

INFO CENTRAL

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SENIOR PASTOR INFO

I'm thinking a lot these days about Jerusalem. I read Psalm 122 again this morning. Psalm 122:6 is the verse in the Scriptures that directs us to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." The next phrase of that verse is, "may they prosper who love you (Jerusalem)." There is no other city in the world that gets that kind of attention and interest from the Lord God. That, of course, is because God has plans for Jerusalem. The Messiah King Jesus will set up His kingdom, headquartered in Jerusalem. When you walk on the streets of the city (especially of the Old City of Jerusalem), you cannot help but sense the uniqueness and sacredness of that ground. So I have been listening and watching and praying for some indication of a change of heart from the Obama Administration during these meetings this week in Washington D.C. with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. But I am not encouraged. National Security Advisor James Jones almost mocked Israel's intense concern with their national security under the threat of the Iranian regime gaining nuclear weapons and the ability to deliver them on missiles to Israel. He said that Israel was "obsessed with" the Iranians' nuclear program. President Obama pressured PM Netanyahu to accept his version of a "two-state solution" which, in effect, destroys Israel. However, all that being said, our God is still sovereign and no matter what the Obama administration or any other human entity does, God will remain committed to the Jewish people, to the land of Israel and to the city of Jerusalem. We know that during the coming Tribulation Period, Israel will be a "sovereign nation" and the Jewish people will be gathered in the land of Israel. Jerusalem will be the "prize" desired by kings and nations. I don't believe the Iranians will ever be able to "wipe Israel off the map." The only way that could happen is if the events of the Tribulation Period are scores and perhaps even hundreds of years away. It could be the case but I don't believe that it is. No, I am convinced that the existence of the sovereign state of Israel in the land is one of the "birth pangs" Jesus talked about in Matthew 24:8 (NKJV translates the word as "sorrows"). I believe that what Sir Winston Churchill said of the 2nd World War in November of 1942 is true of biblical prophecy in 2009: "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is perhaps the end of the beginning." I am praying for the peace of Jerusalem (that ultimately comes when Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace establishes His throne there), I am praying for all of us Christians to be zealous and bold with the proclamation of the Good News about our blessed Savior and Sovereign Jesus Christ, and I am praying that all of us in this FEFC Family are "purifying ourselves" in readiness to see Him as He is (1 Jn. 3:2-3).

Remember, there is only one service this Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. and there is no Sunday School. 412 Ministries (FEFC Student/ Youth Ministries) will lead the service. I do look forward to seeing you there – or in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ (we would be okay with that, wouldn't we? ☺).
Maranatha,
Pastor Terry Kern <<<

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity in our church? The front office is looking for a few interested individuals to do receptionist duties during the week between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Any hours you are willing to work would be appreciated. Please call Gayle.

DISCOVER FEFC

This is our introductory class to First Evangelical Free Church. It includes getting to meet others who are new to FEFC, finding out what the ministries are and reviewing our church's basic beliefs. This class also offers preparation for membership, if that is desired. Contact Pastor Kevin at the church office at 223-3330 or email Pastor Kevin at kevin@firstefree.com for more information. The next Membership/Discover classes are May 31 and June 1.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's summer Bible study will be held Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning June 9 and goes through July 28. Childcare is provided with registration fee. Contact Elaine Schelhaas to register before May 29.

MOTORCYCLE TRIP

Calling all motorcycle enthusiasts! June 5 - 7 we are going to do a weekend ride to the Black Hills in South Dakota. Anyone wanting more information can contact Rick Janke at 220-6157.

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.

WE NEED YOU!!

We are in great need of summer Sunday School help in K-6th grade. Many of our leaders will be taking the summer off. If you are willing to fill in one or two Sundays this summer, that would be a huge help for me. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer or you may contact **Linnet Walter** at 223-3330 or by e-mail linnet@firstefree.com Thank You!

MOTORCYCLE RUN

For those who love to ride motorcycles, we will be starting our weekly motorcycle runs on Tuesday nights. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark Station at Exit 161.

**One Worship Service
May 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME

Sunday morning for Jr. High & Sr. High 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

GRADUATES OPEN HOUSE

May 16, 2009

Jaclyn Huwe 2 - 4 pm, Bismarck
Katie Schindler 6 - 9 pm, Bismarck

May 17, 2009

Taylor Leet Noon- 3 pm, Bismarck

May 22, 2009

Emily Alexander 6 - 9 pm, Bismarck

May 23, 2009

Savannah Gaking 1-5 pm, Bismarck
Amanda Molinaro 1 - 6 pm , Bismarck
Kayla Deschamp 2 - 4 pm, Bismarck
Kaylyn Kuntz 3 - 6 pm, Bismarck
Jordan Davis 7 - 11 pm, Bismarck

May 24, 2009

Lyndsey Herda 4:30 - 7:30 pm, Mandan

May 30, 2009

Kevin Backman 2 - 4 pm, Bismarck

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- THU - May 21 Young Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- FRI - May 22 Joy Club @ McDonald's (by K-Mart) - 9:30 am
Friday Night Singles - 6:30 pm

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May 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

- SUN - May 24 Worship Service - 10:00 am
- MON - May 25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed
Living Stones Men's Study - 6:30 am
Council of Overseers - 7:00 pm
- TUE - May 26 CTL Video Auditions - 6:00 pm
Motorcycle Run @ Clark Station Exit 161 - 6:30 pm
Hope in a Hostile World Study; 7:00 pm
- WED - May 27 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 Kelly Diamond #5 - 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:45 pm

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 - 255-1361

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek - 255-0829

VBS - CROCODILE DOCK

June 1ST – June 5TH from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Crocodile Dock T-shirts and music CDs are now on sale if you would like to purchase them. We also need donated food items for the week of VBS. If you would like to donate, please pick up food slips at the VBS table. Don't forget to get your child registered by May 24th for their chance to win a Crocodile Dock music CD. Please be in prayer for this outreach and its impact on God's children. Questions contact Linnet Walter 223-3330.

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