

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFORMATION

It was wonderful to have our FEFC Student Ministries sharing in such a powerful and positive way this past Sunday. There have been a number of very good and wonderful things taking place in our Student Ministries lately. Of course, we all know that there have been a number of tough and rough places in the last three years so I am particularly encouraged to witness God's good and gracious hand on the ministry again. I'm sure you are as well. Putting FIVE roses in the rose vase – well, it just doesn't get much better than that, does it? Wow! This is exactly what we long to see happening in every ministry in the life of our church family. When people are coming to faith in Jesus Christ, it is evidence that we are sharing our faith – KNOWING, GROWING AND SHOWING. So, praise the Lord for these exciting and thrilling encouragements in the lives of our teens, their leaders and Pastor Jamie.

A number of you asked me about the "fires" of John 15:6 after my message on Sunday. I didn't have time to talk about it except to say that I don't believe that to be a reference to the "fires of hell." What then? What fires is it talking about? I will address it again and more fully on Sunday, March 15th when we return to our series (I didn't get my dates mixed up. This Sunday – March 8 - is our quarterly Stewardship Sunday so we will break from our series for that). But very briefly, I believe the "fire" of John 15:6 is the same fire as I Corinthians 3:15. It is the fire that will determine the quality of each Christian's "work." I will talk much more substantively about it on the 15th but perhaps you would like to re-read John 15 with that in mind. Be sure to read "cleans" instead of "prunes" in verse 2 and be especially sure to read "lifts up" instead of "takes away" in verse 2 as well. Make certain you establish the context in your mind – the Upper Room Discourse in which our Loving Savior was/is "encouraging" (lifting up) His discouraged and frightened Disciples who were quite confused and shaken by the events that had already occurred and the events Jesus was speaking of that were about to take place. And keep in mind the work of a "vinedresser" in caring for His plants that He loves and wants to produce more, quality fruit. Keep all that in mind as you read John 15. Then, let yourself "wonder deeply" about "abiding/remaining" and what that must mean for you and for your life (lifestyle). Would it change anything if you were "abiding?" Well, we'll revisit John 15 together in a couple of weeks. I'm looking forward to it. How about you? I am looking forward to seeing you and being together again this Sunday. May you walk closely with the Lord this week and may we have opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ with others this week. Maranatha Pastor Terry Kern <><

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

A Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference will be held March 27-29, 2009, at the Doublewood in Fargo, ND. Any couples interested in attending can go to www.familylife.com/groups/mnperls to register. By using the group name (Mn Perls) you can save \$80.00. Please visit the Information Center at church for a brochure. Registrations with group name must be received at least ten days prior to the conference to qualify for group savings.

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! Saturday March 21st at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to jaynawiens@yahoo.com for further details and information!

CRAFTMANIA

Women and girls: We craft on Friday night from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NEXT CRAFTMANIA - March 13 & 14, 2009. Join us as Kathleen Jorgenson inspires us with her scrapbooking expertise. She will have tips for those who are interested in beginning scrapbooking as well as treasures for those who are looking for new ideas. Kathleen will share on Saturday around 10:00 a.m.

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 and M-Z Main Dish AND Salad. We look forward to seeing you there!

THANK YOU

Kindness; Support; Words are not sufficient to describe our feelings but we'll try ~ **Thank You** E Free for your kindness and support as Katie undergoes chemotherapy and faces major surgery April 2. Katie, knows Christ as her savior, and has grown into a strong young woman of God, while being mentored to by this church body. For that we are forever grateful! A special thank you to the Tues. morning Bible study who took time from their busy schedule to prepare 13 plus frozen meals—what a wonderful gift. May God bless everyone at 1st E Free. *Keith, Karen, Katie, Kelly & Tori Schindler.*

EMAIL INFO CENTRAL

If you would like to start receiving Info Central via email, please email Wendy Backman at wendy@firstefree.com.

BROTHERS IN BATTLE - SCRIPTURE VERSE

"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword."
Matthew 10:34

March 8, 2009

Daylight Savings

Move Your clocks ahead 1 hour

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 4 - Stove top turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, bread, fruit & dessert

March 11 - Pizza casserole, bread, 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 5 Young Adult Bible Study; 6:30 pm
Men's Revelation Study; 7:00 pm
- FRI - March 6 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart); 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles; 6:30 pm
- SUN - March 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME set clocks ahead 1 hr.
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
The Event; 6:00 pm
- MON - March 9 Living Stones Men's Study; 6:30 am
Stewardship Board; 7:00 pm
- TUE - March 10 Women's Bible Study; 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study; 6:30 pm
ND Family Alliance Legislative Update; 7:00 pm
- WED - March 4 MOPS; 9:00 am
Cooks Nite Off; 5:00 pm
CTL Production Team Mtg; 5:15 pm
412 R.A.G.E. & The Example; 5:30 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
WT Rehearsal; 7:45 pm

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