give Scriptural reasons for their objections.

All satisfactory candidates will be recommended by the Council of Overseers at the annual business meeting of the Church for approval and admission. They shall be elected to membership by a 2/3 vote.— *Joe & LeAnn Graham, Roger Streifel, Gerry Anderson, Steve & Tricia Burke, Tanya Tambo, Greg & Teri Welch & Taylor Welch.*

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



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!

April 1 - Baked potato bar, fruit and dessert

April 8 - Soup and sandwiches fruit and dessert

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - March 26 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Men's Revelation Study - 7:00 pm
- FRI - March 27 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm
- SAT - March 28 ParableLooZa Dress Rehearsal - 3:00 pm
- SUN - March 29 ParableLooZa Children's Musical - 9:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Community - 9:00 am
Fellowship - 10:15 am
ParableLooZa Children's Musical - 10:45 am
Youth - Parents Meeting - 2:30 pm
- MON - March 30 Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
FEFC Annual Meeting - 7:00 pm
- TUE - March 31 Women's Bible Study - 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
- WED - April 1 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
Men's Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study - 6:30 pm

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